

**STROPHES NEWSLETTER
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Realizing that our current situation is dealing with social distancing, protective face masks, and canceled face-to-face gatherings, we are quickly shifting gears to stay connected. First, a training video was created to teach members and others how to participate in Zoom Meetings. These have become our 'standard' to continue to meet for our Annual Events. It is available on our PSI Website and on YouTube. Secondly, a new Executive Committee position has been created to help us move into the cyber world. The brainstorming has begun: plans for Open Mics to continue sharing our poetry; designs for podcasts on the topic of Poetry and/or some of our very own wordsmiths; investigating ways to assist local societies in identifying and tapping into their local resources and art groups; re-visiting our social media venues to ensure a friendlier usability; Collaborative Poems activities for publication; accumulating first-line writing prompts from members to keep the creative sparks burning; and, throwing the net wider to include word artists from local universities, other state societies, etc.

We are still offering assistance to our PSI members to help them publish their chapbooks.

And all this, is just the beginning.....

Happy writing all,

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