



HAIKU CANADA
CONFERENCE 2024

MAY 17-19 MAI
Nova Scotia



K.C. Irving Centre
32 University Avenue,
Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

Program • Programme



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Friday / Vendredi MAY 17 Mai



All workshops and presentations
take place in the classroom on the
lower level of the K.C.I.C

8h-9h

Meet and Greet *in the Lower Level of the K.C.I.C*

- Collect your name tag and meet your fellow attendees.
- Continental breakfast will be provided.

9h-9h15

Welcome and opening remarks
Auditorium, Lower Level of the K.C.I.C.

9h15-11h

Presentations/workshops

9h15-10h15

Eco-Haiku: A New Activism by Angela Leuck.

Angela will present a 1-hour workshop on the growth of eco-haiku and the way in which poetry as a whole, and haiku in particular, is starting to engage in a form of ecological activism.

10h15-11h

Haiku as Prompt by Terry Ann Carter.

Terry Ann will lead a writing workshop using haiku as prompts for writing longer lyric poetry. She will read two examples of such poems (with haiku prompts) from her new chapbook *In the Space Between Bonsai* (Aeolus House, 2024)

11h-12h

Coffee break



Origami & calligraphy

During this extended coffee break, Japanese students from Acadia will encourage Haiku Canada members to sharpen their calligraphy and origami skills.



Book displays

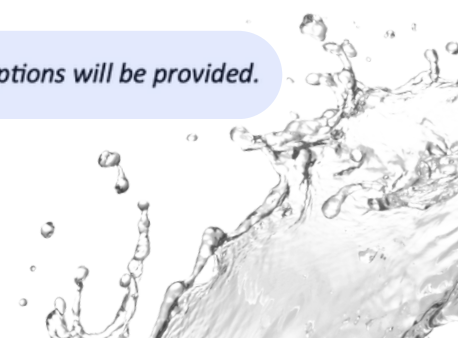
If members have books to sell during the weekend, they are asked to set up their book displays during this hour in the library adjacent to the auditorium. There is limited space available for displays, so please be considerate and share the table space. All items for sale can remain on display in the library till Sunday morning, so that members can browse at their leisure during coffee and lunch breaks.

12h-12h30

An Overview of The Haiku Canada Archives by kjmunro.

12h30-14h

Lunch: a selection of sandwiches and wraps with vegetarian options will be provided.





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14h-15h30



[Tour of the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens](#)

Adjacent to the K.C.I.C. Learn about the unique flora native to the Wapna'ki/Acadian Forest Region planted on 6 acres. This 1.5-hour tour will lead you through 9 distinct habitats including a bog, marsh, and sand barren. You will also be introduced to what happens behind the scenes in the glasshouses and plant research facilities.

15h45-16h15

[Haiku: A Balm for Healing](#) by Blanca Baquero.

Reading from her own haiku collection and those of other poets, Blanca will describe how haiku can become a form of therapy, offering catharsis and comfort during challenging periods in life.

16h15-16h45

[After Desirée: A Journey Through Grief](#) by Claudia Coutu Radmore.

Claudia will read from her new collection of haibun written in response to the death of a beloved pet.

17h-19h

Supper on your own in Wolfville- see suggested locations for eating out.

19h-22h

Readings in the Auditorium

19h-19h45

Angela Leuck and guest poets from Yarrow Press.

19h45-20h15

kjmunro and guest poets.

Readings from *Chasing Sunlight* (2024), a collection of poems from members of the *solstice haiku* discussion group (Yukon) after a collaboration with the *Whitehorse Community Garden*.

20h15-21h

kjmunro, Mike Montreuil, and guest poets.

Readings from the *Haiku Canada Members' Anthology 2024*

21h-22h

Open mic

An opportunity to read from your solo collections or to try your new poems out on the audience. Please respect the time limit of approx. 5-10 mins. per poet.

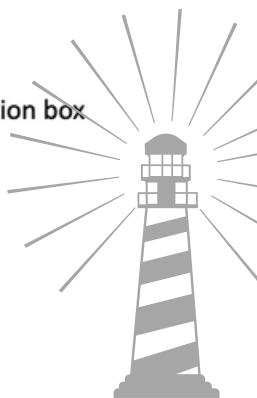
22h

[Late-night renku](#)

For those who still have the energy, meet us in the classroom!



