



## Victoria's New Poet Laureate to Host *The Green Muse* to Celebrate National Poetry Month

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VICTORIA, BC — City of Victoria's Poet Laureate John Barton invites you to celebrate National Poetry Month in April by attending *The Green Muse*, an evening of poetry that focuses on society's relationship with nature. The free event will be held on Tuesday, April 30, from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Greater Victoria Public Library's Central Branch, 735 Broughton Street.

Barton will host a reading by local poets Sonnet L'Abbé, Philip Kevin Paul, and former Victoria Poet Laureate Yvonne Blomer. The poetry will highlight humanity's complicated relationship with the environment, nature's enduring resilience yet precarious future, and its role as a constant source of inspiration.

The event is a partnership between the City of Victoria and the Greater Victoria Public Library, with support from the Canada Council for the Arts and the League of Canadian Poets.

National Poetry Month is celebrated in April across Canada by schools, publishers, booksellers, literary organizations and libraries. Established in April 1998 by the League of Canadian Poets, National Poetry Month celebrates poetry and its vital place in Canada's culture.

For more information, visit [victoria.ca/poetlaureate](http://victoria.ca/poetlaureate).

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