

Poets whose work will be discussed on May 23, 2:00

**Matsuo Basho**, a 17<sup>th</sup> century poet, made haiku accessible to the middle classes in Japan. This haiku, in the public domain, is one of his most famous.

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/basho>

**Alan Feldman** is an award-winning author of five poetry collections. “Circling the Pond” is set in Wellfleet, where Feldman is a summer resident. Feldman leads a free poetry workshop at the Wellfleet Public Library. This poem is used with the author’s permission. <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/alan-feldman>

**Donald Hall** was the 14<sup>th</sup> U.S. Poet Laureate, and won the National Book Critics Award, the Ruth Lilly Prize and many other awards. “At Eagle Pond” first appeared in *Poetry Magazine* (October 1983). Many of his later poems were written on Eagle Pond Farm, in New Hampshire, where he lived with his wife, the poet, Jane Kenyon. Hall died in June 2018. <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/donald-hall>

**Tony Hoagland** authored eight books of poetry and two collections of essays about poetry. “Crossing Water” was published in *Application for Release from the Dream* (Graywolf Press, 2015) and is set in Wellfleet. For many years, he co-led a poetry workshop with Alan Feldman at the Wellfleet Library. Hoagland died in October 2018.

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/tony-hoagland>

**Jane Kenyon** published five volumes of poetry, including *Otherwise: New and Selected Poems* (1996). “The Pond at Dusk” was published in her *Collected Poems* (Graywolf Press, 2005). Kenyon, who died of cancer, at the age of forty-seven, was New Hampshire’s poet laureate and was married to the poet, Donald Hall.

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/jane-kenyon>

**Mary Oliver** was the author of fifteen poetry and essay collections. “Clapp’s Pond” was published in *American Primitive* (Little, Brown & Co.), which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1984. “The Ponds” was published *New and Selected Poems* (Volume 1), winner of the National Book Award in 1998. Her poetry is most associated with the beauty of the Outer Cape. She died on January 17, 2019, at the age of 83.

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/mary-oliver>

**Margaret Phillips** has lived in Eastham for the past twenty-six years. She taught high school and college in Indiana, Germany, Japan and in Provincetown, from 1989 until her retirement in 2010. Her poetry has been published in numerous literary journals. “Pond Fishing 1933” is used with the author’s permission.

**William Butler Yeats** is considered one of the greatest poets of the twentieth century. He won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1923. "The Lake Isle of Innisfree" was written in 1890, and is set on Lough Gill, in County Sligo, Ireland where Yeats spent many carefree summers, as a boy. The poem is in the public domain.

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/william-butler-yeats>