Fuyuko Tomita

Fuyuko Tomita was at the Iowa Writers’ Workshop for the 1967–68 academic year during the first year of the International Writing Program (IWP). After Iowa, she moved to the Netherlands, where she has resided for almost 50 years. She continues to publish haiku in major Japanese newspapers, and is working on a series of chapbooks combining poetry and visual art. She is returning to the University of Iowa for the first time in 51 years.

The Japan Foundation and the University of Iowa Japanese Program present

FUYUKO
A LIFE IN POETRY
APRIL 15 - 17, 2019

Monday, April 15 | 7:00-8:30 pm | 315 Phillips Hall

FUYUKO: A LIFE IN POETRY

Fuyuko will discuss her career and read poems that she has written about each stage of her life. To be followed by a public discussion with Fuyuko about her memories of her time in Iowa in the late 1960s.

Tuesday, April 16 | 9:30-10:45 am | 321 Phillips Hall
Tuesday, April 16 | 12:30-1:45 pm | 301 Van Allen

HAIKU WRITING WORKSHOPS

Join us at either one of these two workshops, open to the public, in which Fuyuko will discuss how to craft haiku in English. No knowledge of Japanese language or poetry necessary.

Wednesday, April 17 | 7:00-8:30 pm | 318 Phillips Hall

HAIKU CONTEST

Fuyuko will lead a kukai, a poetry contest in which the winner is decided by the participants themselves. Prepare a haiku at one of the writing workshops to join the competition, or just come to watch!

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