Florida State Poets Association

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**WHO KNEW SO MANY POETS LIVE IN ORANGE COUNTY?**

*Poetry Exhibit in Downtown Orlando*

Orange County, FL — The Florida State Poets Association has launched *From Within, Wit and Wonder*, an exhibit of poetry by some of the poets who reside in Orange County. Displayed throughout the month of December in the Orange County Administration Building in Downtown Orlando. The exhibit features sixteen poets and forty poems. The list of poets includes the newly named City of Orlando Poet Laureate Shawn Welcome, Andrew Jarvis, Carlton Johnson, Chris Flocken, Diane Neff, Elaine Person, Emily Sujka, Holly Mandelkern, Lynn Schiffhorst, Mark Andrew James Terry, Mary Marcelle, Nikki Fragala Barnes, Peter Gordon, Stan Sujka, Teresa TL Bruce and Tom Kelly.

The majority of the poets exhibiting are long-standing members of the Florida State Poets Association, a state-wide organization focused on providing opportunities to learn about the art of poetry. This exhibit is part of an ongoing effort to activate poetry in the lives of its members and the general public throughout the state through the development of reading opportunities, workshops, and events like this exhibit.

“We are grateful to The Orange County Arts & Cultural Affairs Office for their assistance bringing this exhibit to life,” said Mary Marcelle, President, Florida State Poets Association.

The Orange County Administration building is located at 201 S Rosalind Ave, Orlando, FL 32801, and is open Monday-Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM, except for federal holidays. The exhibit is on display in the lobby through December 31.

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