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## Lafayette Historical Society displays poetry about Lafayette Reservoir Tower

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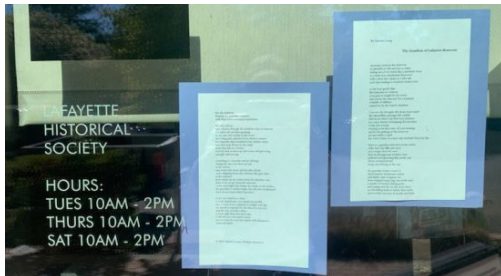


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For more information check out the poem in plain view on the window at the Historical Society entrance on Golden Gate Way near First Street, call (925) 283-1848 or go to <https://lafayettehistory.org/lafayette-reservoir-display-at-whole-foods/>. View the Lafayette Reservoir exhibit on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In the window of the Lafayette Historical Society at the back of the Lafayette Library, a blue mat surrounds a two-page poem entitled, "The Guardian of Lafayette Reservoir." It is written by local poet Ophelia Leong and focuses on the Reservoir tower.

Leong was invited to read the poem on April 15 during National Poetry Month at the Lamorinda Arts Council's inaugural Art Embraces Poetry program. Town Hall Theatre hosts the ongoing program which is funded by the Community Foundation of Lafayette.

On the side of the Whole Foods Building (across from Blue Ginkgo) the Society has posted information about the Lafayette Reservoir. While debates swirl around the tower, the poem has a different effect. More than one person has said after reading it, "I'll never think of it the same way again." Plato's comment about poetry comes to mind: "Poetry is nearer to vital truth than history."

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