

Poetry and Climate Change

Playing With Words for a Purpose

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We need you!

Poetry

Elements

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Poetry

Boring Factoids

- Elements
 - Rhythm (Shakespeare - da dum da dum da dum da dum da dum)
 - Rhyme (Emily Dickinson)
 - Alliteration (Green grass grows by the grocery.)
 - Simile (He was like a puppy.)
 - Metaphor (She was a rose in winter.)
 - Put your feelings down on paper

Methods

- Free Write - just write for 15 minutes, random stuff
- The Artist's Way - write 3 pages every day (took me an hour, second page is key)
- Graphic Organizer - <https://www.hmhco.com/blog/free-graphic-organizer-templates>
- Set aside time - I use Friday mornings, tell people I have a commitment.
- A deadline can help, It motivates me to refine and finish what I've been working on.
- Write a little every day. Your writing will improve with practice.
- Carry a small book for notes. Listen in on conversations. Look at old pictures.
- **National Federation of State Poetry Societies** <http://nfsps.com/>

Writing

Put your derrière in the chair

- Good writers are prolific readers.
- Tell your internal editor to take a hike.
- Books I highly recommend:
 - If You Want to Write, by Brenda Ueland
 - The Sounds of Poetry, by Robert Pinsky
 - Twenty Poems to Nourish Your Soul, by Judith Valente and Charles Reynaud
- Poets I like:
 - Robin Chapman, Bruce Dethlefsen, Karla Huston,
 - Lois Baer Barr, Jennifer Dotson, Wilda Morris, Donna Pucciani, Judith Valente, Helen Degen Cohen
 - Billy Collins, Natasha Trethewey, Mary Oliver, Adrienne Rich, Tracy Smith, Nancy Willard, Gwendolyn Brooks,

Local Groups Who Will Welcome You

A Good Time to Live in this Area

- Palatine Second Saturday workshops, 9-12, contact Northwest Cultural Council, \$15 each time.
- Highland Park Poetry, started by Jennifer Dotson, <http://www.highlandparkpoetry.org/>
- Deerfield Poets, formerly at the library on Tuesdays, now on Zoom.
- Poets & Patrons, <https://www.poetsandpatrons.net/>
- Illinois Poetry Society, part of a national federation, <http://www.illinoispoets.org/>
- The Poetry Center, <https://www.poetrycenter.org/>
- Poet Laureate recommended links, Angela Jackson, <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/poetlaureate/Pages/links.aspx>

Climate Change

Resources

- **Inside Climate News** https://insideclimatenews.org/news/25022021/climate-change-ocean-currents-atlantic/?fbclid=IwAR0WO-7AoraqeGyC81dobrq7_RaYsR9jcIRVhG1VZw3JyVxIAI4TJphOsio
- **United Nations Goals** <https://www.un.org/sdgmediazone>
- **David Pogue** <https://fortune.com/2021/02/21/david-pogue-climate-change-book-adaptation-mitigation-suffering/>
- **Earth** (book at NASA) https://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/earth_book_2019_tagged.pdf
- **Climate Change Communication** https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/?gclid=Cj0KCCQjw6s2IBhCnARIsAP8RfAhEjk4cJSmwUrrnfrbLEi24obtMskgy_KqmhAfDz74OTAAKxJyGDRgaAlqvEALw_wcB
- **Arctic Regional Climate Center** <https://arctic-rcc.org/>
- **Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development** <https://www.igsd.org/>