



TOWN OF LOS GATOS

Press Release

Civic Center
110 E. Main Street
Los Gatos, CA 95030

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: January 16, 2015
For information contact:
Henry Bankhead, Town Librarian
Town of Los Gatos
408.354.6800
HBankhead@LosGatosCa.gov
www.LosGatosCa.gov

TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW POET LAUREATE

Los Gatos, CA – On December 16, 2014 the Los Gatos Town Council extended Erica Goss' term as the Town's Poet Laureate for an additional year, with a term ending on December 31, 2015. The Council also increased the term for future Poet Laureates from two to three years. Ms. Goss is an award-winning poet with numerous honors, is well connected to the local poetry community through her work with Poetry San Jose, and is committed to connecting the Los Gatos community to the world of poetry.

Ms. Goss has published a significant body of work in many journals and anthologies, as well as her own book, *Wild Place: Poems by Erica Goss*, released in 2013. Ms. Goss has received many awards for her poetry, including: finalist in the Fermoy International Poetry Contest; honorable mention in the Passager Poetry Contest; winner in the Many Mountains Moving Poetry Contest; and the Edwin Markham Poetry Award.

Ms. Goss holds a Master of Fine Arts, with a poetry emphasis and a Bachelor's Degree in English from San Jose State University. She has been a poetry teacher and an English instructor at high schools in Saratoga and Cupertino.

Ms. Goss will continue to work with the Library Board, the Friends of the Los Gatos Library and Town staff to bring awareness to the Los Gatos community about the world of poetry. One of the most successful programs to date has been the Poetry Kitchen, a monthly poetry reading on Sunday afternoons in the award winning Los Gatos Library.

The recruitment for the next Poet Laureate will commence in fall 2015 with a call for applications. Submissions will be reviewed by the Poet Laureate Selection committee.

####

Cc: Town Council
Executive Team
Los Gatos Chamber of Commerce
All Things Los Gatos
Inside Los Gatos
Los Gatos Magazine
Los Gatos Weekly Times