



RESOLUTION No. 25-413

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE NOMINATION AND DESIGNATION OF THE POET LAUREATE, KAREN TERREY, BY NEVADA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, AS THE FOURTH NEVADA COUNTY POET LAUREATE

WHEREAS, the California Arts Council (CAC) was established in 1976 for the purposes of advancing California through the arts and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County Arts Council has been designated as Nevada County's State-Local Partner in the CAC State-Local Partnership Program (SLP); and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the passage of AB 113 established a formal California Poet Laureate position with the purpose to inspire an emerging generation of literary artists, and to educate Californians about influential poets and authors; and

WHEREAS, the advancement of poetry, literacy, and the arts helps build and enhance healthy communities by promoting imagination, creativity, and cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, a Poet Laureate is an officially appointed poet who is expected to compose or recite poetry for special events and occasions thereby promoting reading, writing, and appreciation of poetry within the community; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2017, by Resolution 17-150, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors established a Poet Laureate Program in Nevada County, which was subsequently amended pursuant to Resolution 18-121 on March 27, 2018, with Molly Frisk serving as the first Nevada County Poet Laureate; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2019, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 19-141 accepting the nomination and designation of Chris Olander as the second Nevada County Poet Laureate; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 21-138 accepting the nomination and designation of Kirsten Casey as the third Nevada County Poet Laureate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada does hereby accept the nomination and designation of the Poet Laureate, Karen Terrey, by Nevada County Arts Council as the fourth Nevada County Poet Laureate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 12th day of August 2025, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Robb Tucker, Lisa Swarthout, Susan Hoek, and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Recuse: None.

ATTEST:

TINE MATHIASSEN
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____

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Heidi Hall
Heidi Hall, Chair



RESOLUTION No. 21-138

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE NOMINATION AND DESIGNATION OF THE POET LAUREATE, KIRSTEN CASEY, BY NEVADA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, AS THE THIRD NEVADA COUNTY POET LAUREATE

WHEREAS, the California Arts Council (CAC) was established in 1976 for the purposes of advancing California through the arts and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County Arts Council has been designated as Nevada County's State-Local Partner in the CAC State-Local Partnership Program (SLP); and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the passage of AB 113 established a formal California Poet Laureate position with the purpose to inspire an emerging generation of literary artists, and to educate Californians about influential poets and authors; and

WHEREAS, the advancement of poetry, literacy and the arts help build and enhance healthy communities by promoting imagination, creativity, and cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, a Poet Laureate is an officially appointed poet who is expected to compose or recite poetry for special events and occasions thereby promoting reading, writing, and appreciation of poetry within the community; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2017, by Resolution 17-150, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors established a Poet Laureate Program in Nevada County, which program was subsequently amended pursuant to Resolution 18-121 on March 27, 2018 with Molly Fisk serving as the first Nevada County Poet Laureate; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2019 the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 19-141 accepting the nomination and designation of Chris Olander as the second Nevada County Poet Laureate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada does hereby accept the nomination and designation of the Poet Laureate, Kirsten Casey, by Nevada County Arts Council as the Third Nevada County Poet Laureate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 27th day of April, 2021, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Susan K. Hoek and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:



Dan Miller, Chair

4/27/2021 cc:

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RESOLUTION No. 19-141

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE NOMINATION AND DESIGNATION OF THE POET LAUREATE, MR. CHRIS OLANDER, BY NEVADA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, AS THE SECOND NEVADA COUNTY POET LAUREATE

WHEREAS, the California Arts Council (CAC) was established in 1976 for the purposes of advancing California through the arts and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County Arts Council has been designated as Nevada County's State-Local Partner in the CAC State-Local Partnership Program (SLP); and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the passage of AB 113 established a formal California Poet Laureate position with the purpose to inspire an emerging generation of literary artists, and to educate Californians about influential poets and authors; and

WHEREAS, the advancement of poetry, literacy and the arts helps build and enhance healthy communities by promoting imagination, creativity, and cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, a Poet Laureate is an officially appointed poet who is expected to compose or recite poetry for special events and occasions thereby promoting reading, writing, and appreciation of poetry within the community; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2017, by Resolution 17-150, the Nevada County Board of established a Poet Laureate Program in Nevada County, which program was subsequently amended pursuant to Resolution 18-121 on March 27, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada does hereby accept the nomination and designation of the Poet Laureate, Mr. Chris Olander, by Nevada County Arts Council as the Nevada County Poet Laureate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 9th day of April, 2019, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Susan K. Hoek and Richard Anderson.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 

