

Literary Subcommittee Update,
April 2024

1. The Rex Pickett Event is scheduled for Thursday, August 29th from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Community Center. Tickets are available for sale now through the Town of Yountville and North Bay Tickets websites. PJ also has scheduled the movie, Sideways, as part of the summer movie series prior to the event, which should increase interest.
2. The Bookmark Stories Contest, in collaboration with the Yountville Library and the Friends of the Yountville Library, has set up a timeline for 2024, beginning in April rather than later in the year. We still are working out details regarding how to handle submissions through the website. But we also are making a few changes. We will have free submissions, with a limit of one general submission and a second one based on the writer's Napa County Library card. We also will have three adult winners and two youth winners. We will again hold two workshops to help people write such stories and will accept submissions between May 15th and June 28th. We will hold our celebration event on September 26th in the Heritage Room from 5:30-7:00 pm.
3. The two Improvisation sessions are going well, with 25-31 people in attendance each week.
4. The Writing Celebration has held two meetings with 10 participants, who seem to enjoy and appreciate the opportunity to write and discuss the process.
5. The Poet Laureate Conversation was held on Thursday, March 21st. It went very well with John Kincheloe, from Napa Valley College, creating a lovely conversation with Michael Waterson, Marianne Lyon, and Aisha Rivera. About 25 people attended the event and asked a few questions as well.
6. There is a tentative date of June 9th set up for another Handwritten Out Loud event. Fliers and a press release are being developed and Yountville Arts will again collect submissions and conduct the review process.
7. We have received a few additional ekphrastic poetry pieces for the Yountville Art Walk, which have been reviewed and accepted. We have several more people committed to writing additional pieces, including several students from Vintage High School. There will be another round of requests distributed to increase the total numbers for the chapbook to be printed and available at Art Sip & Stroll.