

# Ginko with Lysenko

# A Haiku Workshop

*En plein air in beautiful Benalla*

**Sunday September 8**

**Flat fee \$10 all comers**

**Midday until 4pm**

**A Ginko is a Haiku poetry workshop.** Lysenko is Myron Lysenko, a Haiku specialist, resident in beautiful laid-back Woodend. Haiku is a small poem, of Japanese origin, traditionally of three lines with a 5-7-5 syllable count. The syllable count is much relaxed these days.

## *What's going to happen . . .*

**Noon**

We will meet at **North East Artisans Gallery, 122 Bridge Street East, Benalla.** Light refreshment will be provided – tea, coffee, biscuits. Participants are asked to “bring a plate” or otherwise provide for yourself if you want more! (The Gallery is closed on Sundays but we will have private access.)

**Midday**

After we have assembled at NEA, workshop leader Myron Lysenko will give a small talk on Haiku and distribute information about its history, examples of contemporary Haiku and details of publishing and competition opportunities.

**12.00**

**Between  
say 12.45  
and 2.30**

We'll then go self-directedly wandering, singly or small grouply, to various locations in Benalla – e.g. the football ground, the Art Gallery, rose garden, botanical garden, Aboriginal garden, the walkway around the lake and write Haiku inspired/stimulated by the chosen spots. Bring paper and pencil! Or device!

**2.30 - 3.57**

Wander back to NEA, reassemble and have group discussion on written work. People's Haikus will be written bigly on whiteboard for all to see and comment.

**3.57 – 4.00**

Huge group hug and self-congratulatory farewell. All go home, tired but happy!

## **OK – Who's this Myron Lysenko?**

Of Ukrainian heritage, Myron Lysenko began writing Haiku and Senryu in the late 1990's. He is the Victorian Representative for Haiku Oz, ([www.haikuo.org](http://www.haikuo.org)) the Australian Haiku Society. He has published five books of poetry and one of haiku/senryu titled *a rosebush grabs my sleeve*. His poems have appeared in many journals and anthologies around the world. Myron has run almost 50 Ginko since 2008. He has been writing, performing, publishing, editing and conducting workshops since 1980.

**Places are limited. BOOKING ESSENTIAL. To book: go to Goulburn Valley Writers' Group Inc. website [www.gvwritersgroup.com](http://www.gvwritersgroup.com) follow the easy prompts and pay your \$10. If that's all too much, ring David Kelly 5795 2759 or Robyn Black 0408 553 087.**

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