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Summertime in Oklahoma!



Hard to believe that Autumn is just around the corner. What beautiful weather we are having in Oklahoma. Makes a person want to write a poem about it!

Our Poetry Society of Oklahoma will be celebrating National Poetry Day on Saturday, October 7th at the Twin Hills Country Club in Oklahoma City. We are celebrating just a few days late as National Poetry Day is on Thursday 28 September. The theme for this year, 2017 is Freedom.

PSO will celebrate with our own annual Poetry Day Contest results and awards, a luncheon and members sharing a favourite poem they have written and why that particular poem is their favourite. Or, they will share a poem about Freedom since that is this year's theme.

October is also our annual business meeting and the election of PSO Officers for the next term (two years). A "Thank You" to our PSO nominating committee: Trina Lee, Ed Roberts, Joan

& Eddie Wilcoxen, Theresa Houston and Sandy Soli. The slate of officers;

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Please remember that November 30th 2017 is the *deadline* for all entries in our PSO Annual Spring Contest.

PSO is working diligently to get the word out about poetry and our own PSO organization. We have articles in area newspapers regarding workshops and other events. We are sharing our *The Oklahoma Rose* with several college libraries and the Metropolitan Libraries. PSO also sends our newsletter online to other writers' organizations.

Until next time ~ Keep writing those poems!

-- Patti Koch, PSO President

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Previous PSO Presidents

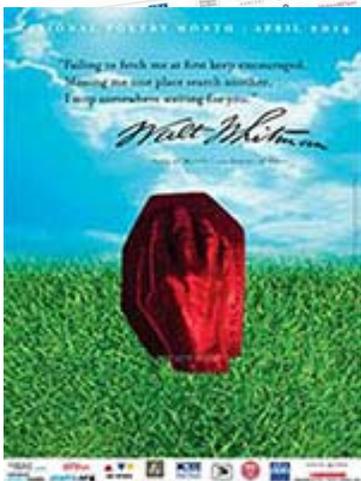
We are still surging ahead with former PSO Presidents. In our first issue of this PSO Newsletter we wrote about the beginning of PSO and its President. There is continuing interest in our other PSO past Presidents. This issue we will start with 1985 when Lois R. Linblade was PSO President. (Checked internet and library and found very little info). Lois R. Lindblade, formerly of



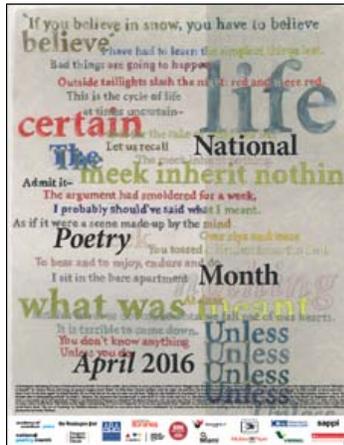
NATIONAL POETRY DAY



"SEE, JOEY, POETRY IS WHEN SOME OF THE WORDS SOUND LIKE SOME OF THE OTHER WORDS."



If we are to have real peace in the world, we will have to begin with the children.
— Gandhi



We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

— Thomas Jefferson, "The Declaration of Independence"



Freedom by Ambrose Bierce

Freedom, as every schoolboy knows,
Once shrieked as Kosciusko fell;
On every wind, indeed, that blows
I hear her yell.

She screams whenever monarchs meet,
And parliaments as well,
To bind the chains about her feet
And toll her knell.

And when the sovereign people cast
The votes they cannot spell,
Upon the pestilential blast
Her clamors swell.

For all to whom the power's given
To sway or to compel,
Among themselves apportion Heaven
And give her Hell.



PSO Member News

A **"THANK YOU"** to the PSO Board. We meet at the Patience Latting Library Saturday 26th August and discussed the direction PSO is heading for 2018. A GREAT meeting!

The audit committee has been named and will meet this month. Trina Lee, Delores Walker and Keith Jones.



PSO has scheduled a Christmas celebration for Saturday 9th December at Twin Hills (OKC). Just a time to meet, celebrate with food, fun and festivities. Please let me know if you are interested in this celebration so we can make plans and decide whether to schedule it. Thank You!

