

**The City of Pleasanton & Poet Laureate Deborah Grossman  
present  
*The Century House Featured Poets Series:***

**BOO-etry, an Afternoon of Spooky Poetry  
Sunday, October 25th, 2:00 to 4:00 pm**

Come hear some **scary poems read by local teens**, followed by a special **live performance of Edgar Allen Poe's "The Raven" by Blanche Abrams**, distinguished writer and poet, who recently moved to Tuolumne from Livermore.

Expect some **snacks**, something light and fresh, an **Open Mic** will follow, so bring along a poem, one page or less. Your poem may be scary or spooky, but that's okay, **Halloween will be less than a week away!** And if you want to dress in **orange** or **black**, or bring a witch's hat, you won't be off track!

**Blanche Abrams** has been writing and publishing short stories, essays and poetry for over thirty years. Her short stories have been published in numerous anthologies and have won first place in the Las Positas College annual contest. A former president of the Writers Roundtable, she helped organize literary evenings, poetry readings and writing contests in the East Bay. She also managed the Alameda County Fair poetry exhibit. She enjoys performing her own short stories and poetry as well as the writings of other authors such as Edgar Allan Poe. She is active in the Tuolumne writing community.

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**Century House, 2401 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566**  
**\$5.00 admission at the door Student ID holders, free admission**

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