



Haiku Canada Weekend May 15th – May 17th, 2015

Conference Highlights:

May 15, 2015

3:00 – 5:30 pm: pick up registration packages at New Horizons, James Bay Community Centre, 234 Menzies Avenue. Book room set-up; silent auction set-up; “meet and greet”.

5:00 – 6:30 pm: dinner (on your own); recommendation: The Bent Mast, across the street from New Horizons (www.thebentmast.ca)

7:00 pm: Evening presentations at New Horizons

Welcome: Carole MacRury and T.A. Carter

Launch of the 2015 Haiku Canada anthology *comparing tattoos* (Mike Montreuil and Cathy Drinkwater Better, editors)

Introduction by Victoria’s Poet Laureate Yvonne Blomer *Twin Cities: Victoria and Morioka*

Launch of *A Hundred Umbrellas* (Leaf Press) Tribute to Dr. Nitobe. Terry Ann Carter and Dan Curtis, editors (readings by Haiku Arbutus and friends)

Jacqueline Pearce – *Into the Forest: Through the Eyes of Emily Carr*
Learn how Carr's art and words can inspire us as haiku poets today.

Johnny Baranski and Marco Fraticelli – *Two Islands: Haiku and All That Jazz*
Haiku readings with jazz accompaniment

Late-night renku party (Marshall and Karen) tba

May 16, 2015

8:00 am Anonymous workshopping: Marco Fraticelli, T.A. Carter

Keynote: Gabriel Rosenstock – *Haiku: The Art of Emptiness* with excerpts from the DVD, *The Light Within*

Naomi Beth Wakan – *Poetry that Heals: A journey from one island to another* (bring writing materials)

Lunch

Miriam Sagan – *No Haiku is an Island* Haiku conversations with Elizabeth Searle Lamb

Shirley Johnson – *Little Alphabets for Little Poems – An Activity Workshop*

Ginko walk: To Emily Carr House (self-guided tour), 207 Government Street (www.emilycarr.com)

6:30 pm: Cocktails and Banquet – Heron Rock Bistro (www.heronrockbistro.ca)

8:30 pm: At New Horizons

General haiku reading. Each participant is invited to read two haiku

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Sunday, May 17, 2015

8:00 to 9:00 am: Haiku Canada AGM & business meeting

Jessica Tremblay – *Thousand Islands: Publishing haiku using new technology, from Twitter haiku to iPad haiga*

Claudia Coutu Radmore - *From One Island of Words: Writing haibun with literary roots*

Kathy Munro – *Haiku Canada North of Sixty*

An introduction to Whitehorse & the Yukon Territory through poetry & photographs, and an invitation to HC 2016/Whitehorse

Book launches, haiku readings

Contest renderings: gingko walk contest, Betty Drevniok Award, Le Prix Jocelyne Villeneuve

Silent auction results

Lunch

Impromptu tour of the harbour and downtown sites