



ANNUAL PSV SPRING Festival 2026

Dr. Stan Galloway, Festival Chair

Friday

Check in 5-5:30 p.m., Bowman Hall lobby

Welcome 5:30 -5:45 p.m. (15 minutes), Bowman 101

Stan Galloway, Professor of English; Leona Sevick, Provost and Executive Vice President of Bridgewater College

Bridgewater Poetry Panel: Bowman 101

Dr. Stan Galloway, Nicole Yurcaba, Emelyn Koene (1 hour) 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Workshop 1: Lorelee Clark: “Poetry Manuscript Preparation”: Room 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Workshop 2: Patsy Asuncion: “Expressions of Nature”: Room 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Open Mic 8:45-9:45 p.m., Bowman 101

Saturday

Check in 8:00 a.m., Bowman Hall lobby

PSV Annual Contest 1st and 2nd Place Prize-Winning Poems Reading, moderated by PSV President Dr. Kathleen P. Decker and Others
(2 hours max) 8:30 – 10:30 a.m., Bowman 101

North American Poetry Book Awards Presentation: Introduced by Dr. Sofia M. Starnes, Virginia Poet Laureate Emerita, Coordinator. Final Judge, Dr. Mattie Q. Smith, Virginia Poet Laureate (2024-2026), (1 hour) 10:45-11:45 a.m., Bowman 101



PSV Young Poets in the Community (panel of gifted high school students),
moderated by the PSV Youth Chair, Jae Dyche, (1 hour) noon to 1 p.m., Bowman 101

Lunch / PSV annual meeting, 1-2 p.m. (meeting members will arrange a pre-ordered lunch; others will eat locally; campus cafeteria is open until 2 for brunch)

Sonnets and Traditional Forms (Michael Hellman) (1 hour) 2-3 p.m., Bowman 101

Virginia Poet Laureate: Dr. Mattie Q. Smith, Virginia Poet Laureate: Veterans
Poetry Project with PSV colleagues (W. David Hubbard, Bill Glose, Dr. Kathleen P. Decker) (1/2hour),
Poet Laureate poetry reading (1/2 hour) 3:15-4:15, Bowman 101

Workshop 4 4:30-5:30 p.m. Dr. Kathleen P. Decker: "Virginia Poet Laureate Collage Poems":
Room

Spoken Word performance, 5:30-6 p.m. Synnika Alek-Chizoba Lofton and colleague,
Bowman 101

Social hour/Supper on your own 6-7 p.m.

Open Mic and Closing remarks 7:30-9:00 p.m.: Stan Galloway and Kathleen Decker