NOTE- Before retiring for the night, remember to drop off your haiku in the collection box for Saturday morning's anonymous workshop with Marco and Terry Ann!



Saturday / Samedi MAY 18 Mai

8h30-10h

For breakfast, visit Wolfville's Farmers' Market

Location: 24 Elm Avenue or <https://www.wolfvillefarmersmarket.ca>

^^ Browse the many stalls that sell local produce, confectionary and crafts.

10h-12h

Presentations/workshops

10h-11h

Anonymous workshop with Terry Ann Carter and Marco Fraticelli.

11h-12h

Leaping for The Kite Tail: A Defence of Haiku Variety with Brian Bartlett.

Brian will champion a wide diversity of using (or not using) punctuation, sentences, metaphors, tenses, multisyllabic words, and other elements of language and speech often maligned by writers and readers of haiku.

12-14h

Lunch on your own in Wolfville- see suggested locations for eating out

14h-16h

Ginko (nature walk) with kjmunro.

[Acadia Woodland Trails](#)



Over 50 acres of forested land are adjacent to the K.C.I.C. and Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens. The land includes scenic woodland trails, the longest being 1.5km in length. The overall difficulty is easy to moderate, given the slope and natural terrain. Please dress appropriately, as some of the tracks get rather muddy!



Haiku written during the ginko will be entered into a contest, with the winner announced on Sunday.

17h30-20h

Banquet

Clark Commons, 37 University Avenue.

We will enjoy a buffet supper with a choice of Atlantic salmon or grilled lemon chicken breast, with a choice of green and pasta salad, roasted baby potatoes and steamed vegetables, followed by a baker's selection for dessert. Wine will be served with the meal.

20-22h

Readings in the Auditorium

20h-21h

Launch of the *Atlantic Haiku Anthology*, with Angela Leuck, Carole Martignacco, and guest poets.

21h-21h15

Angela Leuck reads the haiku of Margaret Rutley.

21h15-22h

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22h

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Sunday / Dimanche

MAY 19 Mai

9h-10h

Continental breakfast will be provided.
The Garden Room, Ground Level of the K.C.I.C.^^

10h-10h30

Prize Giving & Awards in the auditorium.

- The Betty Drevniok Award
- The Marianne Bluger Award
- Prix Jocelyne-Villeneuve

10h30-10h45

Closing remarks in the Auditorium

10h45-11h

Clean up!

- Members are asked to ensure that they collect all their books and any items that have been on display.

Free Sunday afternoon

We recommend the following local jaunts, which are a short drive from Wolfville and great ways to bring your visit to the Annapolis Valley to a close. You can visit both sites as they are very close to each other.



Grand-Pré National Historic Site

Discover the unique history of l'Acadie, its people, and its culture. No prior booking required. <https://www.novascotia.com/see-do/attractions/grand-pre-national-historic-site/1335>



Gaspereau Vineyards Tour

Sundays @ 12 noon and @ 2pm. \$15 per person, which includes 4 1oz signature wine samples. **To ensure a spot on the vineyard tour, you should use the links below to book with Gaspereau Vineyards in advance** of coming to Wolfville. <https://gaspereauwine.ca/vineyard-tours.html>

Safe trip home.

Thank you for spending time with us in Wolfville this weekend!



Additional information Information supplémentaire

- Masks are optional.
- The presentations and workshops will be delivered in English, but questions and haiku are invited in French, too! Les présentations se feront en anglais mais les questions et les haïkus en français seront les bienvenus.
- Presenters are asked not to run over their assigned time. Q&As have been factored into the time slots.
- Please respect others' privacy: no photos or recording during the events without permission.
- To reduce our impact on the environment, we ask that you print off a copy of the programme for your personal use.
- Please print off a copy of [Acadia's Summer Visit Fact Sheet](#), which includes a campus map to help you find your way around:



Local taxi service

CJ's Taxi Ltd.
Port Williams
902-670-6700

Eating out in Wolfville

Suggested venues, all within walking distance:

- Troy's, 12D Elm Avenue
- Paddy's Brew Pub, 460 Main St.
- The Church Brewery, 329 Main St.
- Kings Arms Commons, 430 Main St.
- The Library Pub, 472 Main St.
- The Naked Crepe Bistro, 402 Main St.



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Background information on the conference can be found on the website

haikucanada.org

