



Poetry and Music in the Park

June 9, Mesa Village County Park, 1:30-3:30 PM

Poets read from 2-3PM

Music by the **Santa Cruz Brass Quintet** before & after readings

Bring a picnic to enjoy!



Julia Chiapella's poetry has appeared in Edison Literary Review, I-70 Review, The MacGuffin, Midwest Quarterly, Pirene's Fountain, and West Branch among others. She co-founded Santa Cruz Writes and is the retired director of the Young Writers Program, which she established in 2012. She received the Gail Rich Award for creative contributions to Santa Cruz County and is a member of The Hive Poetry Collective.

Geneffa Jahan teaches English composition and creative writing at Cabrillo College. She is a member of Maxine Hong Kingston's Veterans' Writing Group Sangha and the Santa Cruz Writers of Color Collective. She believes writing in community can bring collective healing and that poetry communicates human experience at its most raw and visceral. Her poetry memoir, *Spilling the Chai*, will be released this year.



Santa Cruz County Youth Poet Laureate Finalists:



Simon Ellefson is an artist, writer, and poet. He loves reading and learning about the world around him through investigation and experimentation. He has two very sweet cats, one who plays fetch and bites anything plastic, the other who headbutts your face and drools everywhere.

Gregory Souza is a math obsessed poet who also writes some short stories and has co-written a few books. He can't wait to get out of high school although he loves his teachers and wants to continue creating and sharing his work.



Stay at the park after the music and poetry for some recreational fun, provided by County Parks Recreation Staff. The Mobile Recreation program will be at Brommer Park from 3:30-5:00 pm to provide a free activity and a snack in the park!