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April 14, 7-9 pm, Napa Valley Writers Presents:

The Dreams & Hopes of a Poet Laureate

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Napa Valley Writers will host **Marianne Lyon**, Napa County's new poet laureate.

Come join us in this interactive talk with Marianne, as she outlines her dreams and hopes for poets and aspiring poets within our beautiful valley. Marianne believes poetry is a joyous journey and a healing outlet, especially during these pandemic times.

This talk is for writers of all ages, as Marianne plans to celebrate local authors while fostering opportunities for children and teens in discovering their poetic-soul voices.

You will hear poems from members of Napa Valley Writers and Marianne will eagerly answer any questions you may have about how to be involved/more involved with our writing community.

It will truly be a magical evening!

Marianne was a vocal music teacher for 43 years. She taught in Minneapolis, Brussels, Belgium, NVUSD, and Hong Kong. After teaching in Hong Kong from 2009 -2012, she returned to the Napa Valley to seriously write poetry. To date, she has 240 poems published in various literary magazines, journals, and reviews including Ravens Perch, Leaping Clear, Slippery Elm, Black Fork Review. She was nominated for the Pushcart prize in 2016.

Emily Freiman will be April's Member Reader.

Additionally, Napa Valley Writers (NVW) is now accepting submissions for our 2021 anthology! To submit, you must be a current member of NVW. To find out more, visit napavalleywriters.net and click the "Anthologies" tab. Membership is currently \$42.50 until June 30, 2021. Poetry, Fiction and Non-Fiction pieces will be considered for review. Deadline is May 1, 2021.

Napa Valley Writers, a branch of the California Writers Club, currently holds meetings via Zoom. Cost is \$5. Students with ID, free. For more information, contact publicity_nvw@outlook.com or see napavalleywriters.net. Always open to the public. Please register via napavalleywriters.net.

NVW fosters professionalism in writing, promotes networking of writers within the Napa Valley writing community, mentors new writers, and provides literary support for writers and the writing community through education, networking, and leadership.