

#### From The Lily Pad

#### **MORE WINTER NEWS 2024**

Thank you for receiving the **Nick Virgilio Haiku Association's** newsletter!

Providing free literary arts programs to local and global communities would be impossible without your support. For more information on the Nick Virgilio Haiku Association, please visit us at nickvirgiliohaiku.org.

Consider supporting NVHA's work by donating here.

Happy Holidays! And more winter poetry news 🕏

We deeply appreciate your generous contributions and continuous support.

Wishing a happy and restful holiday season to you and yours!







# Nick Virgilio: Collected Haiku On SALE until January 1st



Buy on sale

Doing some last minute holiday shopping? Give the gift of poetry this year. Our complete collection of Nick Virgilio's published haiku is now on sale at 20% off with free shipping until January 1st!

Visit the shop to order "Nick Virgilio: Collected Haiku," edited by Geoffrey Sill, which has been short-listed for a 2023 Touchstone Award for Distinguished Books by the Haiku Foundation out of over 100 submissions. Purchase a copy now at the holiday price to take advantage of free shipping & handling costs.

### Write Midnight Poetry with us Tomorrow







Our second to last date is this **Saturday, December 21st** featuring local poet and musical artist Marrissa Joy!

Meet us at the <u>Writer's House at 1801 Broadway in Camden</u>, <u>NJ from 10:30 PM EDT - 12:00 AM EDT</u> for all sessions. Join our host's live stream of this session on Instagram @mrstarwind. Because of the late start time, this event is exclusively for poets and poetry lovers **who are age 18 or older.** 

Thank you so much to everyone who came out to share poetry and write in community with others, and for making a safe space for poets. Here are our remaining sessions on the calendar before the end of the season:

#### December 21st

#### January 4th

Relive the moments here on <u>Instagram</u>.

# Thank you to our previously featured poets during the fall season:

- Noely (Natalie Picardo)
- Kate Skins
- Destiny Karizma (Johnson)
- Pauline Monter
- Dimitri Reyes

A special thank you goes to our host/community organizer Reet Starwind, and to our returning South Jersey-based tea vendor, <u>Hush Herbals</u>. And to our sponsor the Camden County Cultural and Heritage Commission (CCCHC) for helping us keep this program **free** for attendees.

Follow us on social media for all updates on the Midnight Notes!

## Haiku Resources are available on the NVHA YouTube Channel

Have you taken a look at <u>our YouTube channel</u> recently? You can find recordings of previous workshops, ginko walks, open mics and more.

Subscribe to the NVHA channel (@NickVirgilioWritersHouse) to know when new videos are uploaded.

"How to Haiku for Teachers" Workshop is this Sunday!



**Register Now** 

Sit in with us on our last workshop of the year, on **December 22nd from 10:00 AM EST to 11:30 AM EST**. Read more and register by completing the online form. This workshop is designed to assist teachers and educators, but all attendees are welcome.

With the guidance of teacher and haiku poet <u>Tom Painting</u>, we'll discuss the basics of composing and crafting haiku in English in the classroom, and explore the power of image to evoke emotion and how juxtaposition may result in the famous haiku "ah-ha" moment.

# Annual Nicholas A. Virgilio Youth Haiku Contest Begins in January

The annual international Nicholas A. Virgilio Youth Haiku and Senryu Contest for youth in grades 7-12 opens next month! Stay tuned for submission details and brush up on your haiku skills by viewing past workshops, or check out "Graceguts," an online poetry magazine created by Englishlanguage haiku poet Michael Dylan Welch. The essays section has so much to offer beginner haiku poets, or haiku poets who need to brush up on the basics.

#### (Discounted!) Writing Workshops from Our Partner

Spring registrations are open for the 2025 <u>Cooper Street Workshops</u> at The Rutgers Writers House, Rutgers University-Camden! These workshops feature award-winning authors, teachers, and editors who span various genres and writing forms.

From now until the end of the year you can use the code GIFTCOOPERST25 to take 20% off any full-price registrations. Give a gift to yourself or another writer this holiday season.

#### **Support Poetry Enrichment for All**

#### DONATE

Thank you to each and every person who has given during this holiday season! We at NVHA are extremely grateful and excited to continue to create nurturing spaces for poets and poetry lovers.

We can continue to inspire, create communal space, educate, and preserve the art of poetry with the help of our community. Your contributions directly benefit the amplification of voices through creative writing, early writing skills for elementary school students, and long-term self-expression for children and young adults. Your support also allows all of our programming to remain free for all attendees, both online and in-person.

An anonymous giver will match the first \$3,000 in year-end giving to increase the impact of your contribution.

Ways to make your contribution:

**Financial Donations:** Your tax-deductible support for our programs and workshops.

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