

POETS LAUREATE IN CALIFORNIA ROSTER

Name	Term and geographic area served
STATE POET LAUREATES	Updated January 2024
EARLY HISTORY	
Ina Donne Coolbrith	1919-1928
Dr. Henry Meade Bland	1929-1931
John Steve McGroarty	1933-1944
Gordan W. Norris	1953-1961
Charles Garrigus	1966-2000
Quincy Troupe	State of California 2002
Al Young	State of California 2005-2009
Carol Muske-Dukes	State of California 2009 - 2011
Juan Felipe Herrera	State of California 2012 – 2014
Dana Gioia	State of California 2015-2018
Lee Herrick	State of California 2022-2024
COUNTY	
Kat Everitt	Amador County 2018 - 2020
Dega Douglas	Amador County 2020-2022
Taylor Graham	El Dorado County First 2016-2018
Dr. Suzanne Roberts	El Dorado County 2018-2020
Lara Gularte	El Dorado County 2021-2023
Don Thompson	Kern County 2018-2019

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Matthew Woodman	Kern County 2019-2021
Jim Lyle	Lake County 1998-1999
James BlueWolf	Lake County 2000- 2003
Carolyn Wing Greenlee	Lake County 2004-2005
Sandra Wade	Lake County 2006-2008
Mary T. McMillan	Lake County 2008-2010
Russell Gonzaga	Lake County 2010-2012
Elaine Watt	Lake County 2012-2014
Casey Carney	Lake County 2014-2016
Julie Adams	Lake County 2016-2018
Richard Schmidt	Lake County 2018-2020
Georgina Marie	Lake County 2020-2022
Albert Flynn De Silver	Marin County – 2008-2010
CB Follett	Marin County 2010-2013
Joseph Zaccardi	Marin County 2013-2015
Prartho Sereno	Marin County 2015-2017
Rebecca Foust	Marin County 2017-2019
Terry Lucas	Marin County 2019-2021
Francesca Bell	Marin county 2022-2025

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Ruth Nolan	Mojave Desert 2021-2023
Danielle Summerhill	Monterey County 2022-2023
Molly Fisk	Nevada County 2017-2019
Dorothy Lee Hansen	Napa County 2002 to 2009
Gary Silva	Napa County 2008-2010
Michael Waterson	Napa County 2010-2012
Leonore Wilson	Napa County 2012-2014
Beclee Wilson	Napa County 2014-2016
Jeremy Benson	Napa County 2017-2019
Aisha River	Napa County 2023-2025
Natalie Graham	Orange County 2021-2023
Meredith Karen Laskow	Placentia Library District 2003 – indefinite
Nils Peterson	Santa Clara County 2009-2011 - first
Sally Ashton	Santa Clara County 2011-2013
David Perez	Santa Clara County 2014-2016
Arlene Biala	Santa Clara County 2016-2018
Mike Mcgee	Santa Clara County 2018-2019

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Janice Sapigao	Santa Clara County 2020-2021
Tshaka Campbell	Santa Clara County 2022-2023
Caroline Goodwin	San Mateo County 2014- 2016 (first)
Lisa Rosenberg	San Mateo County 2017-2018
Aileen Cassinetto	San Mateo County 2019-2022
Gary Young	Santa Cruz County 2010 – 2012 – First
David Swanger	Santa Cruz County 2012-2014
Ellen Bass	Santa Cruz County 2014-2016
Robert Sward	Santa Cruz County 2016-2018
Danusha Lameris	Santa Cruz County 2018-2020
David Sullivan	Santa Cruz County 2020-2022
Don Emblen	Sonoma County 2000-2002
David Bromige	Sonoma County 2002-2004
Terry Ehret	Sonoma County 2004-2006
Geri Digiorno	Sonoma County 2006-2007
Mike Tuggle	Sonoma County 2008-2010

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Gwynn O'Gara	Sonoma County 2010-2012
Bill Vartnaw	Sonoma County 2012-2014
Katherine Hastings	Sonoma County 2014-2016
Iris Jamahl Dunkle	Sonoma County 2016-2018
Maya Kholsa	Sonoma County 2018-2020
Phyllis Meshulam	Sonoma County 2020-2022
Elizabeth C. Herron	Sonoma County 2022-2024
Mary Kay Rummel	Ventura County (1 st) 2014-2016
Phil Taggart	Ventura County 2016-2020
Jonathan Kinsman	Sutter and Yuba County 2012-2020
Marcelo Hernandez Castillo	Sutter and Yuba County 2020-2022
CITIES	
Grant Hier	Anaheim 1 st 2018-2020
Mary Rudge	Alameda First 2002-2014
Julia Park Tracey	Alameda 2014-2016
Cathy Dana	Alameda 2017 – 2019 (concurrent terms)
Gene Kahane	Alameda 2017 – 2019 (concurrent terms)

