

April is National Poetry Month Create Sun & Other Nature Haikus for Earth Day Events!

Haiku 俳句 is a form of Japanese poetry often inspired by nature. Haiku poems traditionally consist of 17 syllables on 3 lines. The first and last lines have 5 syllables each and the middle line has 7 syllables. One way to start a haiku is to brainstorm ideas and words related to an experience or moment of beauty.

[Haiku Starter – Download and Create!](#)

Bring your poems to the Earth Day events where Nebraskans for Solar and Nebraska Solar Schools will sponsor a table, and we'll post them on a large display board for others to enjoy. Illustrate your poems with paints, magic markers or a photograph, for example, if you want.

Also at our table you may want to:

- **Paint a Suncatcher.**



- **Add Your Sun Songs to a Community List!** How many songs can you think of with the word “sun” in them? Which ones are your favorites? Add them to our list and see the songs others have shared.
- **Personalize a reusable bag with your iron-on initials using a solar-powered iron.** Have you ever ironed outdoors? If you haven't, you'll have the opportunity to experience “fresh air” ironing at our Earth Day stations. Young children will be assisted by a parent, grandparent, or our volunteers. The solar generators in this photo will power the iron.



With a grant from the Omaha Venture Group, we now have tools to store solar energy in a battery and convert it back to standard plug power to provide usable solar energy day or night, indoors or outdoors. What are other ways the solar power can be used?

Photo: Paired with the two new Humless Go Mini battery-generators are two foldable 130-watt portable solar panels. A full battery-generator charge from empty can be completed in 2.5 to 4 hours with these solar panels.

- **Take home a packet of wildflower seeds.**



These seeds are Non-GMO, Neonicotinoid-Free and Guaranteed to Grow.