4/9/2019 cc: COB



Richard Anderson, Chair



RESOLUTION No. 18-121

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 17-150 ACCEPTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEVADA COUNTY POET LAUREATE PROGRAM AND ACCEPTING THE NOMINATION AND DESIGNATION OF THE POET LAUREATE BY NEVADA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, MOLLY FISK

WHEREAS, the California Arts Council (CAC) was established in 1976 for the purposes of advancing California through the arts and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County Arts Council has been designated as Nevada County's State-Local Partner in the CAC State-Local Partnership Program (SLP); and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the passage of AB 113 established a formal California Poet Laureate position with the purpose to inspire an emerging generation of literary artists, and to educate Californians about influential poets and authors; and

WHEREAS, numerous counties have formerly designated Poet Laureate Programs; and

WHEREAS, the advancement of poetry, literacy and the arts helps build and enhance healthy communities by promoting imagination, creativity, and cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, a Poet Laureate is an officially appointed poet who is expected to compose or recite poetry for special events and occasions thereby promoting reading, writing, and appreciation of poetry within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 17-150 to accept the establishment of a Poet Laureate Program in Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Arts Council desires the Board of Supervisors to accept their nomination and re-designation of the Nevada County Poet Laureate as Molly Fisk; and

WHEREAS, the establishment and acceptance of the nomination and designation of Nevada County's Poet Laureate will enhance communities through the promotion of poetry, literacy and art.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada does hereby amend Resolution 17-150 accepting the establishment of a Nevada County Poet Laureate Program and the nomination and re-designation of the Poet Laureate by Nevada County Arts Council, Molly Fisk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada hereby amends Resolution 17-150 with the following conditions of the Nevada County Poet Laureate Program:

- 1) That the recommended duties of the Poet Laureate shall include:
 - a In collaboration with Nevada County Arts Council, publishing a chapbook of poetry during their term
 - b Creating and reading poetry for community events and in coordination with the Nevada County Community Library when applicable
 - c Posting poetry to the Nevada County's designated Partner to the California Arts Council website
 - d Promoting the love of poetry with people of all ages
 - e Assisting in the orientation and training of the next Nevada County Poet Laureate
 - f Assisting with developing the role of the County's Poet Laureate during the program's first year, and – to this end – consulting on the creation of a Poet Laureate Operating Manual/Handbook, for use by future generations
 - g Representing the County at gatherings of other Poet Laureates for the purpose of promoting and advancing poetry, literacy, arts and culture
- 2) The length of appointment of the Nevada County Poet Laureate shall be perpetual, unless or until determined otherwise, at the discretion and recommendation of the Nevada County Arts Council;
- 3) Nevada County shall not fund the Nevada County Poet Laureate Program or provide the Poet Laureate with any stipend or other reimbursement for travel, conferences or time;
- 4) Nevada County Arts Council will offer its Poet Laureate a stipend of \$2,000 during the program's inaugural year, and may offer a stipend thereafter at the discretion of the Nevada County Arts Council in order to better launch, establish, and maintain the role regionally;
- 5) Periodically the Nevada County Arts Council will nominate and designate a poet laureate for the next upcoming term. County staff will participate, when requested either by County staff or by the Nevada County Arts Council, in the selection process with the Nevada County Arts Council in a limited capacity to provide feedback and County perspective where needed. Once a nomination and designation has been made, the Nevada County Arts Council will submit the name of that individual to the County for acceptance by the Board of Supervisors; and
- 6) When considering and selecting a nomination, the Nevada County Arts Council will consider every candidate's qualifications that include the nominee's body of written work, honors, awards, and other forms of recognition, and the nominee's ability to promote poetry, literacy, arts and culture within the County of Nevada.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 27th day of March, 2018, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Hank Weston and Richard Anderson

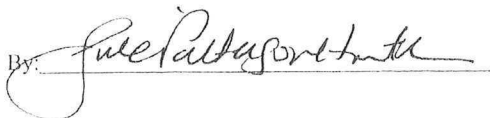
Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 


