

The Missouri Poet Laureate Haiku Project, January – May 2023

Many Ways to Participate

Thanks to all of you willing to participate in this Missouri Haiku Project. Here are some ways you can help.

- 1. Teach a workshop.** This could be for a classroom setting, at a library, at a community center, in a park, on Zoom, at your home—anywhere you can gather together people to write haiku, particularly if they've never written one before. They can be friends, students, strangers, family, anyone you can bring together.
- 2. Have a haiku party.** Invite friends, family, or strangers to join in a haiku writing party (as the Japanese once did). Have a tea, have a holiday gathering, Zoom across the country, etc.
- 3. Distribute haiku cards.** Help distribute haiku by handing out examples you've written or a batch of printed haiku cards to people who might not usually write or read poetry—the grocer, the wait person, a doctor, a neighbor, etc.
- 4. Write haiku yourself and send them to me** at wagnermaryfrances@gmail.com.
- 5. Display haiku.** Find places to hang haiku—from trees, on doors, in shop windows, in office break rooms, on public bulletin boards, in coffee shops, at libraries, etc.
- 6. Chalk haiku on the sidewalk** and photograph it.
- 7. Extend haiku into other arts**—visual art, collage, dance, song, etc. Photograph or record these experiences and send them to me at wagnermaryfrances@gmail.com for posting.
- 8. Tweet haiku** from January through May of 2023.
- 9. Post them on all other social media** and Facebook groups.
- 10. Create and post Zoom readings** of you, or you and those you write with.

Send me samples of haiku you write, or encourage others to write, to wagnermaryfrances@gmail.com. Sending poems to me will mean I have permission to display them publicly in some way.

I will not be able to post or print every haiku, so I will choose from those that most fit the guidelines I've requested.

Thanks for any support you can give, and if you can think of other ways I haven't mentioned, please let me know.

And for more information, check the Missouri Poet Laureate Haiku Project website:
<http://tmplhp.fieldinfoserv.com>