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Kimi Sugioka	Alameda 2020 -
Christina Hutchins	Albany 2009-2012
Toby Bielawski	Albany 2012-2016
Rebecca Black	Albany 2016-2020
Tanu Wakefield	Belmont 2015-2018
Jacki Rigoni	Belmont 2018-2020
Monica Korde	Belmont 2021-2024
Joel Fallon	Benicia 2005-2007
Robert Shelby	Benicia 2008-2010
Ronna Leon	Benicia 2010-2012
Lois Requist	Benicia 2012-2014
Don Peery	Benicia 2014-2016
Johanna Ely	Benicia 2016-2018
Tom Stanton	Benicia 2018-2020
Mary Susan Gast	Benicia 2020-2023
Katrina (Kathy) Monroe	Benicia 2024-2026
Rafael Jesus Gonzalez	Berkeley 2017 -2023
Aya De Leon	Berkeley 2023-2025
Ralph Lane	Altadena Library District 2006-2008
Marcia L. Thompson	Altadena Library District 2008-2010
Alene Terzian	Altadena Library District 2010-2012

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Linda Dove	Altadena Library District 2012-2014
Thelma T Reyna	Altadena Library District 2014-2016
Elline Lipkin	Altadena Library District 2016-2018
Teresa Mei Chuc	Altadena Library District 2018-2020 (concurrent terms)
Hazel Clayton Harrison	Altadena Library District 2018-2020 (concurrent terms)
Khadija Anderson	Altadena Library District 2020-2022 (concurrent terms)
Jessica Abughattas	Altadena Library District 2020-2022 (concurrent terms)
Mary Jane Barnes	Brentwood 2002-2005
Diane Lando	Brentwood 2006-2010
Kati Short	Brentwood 2010 -Indefinite
Ruth Blakeney	Crockett 2006 -2022
David Denny	Cupertino Poet Laureate 2011-2013
Jennifer Swanton Brown	Cupertino Poet Laureate 2013-2015

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Amanda Williamsen	Cupertino Poet Laureate 2016
Ann Muto	Cupertino Poet Laureate 2016-2018
Kaecey McCormick	Cupertino Poet Laureate 2018-2020
Jing Jing Yang	Cupertino Poet Laureate 2020-2022
Nancy Frazee	Danville 2008-2011
Elaine Betts	Danville 2023-2025
Allegra Silberstein	Davis 2010 – 2012
Eve West Bessier	Davis 2012-2014
Andy Jones	Davis 2014-2018
James lee Jobe	Davis 2018-2021
Julia Levine	Davis 2021-2023
Ronnie Holland	Dublin First 2008- 2010
Jonnie McCoy-Howell	Dublin 2010-2012
James Morehead	Dublin 2021-2022
Kalamu Chache	East Palo Alto 1983 to indefinite
Maw Shein Win	El Cerrito 2016-2018
Dani Gabriel	El Cerrito 2018-2020
Evelyn Janean Mitchell	El Cerrito 2021-2023

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Hope Anita Smith	El Segundo 2022-2024
Janell Moon	Emeryville 1st 2010-2012
Sarah Kobrinsky	Emeryville 2013-2015
Juanita Martin	Fairfield 2010-2012
Suzanne Bruce	Fairfield 2022-2024
James Tyner	Fresno 2013-2015
Lee Herrick	Fresno 2015-2017
Bryan Medina	Fresno 2017-2019
Marisol Baca	Fresno 2019-2021
Megan Bohigian	Fresno 2021-2023
Joseph Rios	Fresno 2023-2025

