

Join us for the 2024 FSPA Fall Conference October 25, 26 & 27

PALATKA

...a river of poetry...



Come to Palatka. Those are words we doubt you ever imagined we'd be saying. But do, come to Palatka. We'll be situated right on the St. Johns River with comfortable accommodations and have one thing on our minds. Workshops. Come to Palatka to work on your poetry with nationally-recognized poets—three of FSPA's Chancellors: Carol Frost, M.B. McLatchey and Sean Sexton. Come to Palatka. Friday night the acclaimed spoken word poet Justincredible will kick off our workshops with an "empowering rollercoaster" presentation designed to inspire and encourage. Come for Cadence, contest results, elections, and lots and lots of inspiration. Pack your bag. Come to Palatka. You'll be glad you did.

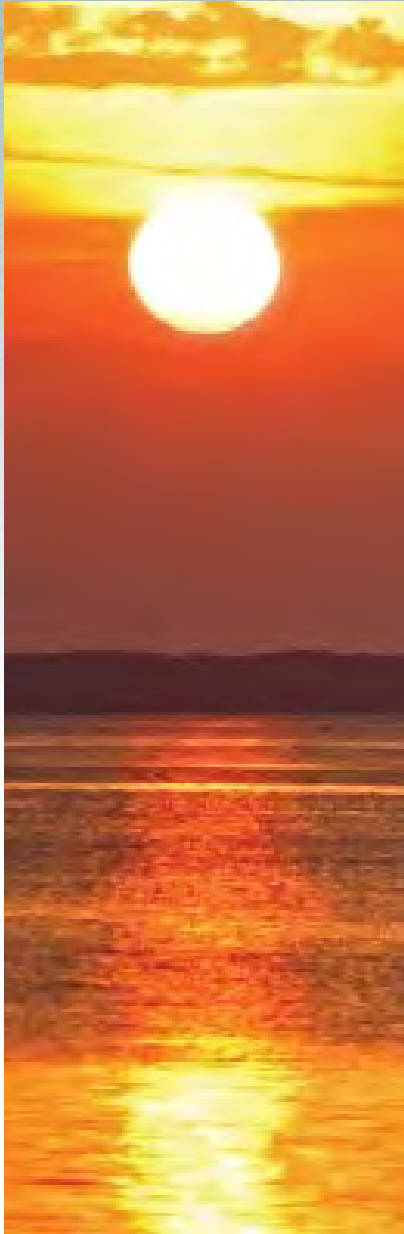


TO BE HELD AT:
Quality Inn & Suites Palatka Riverfront
201 N. 1st Street, Palatka, FL, 32177-3703

**Florida
State Poets
Association**
National Federation of State Poetry Societies Affiliate



Our Schedule



FRIDAY — October 25th

- 3:00 PM Registration Opens and continues through the evening
- 4:00 PM Member open readings
- 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Dinner on your own
- 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Workshop Leader: Justincredible
- 7:45 PM Break
- 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Contests Readings (Part 1)
- 9:00 PM -10:00 PM Open Poetry Reading

SATURDAY — October 26th

- 8:00 AM Presidents meeting
- 9:00 AM General Session
(with the Election of Officers)
- 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Workshop Leader: M.B. McLatchey
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Lunch on your own—highly recommend Angel's Diner just down the street
- 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Workshop Leader: Carol Frost
- 2:30 PM Contests Readings (Part 2)
- 3:30 PM Break
- 3:45 PM - 5:15 PM Workshop Leader: Sean Sexton
- 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM Pre-Dinner Break
- 6:30 PM Buffet Dinner catered by Beef O'Brady's
- 7:15 PM Installation of Officers Begins
- 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM Program: Chancellor Panel Discussion
- 9:30 PM -10:30 PM Contests Readings (Part 3) and *Cadence* distribution

SUNDAY — October 27th

- 9:00 AM Wrap-up / additional *Cadence* distribution
- 10:00 AM - Noon Member readings and / or critique circles

Convention Poetry Contest

Before we gather in Palatka on the St. Johns River, create a poem that relates to "River" in some way. One entry per poet, 50 line limit. There will be cash prizes.

Our Program

JUSTINCREDIBLE



Friday, 6:30 PM, Oct. 25 — Justincredible

This workshop will get you out of your current creative rut, break the walls of writer's block, and connect the art you love with more audiences. Justincredible (Justin Lang), will take you on an empowering rollercoaster to inspire you to continue in your craft. An intergenerational talk. A couple of brainstorming sessions. A few live performances. Tons of motivation. This presentation might be unforgettable. ([Link to website](#))

M.B. McLATCHY



Saturday, 10:00 AM, Oct. 26 — M.B. McLatchey

Writing Workshop: How to End a Poem

In the words of Robert Frost, anyone can start a poem, but it takes a poet to end one. Join Volusia County Poet Laureate, M.B. McLatchey, in exploring the power of endings in poems. *How do we know when a poem has reached its finish line? What is the variety of poetic closings available to us?* Bring a poem you have already finished or come ready to craft a new one! ([Link to website](#))