Edward Scofield, Chair



RESOLUTION No. 17-150

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEVADA COUNTY POET LAUREATE PROGRAM AND THE NOMINATION AND DESIGNATION OF THE POET LAUREATE BY NEVADA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, MOLLY FISK, FOR THE TERM OF APRIL 1, 2017 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2018

WHEREAS, the California Arts Council (CAC) was established in 1976 for the purposes of advancing California through the arts and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County Arts Council has been designated as Nevada County's State-Local Partner in the CAC State-Local Partnership Program (SLP); and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the passage of AB 113 established a formal California Poet Laureate position with the purpose to inspire an emerging generation of literary artists, and to educate Californians about influential poets and authors; and

WHEREAS, an estimated fourteen (14) counties have formerly designated Poet Laureate Programs; and

WHEREAS, the advancement of poetry, literacy and the arts helps build and enhance healthy communities by promoting imagination, creativity, and cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, a Poet Laureate is an officially appointed poet who is expected to compose or recite poetry for special events and occasions thereby promoting reading, writing, and appreciation of poetry within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Arts Council desires the Board of Supervisors to accept the establishment of a Poet Laureate Program in Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Arts Council desires the Board of Supervisors to accept their nomination and designation of the first Nevada County Poet Laureate as Molly Fisk; and

WHEREAS, the establishment and acceptance of the nomination and designation of Nevada County's Poet Laureate will enhance communities through the promotion of poetry, literacy and art.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada does hereby accept the establishment of a Nevada County Poet Laureate Program and the nomination and designation of the Poet Laureate by Nevada County Arts Council, Molly Fisk, for the term beginning on April 1, 2017 and ending on March 31, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada hereby approves the following conditions of the Nevada County Poet Laureate Program:

- D) That the recommended duties of the Poet Laureate shall include:
 - a In collaboration with Nevada County Arts Council, publishing a chapbook of poetry during their term
 - b Creating and reading poetry for community events and in coordination with the Nevada County Community Library when applicable
 - c Posting poetry to the Nevada County's designated Partner to the California Arts Council website
 - d Promoting the love of poetry with people of all ages
 - e Assisting in the orientation and training of the next Nevada County Poet Laureate
 - f Assisting with developing the role of the County's Poet Laureate during the program's first year, and – to this end – consulting on the creation of a Poet Laureate Operating Manual/Handbook, for use by future generations
 - g Representing the County at gatherings of other Poet Laureates for the purpose of promoting and advancing poetry, literacy, arts and culture
- 2) The appointment of the Nevada County Poet Laureate shall be for a one-year term;
- 3) Nevada County shall not fund the Nevada County Poet Laureate Program or provide the Poet Laureate with any stipend or other reimbursement for travel, conferences or time;
- 4) Nevada County Arts Council will offer its Poet Laureate a stipend of \$2,000 during the program's inaugural year in order to better launch and establish the role regionally;
- 5) Prior to the end of any existing term, Nevada County Arts Council will nominate and designate a poet laureate for the next upcoming term. County staff will participate in the selection process with the Nevada County Arts Council in a limited capacity to provide feedback and County perspective where needed. Once a nomination and designation has been made, the Nevada County Arts Council will submit the name of that individual to the County for acceptance by the Board of Supervisors; and
- 6) When considering and selecting a nomination, the Nevada County Arts Council will consider every candidate's qualifications that include the nominee's body of written work, honors, awards, and other forms of recognition, and the nominee's ability to promote poetry, literacy, arts and culture within the County of Nevada.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 28th day of March, 2017, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Hank Weston and Richard Anderson.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

