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Last Week: National Poetry Month

In recognition of April being National Poetry Month, DSU Lecturer of English Margaret Barnhart gave a presentation on poetry. She described the many different types of poetry and how, like art, what is poetry and what is not tends to lie in the eyes of the beholder. Quoting Samuel Taylor-Coleridge, she noted, "Prose is words in their best order; poetry is the best words in the best order."

Since April is also observed as National Humor Month and National Garden Month, Margaret shared several of her own poems related to gardening, many of them with a touch of humor. In this example, she reflects on a work of art created by Yoko Ono with a simple piece of fruit.

Yoko's Apple

*In a sun-lit gallery on a Plexiglas pedestal
Yoko's green apple lives out its days
from crisp maturity to wizened pulp.
This process of decay, and seeing it,
is called art.*



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Today's Greeters Are:

Brian Fisher & Brad Fong

Next Meeting:

Jon Frantsvog & Joe Frenzel

Give Thanks Today: Michael Ollerman

Next Week: Cal Oraw

Father, show us your loving kindness today. Cheer the lonely with your company and the worried with your peace. Grant your blessings to all who have struggled this day. Amen.

Your Program Today:

Steve Bucci—Cyber Security

Coming Up:

April 29—Travels in India, Sharon Kilzer & Peggy O'Brien

May 6—Dickinson Area Concert Association, Linda Steve

Program Chair: Chip Poland/Peggy O'Brien Next Month: Cooper Whitman

Birthdays

John Heinen 4/26

Ian Spencer 4/26

Gaylon Baker 4/27

Announcements:

- Calling all Rotarians: Volunteers are needed to help with tickets and concessions at the **Blue Hawk Stampede** rodeo on May 8-9. This is a major fundraiser for the club. If you have not signed up yet to volunteer, please contact Chip Poland.
- The **Armed Forces Day** luncheon will be held on May 13 at the Ramada. Tickets for guests and community members will be available for \$15 each. Rotarians do not need to buy a ticket for themselves, since this is included in club dues like the regular lunch meetings. Rotarians may take tickets to give to people or to sell. For any tickets with a Rotarian's name that are presented at the door, the club will bill the Rotarian for the amount of tickets collected. For example, if someone takes 20 tickets and only 10 are turned in at the event, the member will be billed \$150 (not \$300).
- **Miss a meeting?** Try an e-meeting makeup at www.rotaryclubone.org or www.siliconvalleyrotary.com/ You will find a wide variety of interesting articles and videos!

*In my sun-lit kitchen on a porcelain plate
my Granny Smith apple lives out its days
from crisp maturity to wizened pulp.
This process of decay, and allowing it,
is called waste.*

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*Yoko's apple: wizened or wisdom?
Or clever marketing to make us question:
Is it art? Or artifice?
Or another wasted apple?*



Editor's Note: Margaret Barnhart is also the author of *Under the Twisted Cross*, a work of fiction based on the real-life experiences of her father, Nicholas Schuld, who spent 18 months as a prisoner of war in Stalag IIB during World War II.

We're "This Close"

Sunday, April 12, marked 60 years since the Salk polio vaccine was declared safe, effective, and potent. In that time, the number of polio cases has dropped by 99% worldwide. With just three countries remaining polio-endemic, we are closer than ever to eradicating this crippling disease. Rotary International and other partners launched the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI) in 1988.

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Last Meeting Visitors

- Marvin Eberts' grandparents, Christ and Eileen Dukart, who were celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary
- Lorrie Nantt, guest of Ken Nelson