

*The City of Pleasanton and Poet Laureate Deborah Grossman
present The Century House Featured Poets Series*

Laugh Out Loud Poetry!

Sunday, August 1, 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Century House, 2401 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton

Ready for some midsummer laughs? Pleasanton poet, author and blogger **Sandra Kay** will host an afternoon of humorous poetry on Sunday, August 1st from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Century House in Pleasanton. An accomplished humor writer, Sandra will share perspectives on the long tradition of laughter in American poetry. After reading her own humorous poems, she'll introduce **John Barry** of Danville and **Marilyn Slade** of Pleasanton who also display a natural talent for the funny side of poetry.

At the Open Mic following the presentation and refreshments, the public is invited to read a poem trending toward the humorous, or on any subject they choose.



Sandra Kay is the author of *eat, write & exercise* (creative nonfiction), *Beautiful Fish*, (poetry collection) and has been published in several 4th St. Saturday Salon's *Livermore Wine Country Literary Harvest Anthologies*. She writes a popular blog, teaches seminars on blogging, and is also a mixed-media artist. Sandra is a frequent guest on TV30's "In a Word" show. To learn about her writing and her blog, visit www.writeousmom.com.



John Barry spent three decades in publishing and marketing. In addition to authoring a dozen business books, he's written thousands of limericks and published song parodies at www.amiright.com. He writes the "Art Space" column for the Danville *Express* and San Ramon *Express*. John is also an artist who uses visual means to represent words and phrases, a style he calls "visual verbiage." See his website, www.lexmaniac.org.



Marilyn Slade is a poet and short story writer. Her work have been published multiple times in the Las Positas College *Anthology* and in recent editions of 4th Street Salon Saturday *Livermore Wine Country Literary Harvest Anthologies*. Marilyn has published over 20 haikus, two "Twisted Christmas Carols" and a "Six Word Love Story" in Bay Area Newspaper Group publications such as the Contra Costa *Times*.



Cost: \$5.00, Students free

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Additional information about the Poet Laureate program is available at <http://civcartsliterary.org>.