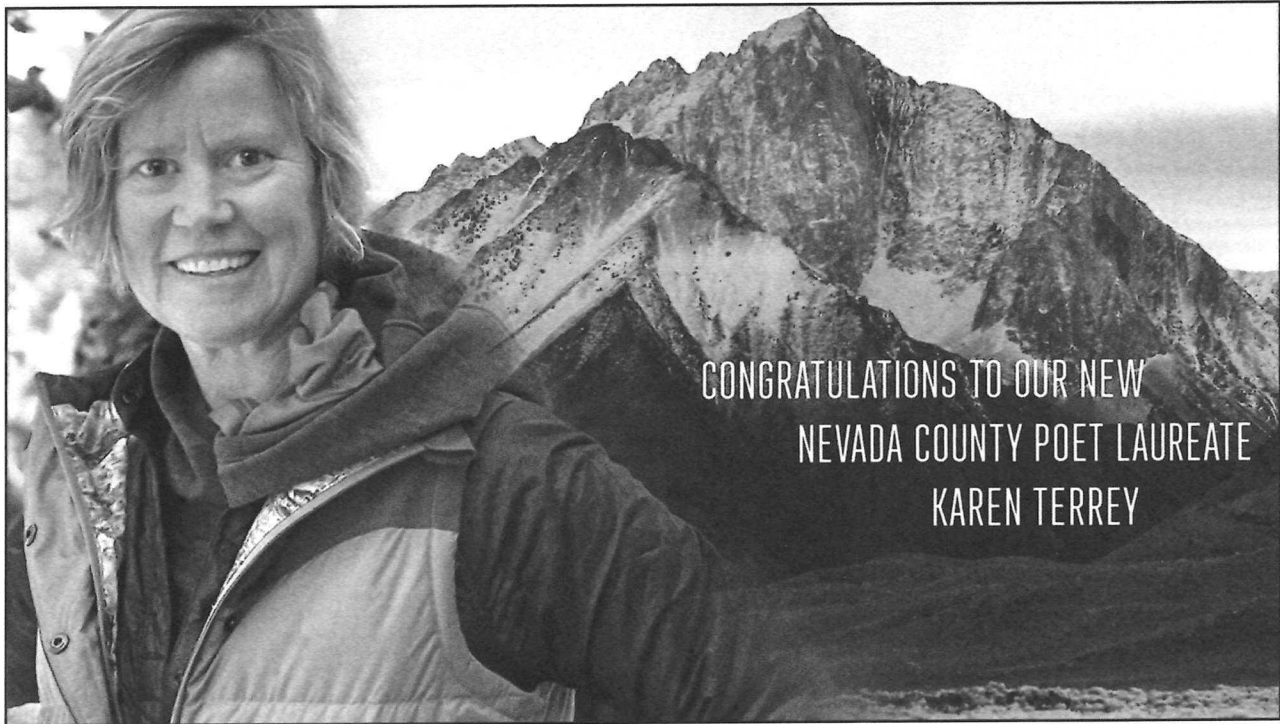
ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Julie Patterson Hunter

Hank Weston
Hank Weston, Chair

3/28/2017 cc: COB*



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW
NEVADA COUNTY POET LAUREATE
KAREN TERREY

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Welcome! The Nevada County Poet Laureate Program is an initiative of Nevada County Arts Council in collaboration with Nevada County Board of Supervisors and Nevada County Libraries.

What is a Poet Laureate and what they do?

Poets are active listeners, bearing witness to our deepest truths, shaping culture, reflecting humanity, and inspiring change.

A poet laureate is someone chosen—originally by kings, now by communities—to represent a region. Poet laureates might compose poems to mark important moments, actively engage and support others to develop a love of poetry and its potential, and inspire literary initiatives of meaning to residents. *Laureate* refers to wearing a crown of *laurel leaves*, a symbol of honor in Ancient Greece for poets and heroes.

Our Nevada County Poet Laureate Program was inaugurated at Sierra Poetry Festival in 2017 in the presence of California Poet Laureate, Dana Gioia, and to mark the special designations by the state given to our California Cultural Districts. Most recently, California Poet Laureate Lee Herrick has joined us on stage and in our parks alongside Nevada County Poet Laureate, Kirsten Casey.



Laurel leaves, a symbol of honor in ancient Greece.

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Kirsten Casey 2021–2025

Kirsten Casey is an active member of California Poets in the Schools and, after sixteen years, she is now regional coordinator. She has annually trained our county judges for *Poetry Out Loud* in the schools, and was founding coordinator for Nevada County Art Council's international children's poetry exchange, Dream a Difference, in 2017. Her first book of poetry, *Ex Vivo: Out of the Living Body*, was published by Hip Pocket Press in 2012. Her upcoming collection of poems explores historical and literary characters struggling with the use of social media in the modern world. In 2020, she co-edited Molly Fisk's "Academy of American Poet's Laureate" project, *California Fire and Water: a Climate Crisis Anthology*.

