

Poetry Society Annual Report 2020-2021

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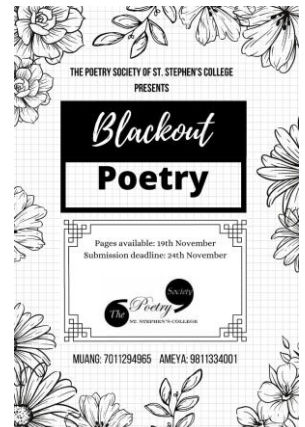
Due to the pandemic everything was conducted online, it still was a fruitful session. The society held a lot of events and saw enthusiastic participation overall.



1) Blackout poetry session

A. The first was held for the then Second and Third years, in collaboration with The English Literary Society from 21st September to 24th September, 2020. Number of participants- 30.

B. The second session was held for our first year students from 19th November to 24th November, 2020. Number of participants – 34



2) Open Mic

A. This was a non-competitive open mic without any language restrictions, where people came together and shared beautiful poems. It was held on 18th January 2021. Number of participants- 64.

B. A second open mic event was held on the theme of 'Order and Chaos' on 25th February, 2021. This was also non-competitive and language restrictions were removed. Number of participants- 44.



3) Spoken Art

It was held in collaboration with the Fine Arts Society, from 2nd March to 10th March 2021. It was a session where students illustrated poetry, from words to expressive art. The submissions were uploaded on the FASoc official IG handle. Number of participants- 31



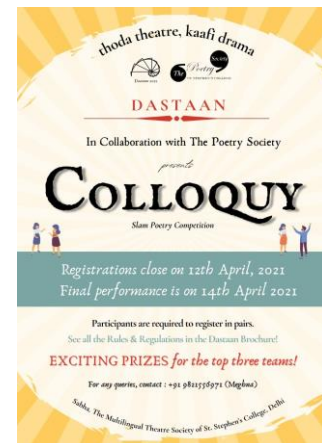


4) Post Cards

It was a collaboration between The Poetry Society, the Photographic Society and Fine Arts Society. Post Card was an intra-college exhibition in which one is free to showcase creativity inspired from a photograph. The submissions were uploaded on the Photographic Society's IG handle. Number of participants- 40

5) Colloquy

It was held in collaboration with Sabha. It was a slam poetry and dramatic reading competition. This was held on 14th April 2021. Number of participants- 70



6) Traverse

Traverse, the annual event and name of the annual chapbook for the society was held on 23rd April 2021. The society held a panel discussion on 'Language of poetry: understanding Isolation and resistance' with Emma Must, Swastika Jajoo, and Eastrine Kire, moderated by N.P. Ashley.

Due to the pandemic, the annual festival and chapbook release was not possible for the 2019- 2020 term. As a result, both editions of Traverse Chap books were released during the event. Number of participants- 137

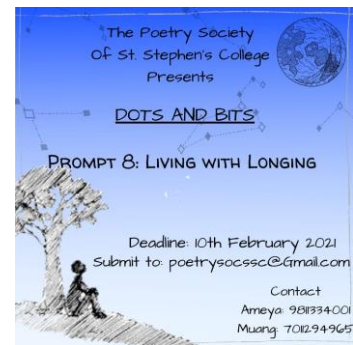
The drive link to a copy of the journal is given below:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1A17lQHJhwTlqfVjhnkcqQzvujAHnFxPW?usp=sharing>

7) Dots and bits-

We held bi-monthly poetry event in which students gave a small poem on a particular topic on the Instagram platform. The topics were as follows:

- Little miracles
- Memory
- Beauty from ashes
- Ponderings of the pandemic
- Living with longing
- A letter to your younger self
- One more time



8) Oreganos

The council started an interview unit, headed by the joint secretaries. The interview was a series of interviews for the past council members of Poetry Society. The interviews have been uploaded as posts on the official IG handle of the society.

It was the best possible year under the circumstances; we all learned a lot, let our imaginations flourish and grew up into beautiful and more reflective beings. The society provided some kind of catharsis to all in this pandemic. Words are not just words they are instruments to each other's minds and hearts. We hope it will remain a safe space in the coming terms as well.

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