Thank you to Sandi Soli, Keith Jones and Anna Sterling for distributing the **OKLAHOMA ROSE** to - Rose State (Sandy), SNU (Keith) and Belle Isle Library (Anna). And, I have left them at three other libraries.

Send member news to: pkoch7@cox.net

September's Poetry Form ~ A Sonnet Academy of American Poets

A sonnet is a poem in a specific form which originated in Italy; Giacomo da Lentini is credited with its invention.

From the Italian *sonetto*, which means "a little sound or song," the sonnet is a popular classical form that has compelled poets for centuries. Traditionally, the sonnet is a fourteen-line poem written in iambic pentameter. Two sonnet forms provide the models from which all other sonnets are formed: the Petrarchan and the Shakespearean.

On His Blindness

by Milton, gives a sense of the Petrarchan rhyme scheme:

When I consider how my light is spent (a)
 Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide, (b)
 And that one talent which is death to hide, (b)
 Lodged with me useless, though my soul more bent (a)
 To serve therewith my Maker, and present (a)
 My true account, lest he returning chide; (b)
 "Doth God exact day-labour, light denied?" (b)
 I fondly ask; but Patience to prevent (a)
 That murmur, soon replies, "God doth not need (c)
 Either man's work or his own gifts; who best (d)
 Bear his mild yoke, they serve him best. His state (e)
 Is Kingly. Thousands at his bidding speed (c)
 And post o'er land and ocean without rest; (d)
 They also serve who only stand and wait." (e)

Oklahoma City, OK. He is alive apparently, in Houston, TX at the age of 103. Lois was PSO President in 1985—1986. (Sometimes there just is not any information available on these people).

1987 - 1988 saw the election of Edith Roper as President of PSO. The only information we have for Edith is this article from a March issue of the Oklahoman. Interesting, but not very informative about Edith. "The Poetry Society of Oklahoma is scheduled to hold its annual awards banquet during an 11:45 a.m. luncheon Saturday at the Sportsman's Country Club, 4001 NW 39, a spokeswoman said. Nearly 800 entries from 47 authors have been received by the society for competition in 31 categories, said Amy Davis. Society president Carol Hamilton will preside over the meeting where contest winners are to be named and prizes awarded, Mrs. Davis said. Decorations for the event are being handled by Ester Robinson and Violet Smizer, both of Oklahoma City, and LaDarla Lattimore, of Bethany. Edith Roper of Midwest City is Hospitality Hostess, Mrs. Davis said." I called some Roper friends of mine in MWC but she was not related to them.

Harold R. Hartley was elected President of PSO in 1989. Passed away October 20th 2000. He began college, interrupted by a call to serve his country in the Army Air Corps for 52 months through all of WW II. With the war's end, he received his B.S. degree from John Brown and M.S. from Arkansas University and continued graduate studies at OK Univ., Cornell State, San Jose State, Indiana Univ. and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He served as pastor of three Southern Baptist churches, worked as an educator teaching science to Jr. High students for 16 years then served on the staff of OK Education Association. He loved Bible teaching, from 9 year Jr. Boys to Sr. Adult Men's Bible Class, which he led for 15 years at Del City First Southern Baptist Church.

His leadership abilities allowed him to serve as president of organizations to which he belonged: Ottawa and OK County Educational Associations, OK County Retired Educators, Poetry Society of OK, Companions 'N' Caring Volunteers. He loved to entertain with his guitar, songs, poetry and served as RSVP volunteer. He was an avid poet; he could recite many authors. He wrote Poet's Corner for Mid-Del News weekly for over a year and contributed to many Christian magazines. He published 15 books and loved words and their usage.

A gigantic "THANK YOU" to Billy Pennington for his research in finding information regarding our PSO past presidents.

PSO ~ The Year Ahead

October 7 th	PSO Annual Meeting & National Poetry
November 30 th	Deadline for Annual Spring Contest (celebrate next March 2018)
December 9 th	PSO Christmas Celebration
December 25 th	MERRY CHRISTMAS
December 31 st	PSO Annual Membership dues are payable before the end of the calendar year ~ also, sponsorships for 2016 contests and/or donations (may not be printed in directory)



Poetry Society of Oklahoma Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/poetry/ps/>

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