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Raffi Joe Wartanian	Glendale 2023-2025
Doug Stout	Healdsburg Literary Laureate 2000-2002 <i>Literary Laureate</i>
Armando Garcia-Dávila	Healdsburg Literary Laureate 2002-2004 <i>Literary Laureate</i>
Penelope La Montagne	Healdsburg Literary Laureate 2004-2005 <i>Literary Laureate</i>
Chelsea “Chip” Wendt	Healdsburg Literary Laureate 2005-2007 <i>Literary Laureate</i>
Vilma Olsvary Ginzberg	Healdsburg Literary Laureate 2008-2009 <i>Literary Laureate</i>
Stefanie Freele	Healdsburg Literary Laureate 2010-2011
John Koetzner	Healdsburg Literary Laureate 2012-2013
Gabriel Fraire	Healdsburg Literary Laureate 2014-2016
Russ Messing	Healdsburg Literary Laureate 2017-2019
Jennifer Lynn Alvarez	Healdsburg Literary Laureate 2019-2021
Kate Buckley	Laguna Beach 2017-2018
Nikia Chaney	Inlandia Institute 2016-2018

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Juan Delgado	Inlandia Institute 2014-2016
Rachelle Cruz	Inlandia 2018-2020
Amy Glynn	Lafayette/ Orinda 2018-2020
Connie Post	Livermore First 2005-2009
Cher Wollard	Livermore 2009-2013
Kevin Gunn	Livermore 2013-2017
Cynthia Patton	Livermore 2017-2022
Peggy Schimmelman	Livermore 2022-2024
Nancy Aide Gonzalez St. Clair	Lodi 2023-2025 (first)
Parthenia Hicks	Los Gatos 2009 - 2012
Erica Goss	Los Gatos 2013-2015
Stan Garber	Los Gatos 2016-2018
Jen Siraganian	Los Gatos 2021-2023
Eloise Klein Healy	Los Angeles 2013 - 2015
Luis J. Rodriguez	Los Angeles 2014-2016
Robin Coste Lewis	Los Angeles 2017-2019

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Lynne Thompson	Los Angeles 2021-2022
Richard Means Ybarra	Malibu 2017-2019
Ellen Reich	Malibu 2019-2020
John Struloeff	Malibu 2020-2021
Ann Buxie	Malibu 2021-2023
Jeannette Gould Maino	Modesto 1994-1995
Arlene Silva Mattos	Modesto 1996-20
debee loyd	Modesto 2000-2004
Sam Pierstorff	Modesto 2004 – 2008
Ed Bearden	Modesto 2008-2012
Gillian Wegener	Modesto 2012-2016
Stella Beratlis	Modesto 2016-2020
Salvatore Salerno	Modesto 2020-2022
Radomir Luza	North Hollywood 2012 to indefinite
Ayodele Nzinga	Oakland 2021-2023
Joan Raymund	Ojai Term unknown

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Ryan Masters	Pacific Grove 2002-2004t Poet In Residence
Kate Spencer	Pacific Grove 2004-2006 Poet In Residence
Garland Thompson	Pacific Grove Poet In Residence 2006-2010
Dr. Barbara Mossberg	Pacific Grove Poet In Residence 2010
Rod Clark	Pacifica 2003-2006
Dorsetta Hale	Pacifica 2013-2016
Camincha Benvenuto	Pacifica 2017-2020
Toni Mirosevich	Pacifica 2023
Charlene Villella	Pleasanton First 1999-2001
Jim Ott	Pleasanton 2001-2003
Kirk Ridgeway	Pleasanton 2003-2005
Cynthia Bryant	Pleasanton 2005-2007 & 2011-2013
Martha Meltzer	Pleasanton 2007-2009
Deborah Grossman	Pleasanton 2009-2011
Sandra Kay	Pleasanton 2013-2015
Fionna Perkins	Point Arena Begin 2000 – lifetime

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Dwayne Parish	Richmond 2012-2014
Donte Clark	Richmond 2014-2016
Lincoln Bergman	Richmond 2014-2016
Brenda Quintanilla	Richmond 2014-2016
Rob Lipton	Richmond 2017-2019
Daniel Ari	Richmond 2017-2019
Ciera-Jevae Gordon	Richmond 2017-2019
Viola Weinberg	Sacramento 2000-2002
Dennis Schmitz	Sacramento 2000-2002
Jóse Montoya	Sacramento 2002-2005
Julia Connor	Sacramento 2005-2008
Bob Stanley	Sacramento 2009-2012
Jeff Knorr	Sacramento 2012- 2017
Indigo Moor	Sacramento 2017-2019
Andru Defeye	Sacramento 2020 to 2022
James B. Golden	Salinas 2014-2016