In welcoming Kirsten, we said farewell to former Poet Laureate Chris Olander. Chris spent 2020 saving the world through fresh new poems about nature, the climate, and social justice. Chris Olander's poem, *Monarch*, was sent to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, to Governor Gavin Newsom, to local, state and national legislators, our State Parks, our Department of Fish and Wildlife, the National Park Service and an array of other national environmental groups.

Kirsten works in partnership to Nevada County Arts Council's Literary Arts Committee and Nevada County Libraries. You can learn more about Kirsten at kirstencasey.com.



Kirsten Casey

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Chris Olander 2019–2021



Chris Olander (Photo: Jen Winders)

On April 27 2019 – at a passing of the laurels ceremony alongside Molly Fisk at Sierra Poetry Festival – we welcomed Chris Olander as our Nevada County Poet Laureate.

Chris is a poet and bio-educator, and has taught with California Poets in the Schools since 1984. He blends performance techniques with spoken word to create what he calls an 'Action Art Poetry' – musical images phrasing to dramatize relative experiences – a poetry arising from oral and bardic traditions. Chris Olander's debut book of poems is *River Light*. Kirk Lumpkin says, "What has always impressed me about Chris Olander's poetry is how present, how kinetically alive the energies of nature are in it and of how the words dance in the breath and sinew of it."

"More dynamic than listening to a recording or reading, I become the poem. I use contemporary events to bring forth and reveal mythic themes and archetypes that social and religious institutions repress through duty, shame, routine and repetitive behaviors. For me, recognition of common archetypes re-establishes respect between humans and the others of nature and renews the integrity of all individual species within the community of a given place."

— CHRIS OLANDER

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Welcome! The Nevada County Youth Poet Laureate Program is an initiative of Nevada County Arts Council in collaboration with Nevada County Board of Supervisors and Nevada County Libraries.

Welcoming Joey Henry

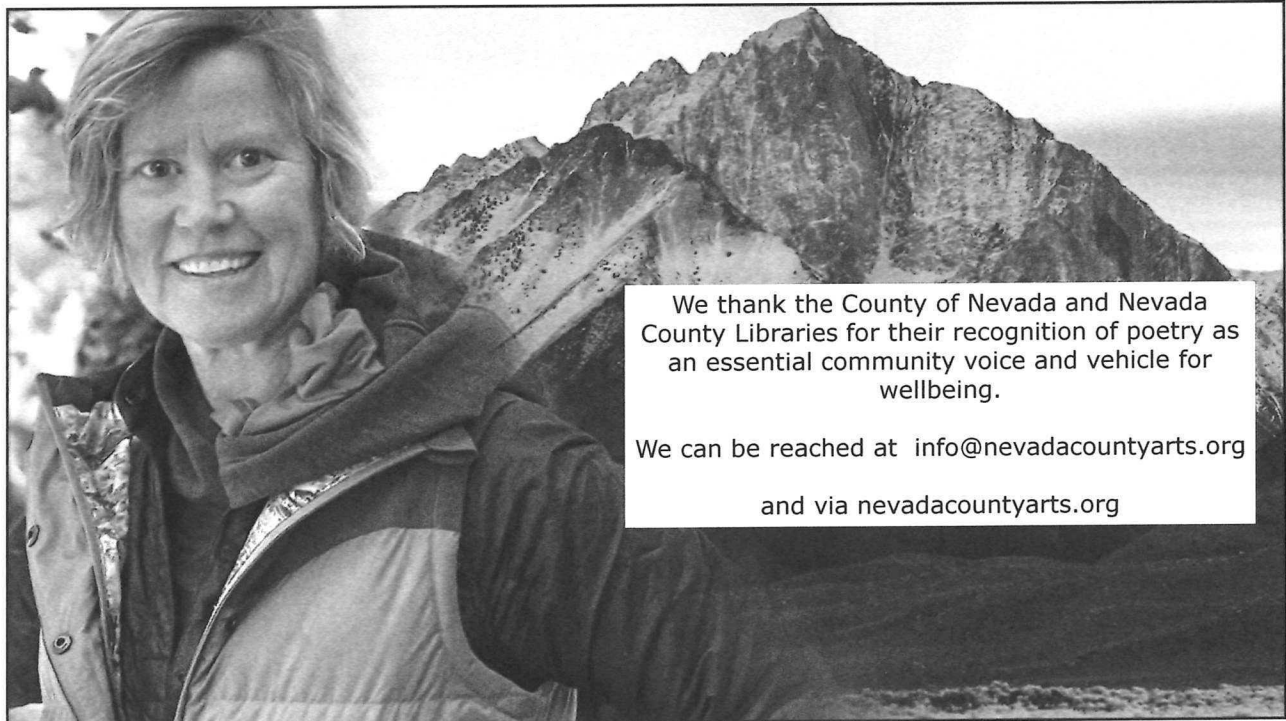
My name is Joey Henry and I am so excited to be Nevada County's first Youth Poet Laureate. I am passionate for writing as well as visual arts and I am a graduate of CSSSA 2024. I explore themes of spirituality, duality, suffering and the mundane into my work and see poetry as a sacred form of communication with others.

