

Nick Virgilio Haiku Association

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Dear Friend of the Nick Virgilio Haiku Association,

You are cordially invited to the Grand Opening of the Nick Virgilio Writers House at 1801 Broadway, Camden, NJ on April 28th and 29th, 2018.

We are proud to open the doors to our new center for writers of all ages, honoring Camden's own Nick Virgilio, world renowned haiku poet. The house is dedicated to inspiring haiku and other verse forms, and supporting literacy, creative writing and self-expression. At Broadway and Ferry Avenue, adjacent to Sacred Heart Church, it is at the center of the expanding Waterfront South Arts Community.

April 28th Poets' Preview Day, doors open at 2 pm

- Open Mic: Poets from Haiku Society of America, Haiku North American and participants of the 100 Poets Reading at Moonstone Arts Center, Camden Pizza and Poetry, Brigid's House and other local groups are invited to fill the house with poetic inspiration
- Screening of two films:
 "Remembering Nick Virgilio", by documentary film maker Sean Dougherty and
 "Nick of Time...Nick of Time", a film of the play by playwright Joseph M. Paprzycki
- Tours of the Writers House

April 29th Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting at 1 pm, doors open following the ceremony

- The Ribbon Cutting: Mayor Francisco Moran, Representatives of the City of Camden and Helene Pierson, who as former Executive Director, Heart of Camden Housing and Community Development Corp, fueled the economic development of Waterfront South
- Blessing of the House: Monsignor Michael Doyle of Sacred Heart Church
- House tours, refreshments, workshops and activities for all ages, children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult
- Sharing our mission: Discussion of what the Writers House will mean to the community and plans to benefit the neighborhood, area students, writers and poets
- Showcase: Reading selections of Nick Virgilio's haiku
- Open Mic: Sharing your poems
- Screening of two films:
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- Celebration in gratitude for our new beginning: Planting of a cherry tree in the garden

It will be a glorious two days, and we will be thrilled to see you there!

For more information, updates, parking or to [donate](#), please visit our website NickVirgilioHaiku.org and "Like" us on Facebook: Nick Virgilio Haiku Association.

Sincerely,

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my spring love affair:

the old upright Remington

wears a new ribbon

- *Nick Virgilio*

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