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Ray Clark Dickson	San Luis Obispo 1999- 1 st
Glenna Luschei	San Luis Obispo 2000
Hernán Castellano-Girón	San Luis Obispo 2001
Anne Candelaria	San Luis Obispo 2002
Kevin Patrick Sullivan	San Luis Obispo 2003
Michael McLaughlin	San Luis Obispo 2004
Jane Elsdon	San Luis Obispo 2005
Gloria L Velásquez	San Luis Obispo 2006
Rosemary Wilvert	San Luis Obispo 2007
Dian Sousa	San Luis Obispo 2008-2009
James Cushing	San Luis Obispo 2009-2010
Bonnie Young	San Luis Obispo 2011-2012
Jerry Douglas Smith	San Luis Obispo 2013-2014
	Note , after 2014 San Luis Obispo Poet Laureate position changed from City to County
Marguerite Costigan	San Luis Obispo County 2015-2016
Jeanie Greensfelder	San Luis Obispo County 2017-2018

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Ivan BrownOtter	San Luis Obispo County 2019-2020
Kevin Clark	San Luis Obispo County 2020-2024
Lawrence Ferlinghetti	San Francisco 1998-2000
Janice Mirikitani	San Francisco 2000-2001
devorah major	San Francisco 2002-2004
Jack Hirschman	San Francisco 2006-2007
Diane di Prima	San Francisco 2009-2012
Alejandro Murguía	San Francisco 2013 – 2017
Kim Shuck	San Francisco 2017-2021
Tongo Eisen-Martin	San Francisco 2020- TBD
Patricia Perry	San Ramon 2006-2008
Elaine Betts	San Ramon 2010 – 2012
Shikha Malaviya	San Ramon 2016-2018
Jenyth Gearhart-Utchen	San Ramon 2018-2022
Ron Salisbury	San Diego 2020-2021

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Jason Magbo Perez	San Diego 2023-2024
Barry Spacks	Santa Barbara 2005-2007
Perie Longo	Santa Barbara 2007-2009
David Starkey	Santa Barbara 2009-2011
Paul Willis	Santa Barbara 2011-2013
Chryss Yost	Santa Barbara 2013-2015
Sojourner Rolle	Santa Barbara 2015-2017
Enid Osborn	Santa Barbara 2017-2019
Laure-Anne Bosselaar	Santa Barbara 2019-2021
Emma Trelles	Santa Barbara 2021-2023
Melinda Palacio	Santa Barbara 2023-2026
John Brantingham	Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park 2018-2020
Tama Brisbane	Stockton 2015 -2019
Ronald Koertge	South Pasadena 2018-TBD
Marlene Hitt	Sunland-Tujunga 1999-2001
Katerina Canyon	Sunland-Tujunga 2001-2003
Joe Decenzo	Sunland-Tujunga 2004-2006

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Ursula Gibson	Sunland-Tujunga 2006-2008 -
Damien Stednitz	Sunland-Tujunga 2008-2010 -
Maja Trochimczyk	Sunland-Tujunga 2010-2012
Dorothy Skiles	Sunland-Tujunga 2012-2014
Elsa Frausto	Sunland-Tujunga 2014-2017
Pamela Shea	Sunland-Tujunga 2017-2020
Alice Pero	Sunland Tujunga 2020-2024
Armand Brint	Ukiah 2001-2004
Linda Noel	Ukiah 2004-2006
David Smith-Ferri	Ukiah 2006-2009
Theresa Whitehill	Ukiah 2009-2011
Dan Barth	Ukiah 2012-2014
Jabez Churchill	Ukiah 2014-2016
Michael Riedell	Ukiah 2016-2018
Roberta Werdinger	Ukiah 2018-2020
Melissa Eleftherion Carr	Ukiah 2020-2022

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Genea Brice	Vallejo 2015-2017
D.L. Lang	Vallejo 2017-2019
Jeremy Snyder	Vallejo 2020-2022
Jacalyn Eyvonne	Vallejo 2024-2025 (concurrent terms)
Kathleen Herrmann	Vallejo 2024-2025 (concurrent terms)
Steven Reigns	West Hollywood 2014-2016
Kim Dower	West Hollywood 2016-2018
Charles Flowers	West Hollywood 2018-2020
Brian Sonia-Wallace	West Hollywood 2020-2022
Jen Cheng	West Hollywood 2023-2026