CAROL FROST



Saturday, 1 PM, Oct. 26 — Carol Frost

Writing Workshop: Looking Within Your Own Poetry for Inspiration

Carol Frost will gear a workshop toward writing a series and feature John Berryman's *Dream Songs* as an example of how one's own poems can become prompts for poems to follow—deeply reading one's own work for what tangents and possibilities it offers for other poems as deeply imagined and new as the first, the second, and the third. Bring a finished poem of your own to the workshop for suggestions about how to look at the piece beyond (though not necessarily excluding) what it says. ([Link to website](#))

SEAN SEXTON



Saturday, 3:45 PM, Oct. 26 — Sean Sexton

Writing from Idea vs. the Temporal World

This workshop examines factors influencing poetic vision and how they contribute to one's sense of style, content, and form in determining one's personal vision and body of writing. The internal and external factors of inspiration will be in discussion, with plenty of poems and phenomena as examples. We will additionally consider the dynamism of memorizing and reciting poetry to enhance the music of one's own expression. ([Link to website](#))

Saturday, 8:00 PM, Oct. 26 — Chancellor Panel Discussion

Open discussion featuring our three chancellors in panel format. Bring a question or two you have about poetry and we'll put your questions in a box (or maybe Sean's hat) and draw randomly to seed the panel discussion.



Registration

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Chapter: _____

or Member-at-Large _____ Non-Member _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

Member Registration: **\$100.00**..... _____

Non-Members only: **\$125.00**
(registration includes one-year membership in FSPA). _____

**Oct. 26 dinner is included in
registration fee.**

Total..... _____

You have two options to pay for your registration:

1. [PayPal.com](https://www.paypal.com)—go to www.paypal.com/us/signin. We are listed as FSPATreasurer@AOL.com. Please forward the e-mail receipt to marymarcelle@earthlink.net with registration form attached or with the registration information in the body of the e-mail.
2. Check or money order—send registration form and check or money order made payable to:

FSPA
c/o Mary Marcelle, FSPA President
107 Magnolia Drive
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714



Book Your Room

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Book your room online with the Florida State Poets Association using the link below. If you have questions, please call the hotel at (386) 328-3481.

Amenities:

- Pet-friendly hotel
- Free hot breakfast and coffee
- 21-slip boat dock
- Fishing dock and boaters' lounge
- Hotel restaurant
- Fitness Center
- Meeting Space
- Outdoor Pool
- Free WiFi

Friday, Oct. 25 through Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024

Last Day to Book: Friday, October 10, 2024

Room rate: \$119 single, \$119 double, \$10 for an extra person per night

[Book here: Link](#)



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IN ADVANCE TO GET "CONFERENCE" PRICE

Pre-Publication Price – \$10.00

(After the convention copies can be ordered from online booksellers.)

Complete the order form and send with check/money order payable to FSPA, for Anthology 41. Send Order before September 10, 2024. Mail order form & payment (check or money order to FSPA) to **Mary Marcelle** (see order form below).

Cadence: Anthology 41 Pre-Publication Order Form

Mail with Payment (check or money order to FSPA) to:

Mary Marcelle

107 Magnolia Dr.
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

Order Deadline: September 10, 2024

Pay online using PayPal with your PayPal account or a credit card.

On PayPal, click "Pay and Get Paid" > "Send Money", and enter fspatreasurer@aol.com
In the "note" section include your shipping address and the quantity of books.
IF NOT PICKING THEM UP AT CONFERENCE, include \$3.50 shipping for each book.

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Reserve _____ copy/copies at \$10.00 ea. Total \$ _____

Mail Anthology to me at \$3.50 ea. Total \$ _____

Total enclosed in Check or MO: \$ _____

I plan to pick up my anthologies at the October Conference

YES _____ NO _____ (please ✓)



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IT IS TIME FOR OUR ELECTIONS

About Elections: An FSPA Nominating Committee was elected at 2024 Spring Fling. The members are, Carl Johnson, Howard Moon, and Ruth Van Alstine. Officers to be elected are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Mail-in ballots will be distributed through the OPAP and new officers will be installed at the Fall Convention in October. Write-in candidates will be provided for.

PLEASE VOTE!

(Only current FSPA members may vote for officers. Anonymous ballots will not be counted.)

Nominating Committee Report: Attached is a ballot for the next term of FSPA officers. We need all paid FSPA members to cast their vote for the upcoming term of officers. If you have any nominations not currently listed on this ballot, there is space to write them in. Please be sure to return mail your vote no later than October 1, 2024 so that the ballots may be counted prior to our October convention. Thank you.

~ Nominating Committee

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2025 - 2027 Executive Board

Election Ballot — Deadline to mail: October 1, 2024

		Check Current Name	Write-in Another Name
President:	Mark Andrew James Terry	_____	_____
Vice-President:	Sonja Jean Craig	_____	_____
Secretary:	Diane Neff	_____	_____
Treasurer:	TBD	_____	_____

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Your Name: _____

PLEASE MAIL TO:

Carlton Johnson, FSPA Nominating Committee Member
700 Melrose Ave, Unit L-22 , Winter Park, FL 32789