"What does peace mean to you?"

Owensboro Haiku Poetry Contest 2023

NonViolent Owensboro is sponsoring its first Haiku poetry contest for children and adults.

The mission of NVO is to practice and promote nonviolent living through education and community partnerships.

Contest Rules:

Your Haiku entries should be ready for display. Use 8.5in. x 11in. paper and feel free to include your original artwork (no clip art please) to illustrate your Haiku. Select entries will be displayed as part of the NonViolent Owensboro Christmas Tree Display at



A NonViolent Owensboro display at the Daviess County Public Library

the Daviess County Public Library throughout the month of December. For the past three years NVO has partnered with DCPL to display a Christmas tree that is decorated in origami paper cranes created by participants in NVO peace programming throughout the calendar year.

Haiku consists of three lines. The first line and third line each have five syllables and the middle line has seven syllables. Original art can be completed in pencil, crayon, colored pencils, markers, or paint.

With your entries (preferably, on the backside, if sending a paper entry) provide this information:

For school aged entrants:

* Your full name and grade level. Please include the name and email address of a teacher or parent. We will contact you through them.

For entrants 18 or older:

Your full name and email or mailing address.

Haiku entries must be received by Oct 1, 2023.

If mailing a paper copy send to: NVO 2215 Bluff Ave. Owensboro, KY 42303

You can choose to send your Haiku entries electronically if you wish. In that case, send jpeg files of your artwork along with your Haiku. Haiku entries without art can be sent as a part of your email text or as a pdf file or Word .doc or .docx file.

To send entries by e-mail, use our email id: nonviolentowensboro@gmail.com

You will be notified by Nov. 2023 if your Haiku has been chosen for the Christmas display at the Daviess County Public Library.