"I hope to use this role to encourage young people to openly share their thoughts, works, experience, and joy. I want local youth to have a place where their voices and creativity is heard and appreciated."

— JOEY HENRY



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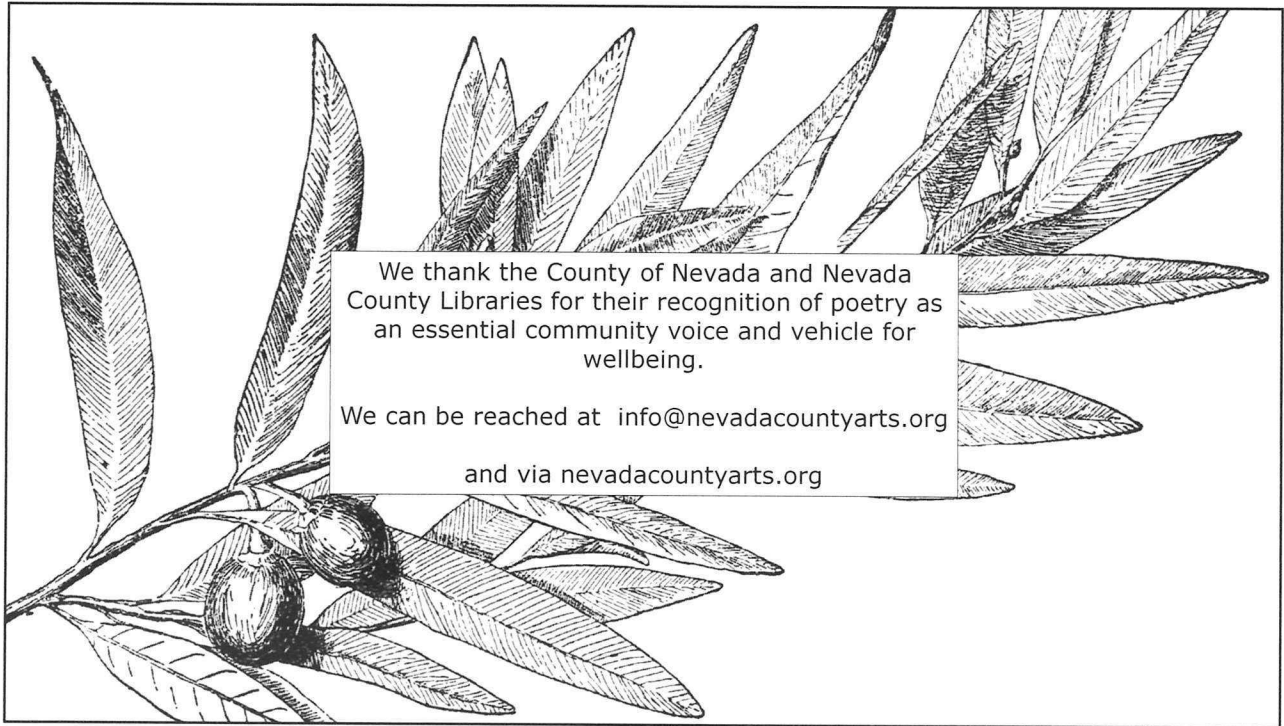


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