

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



UPDATE from the City Manager for Sunday, August 30, 2020

Portsmouth Protection Plan: Do your part. Wear a mask.

Deaths to date from COVID-19: US: 183,870 NH: 432. Rockingham County: 100.

Cumulative cases: US: 6,014,258. NH: 7,246.

Cumulative cases: Rockingham County: 1,802. Portsmouth: 105.

Current cases in Rockingham County: 90. In Portsmouth: 5.

For the complete, NH Department of Health & Human Services dashboard <http://www.nh.gov/covid19>

Click here for the entire Advisory collection of poems by Portsmouth Poet Laureate Tammi Truax.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/portsmouth-poet-laureate> Listen for Peter Biello's interview with Portsmouth Poet Laureate on NHPR on Monday, August 31 and click here to learn more about participating in her haiku workshop on September 12 to learn more about the Japanese poetic form she shares with us today.

[https://www.facebook.com/events/3371988319528685/?acontext=%7B%22action_history%22%3A%22\[%7B%5C%22surface%5C%22%3A%5C%22page%5C%22%2C%5C%22mechanism%5C%22%3A%5C%22page_upcoming_event_s_card%5C%22%2C%5C%22extra_data%5C%22%3A\[%7D\]%22%2C%22has_source%22%3Atrue%7D](https://www.facebook.com/events/3371988319528685/?acontext=%7B%22action_history%22%3A%22[%7B%5C%22surface%5C%22%3A%5C%22page%5C%22%2C%5C%22mechanism%5C%22%3A%5C%22page_upcoming_event_s_card%5C%22%2C%5C%22extra_data%5C%22%3A[%7D]%22%2C%22has_source%22%3Atrue%7D)

Haiku capture one moment in time with references to the season and the natural world. These were written in recognition of summer's end.

Three Haiku

through thickening grass
poults strut, no longer little—
bellies full of bugs

like a nagging mom
the harvest moon calls to all—
it's gathering time

waited all summer
to see, smell, touch you again
lovely hydrangea



-- **Tammi J Truax**

Portsmouth Poet Laureate 2019-2021/Maine Beat Poet Laureate 2018-2020