

# Women Poets in Santa Clara County Poetry Competition Rules and Mail in Entry Form

Sponsored by the National League of American Pen Women (NLAPW)  
Competition for NON-NLAPW WOMEN POETS in Santa Clara County

Women poets of Santa Clara County are invited to enter a competition held by the NLAPW. Three professional poet judges will judge the entries. Winners will be invited to read their winning poems at a public event to be held at the Headen-Inman Museum House. 1st Prize **\$200**; 2nd Prize **\$150**; 3rd Prize **\$75**; two honorable mentions will receive certificates. The competition is for *non-members of the NLAPW*.

**DEADLINE: March 22, 2025**

**Winners notified by April 25, 2025**

**Awards Reception: May 17, 2025**

**Questions: Contact Lorraine Gabbert at [mgabbert@comcast.net](mailto:mgabbert@comcast.net)**

## **RULES:**

1. Santa Clara County women poets, who are **not** currently members of the NLAPW, may submit up to two poems for an entry fee of \$25, or up to four poems for an entry fee of \$40.
2. Entry fees may be made by check, Venmo, or Pay Pal. **Make checks payable to “NLAPW”** and **mail to:** NLAPW Poetry Contest, Attn: Tonya McQuade, Treasurer, 1455 Portobelo Drive, San Jose, CA 95118. Send **Venmo payments** to: @Tonya-McQuade-1, with “NLAPW Poetry Contest” in Memo, last four phone digits “1121” (if needed). To pay by **PayPal**, visit the website: [www.NLAPWsantaclara.org](http://www.NLAPWsantaclara.org). Add an additional \$2 if paying by PayPal.
3. All entries must be the sole and original work of the woman poet. No AI-generated or partially AI-generated poems will be accepted.
4. Each individual poem may be up to 200 lines in length, with no format restrictions.
5. Poetry entries and entry forms may be **submitted online** at [www.NLAPWsantaclara.org](http://www.NLAPWsantaclara.org) or **emailed** to: [mgabbert@comcast.net](mailto:mgabbert@comcast.net), or **mailed** to Lorraine Gabbert, 547 Tuscarora, San Jose, CA 95123. Questions, call Lorraine at: 408-836-4132
6. Female poets of all ages are welcome and encouraged to enter the competition.