

# Call for Poems



Santa Clara County  
poet  
laureate

## Inspiration Tip

*Go out for coffee.*

*Walk if you can.*

*Notice the world around  
you, the people walking,  
and the other people in  
the coffee shop.*

*When you start to notice,  
you'll start to think about  
what you've noticed.*

*You might want to let those  
thoughts come into the  
poem too.*

**Nils Peterson, the current Santa Clara County Poet Laureate, is putting out a call for submission of poems about the Santa Clara County. The Poet Laureate and other qualified readers will select the most interesting thirty to be presented at a public reading in April 2010.**

- Poetry submission is open to those who live, work, or study in Santa Clara County.
- Poems should be no more than 30 lines.
- Poems may be in a formal pattern or in free verse.
- Poems should be typed, single-spaced.
- Poets may submit a maximum of three poems, each page displaying only the title and the poem.
- Attach a separate cover sheet to the submissions indicating your name, address, and email address (if available).
- Mail two copies of the submissions to:  
Arts Council Silicon Valley  
4 North Second Street, Suite 500  
San Jose, CA 95113-1305

Santa Clara County will retain first publication rights.  
Poems may not have been previously published.

**Deadline:** Poems will be accepted between January 1 and March 15, 2010. Early submission is appreciated. There will be three awards of \$50 and six awards of \$25.

Winners will be invited to participate in an award ceremony in April. Date to be announced. For those of you who are beginning poets, see the tabs Tips <http://nilspetersonpoet.wordpress.com/tips/> and Poems <http://nilspetersonpoet.wordpress.com/poems/> at [nilspetersonpoet.wordpress.com](http://nilspetersonpoet.wordpress.com) for suggestions about writing poems and for sample poems.