

## SPARKS 2011: Haiku Competition: General Information

1. The SPARKS Competition is open to all who are participating in the festival, whether as readers, listeners, display table overseers, or as volunteers. The announcement of the winner and the presentation of the prize will be made in the last session of the festival, around 5.30 p.m. on January 23, 2011.
2. The haiku ought to have some sort of fire or sparks image in it.
3. The prize for the winning haiku is a package of books and a gift book certificate from the Bookery on Signal Hill Road.
4. Entries will be judged anonymously, i.e. without their authors' names attached, as in the NL Arts and Letters Competition.
5. Competition judges are poets Nick Avis and Tom Dawe. Both have worked in the haiku form, Tom Dawe most notably in the brilliant nine-haiku sequence, "Abandoned Outport." Nick Avis is a major haiku poet, whose achievements in the form have gained widespread recognition; he has also written about the form. For this competition he has provided a guideline sheet which can be found below, after this list, and which may prove helpful.
6. Entrants may submit one or two haiku to: SPARKShaiku@gmail.com  
Or send entries by post to: SPARKS Haiku Competition  
c/o Department of English  
Memorial University of Newfoundland  
St. John's, Newfoundland A1C 5S7.
7. If you are sending your entry by post, please put your haiku on one page, and put your contact info (address, telephone, e-mail) on a separate sheet. If you are submitting by e-mail, do not use attachments. Type the haiku in the body of the message.
8. The deadline for submissions is noon on Thursday, January 13, 2011.