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Mayor and City Council members, Janet Pottier, on behalf of the San Pablo Historical Society reminds you April is National Poetry month.

San Pablo once had a very active poetry group and in the Adobe courtyard is a bench among the flowers and fruit trees called the Poet's corner. It was dedicated on July 26, 1981. We hope you will consider saving this bench either here or in another location.

The following poem by Claire J Baker of San Pablo, was read at the dedication:

Follow the footprints the poets make,
Sit in the courtyard, on the bench, to honor poets.
Partake.
If you are a poet, be in your glory.
If you are not a poet, perhaps you will begin your story.
If you have no paper, write your poem on the wind.
If the wind is sleeping, why not use the disc of the sun?
If the sun is fickle, or blotted out, stay:
Consider in scribing words on the white or grey vista's of clouds.
Once you've begun, there's almost always the utmost core of sky.
Try.
A poet's inspiration can entrust an unborn sonnets thrust to a grain of sand.
Later the poet returns and finds, among billions of grains, the very speck—
thoughts intact, ready for translation.
Elation.
Traveler, when you have lost, or found, your way, follow poets footprints.
Arrive at the Adobe courtyard, the bench, the plaque.
 Inspired, stay.
Rest in POETS CORNER, recall the poets story.
Sit close to a poet (perhaps yourself).
Relive the poets pain—and glory.