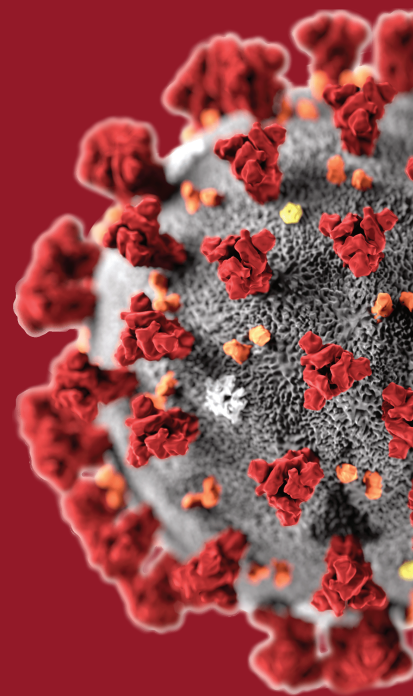
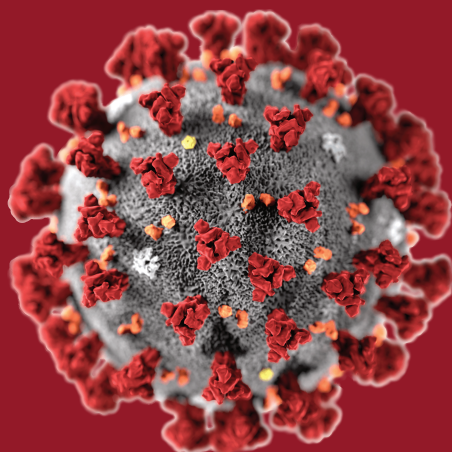
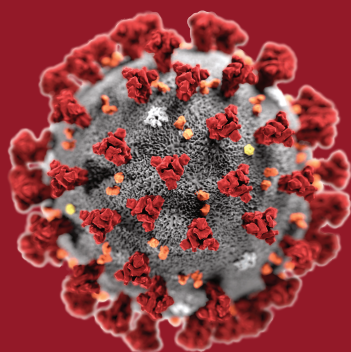
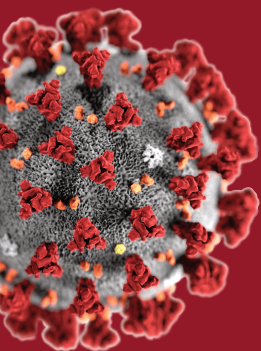
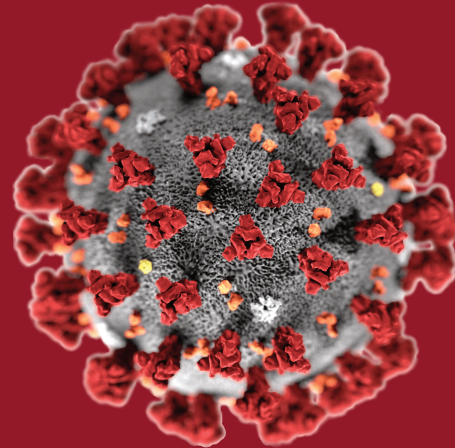
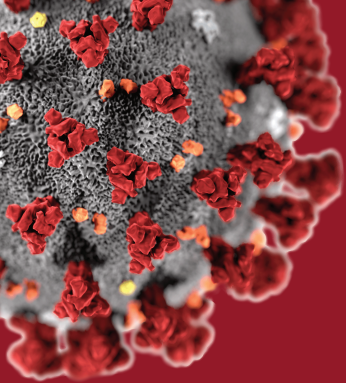


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Haiku (and a few limericks)  
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on 2 coasts- to stay connected  
during the 1st 3 months of the  
COVID 19 pandemic of 2020



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“Anyone want to do a daily haiku check in? You could either be a daily regular (if we don't get a haiku from you we will ask someone to go check on you) or a sporadic participator (send along one when you are inspired). The first person to start the day can start a new email chain with the date at the top and everyone can respond to that each day. They don't have to be about covid but they could be.” ~Pam

### March 18

The woods of Baxter  
The media can't reach me  
Safe from the virus  
~Pam

The mighty Thor's snores  
My favorite lullaby  
Gently bring my sleep  
~Nick

My social distance  
Is your coveted reprieve  
Sometimes we need space  
~Eagle

Group isolate time  
Puzzling Baking Walking  
Togetherness now  
~Amy

Masked figures greet me  
as I return from birding--  
viral Mardi Gras.  
~Pat

All morning hiking  
Heard the red-headed pecker  
A lovely new trail  
~Anne

It's corona time.  
So  
Get yo hand sanitizer  
And  
Stay inside all day  
~Acadia

We connect and share  
Gathering in the moon circle  
Community rises  
~Karen

Annunciation  
Oversimplification  
Consideration  
~Eli

### March 19

The shelves are empty  
No toilet paper in site  
Except in Baxter  
~Pam

A long rainy day  
The corridors are empty  
I'll start War and Peace  
~Pat

Now that washing hands  
Is patriotic duty  
I lather longer  
~Eagle

Sweet kitty watches  
Atop his favorite couch  
Ever Suspicious  
~Eli

My life is on zoom  
Meditation, work and friends  
Except for this house  
~Karen

And celebrate the  
Red-cockaded Woodpecker  
Bores nest hole in pines  
~Anne

Timberdoodle peents!  
Let's call them timberdoodles  
Woodcock sounds funny  
~Nick

Remote Learning it's NOT Homework  
Please be Quiet I'm online on ZOOM  
Walking in sunshine is Best  
~David

### March 20

Virtual worlds rise  
Gaming communities thrive  
moms must come to terms  
~Pam

The first daffodils  
Amaryllis is blooming  
Force forsythia  
~Anne

Social distancing  
Not as hard as real warfare  
And yet we struggle  
~Nick

Thank you for the Scotch  
Last night had a sip or two  
Keeping spirits up  
~Eagle

Sun shining brightly  
no fear to what is unseen  
ignorance is bliss  
~Amy

Tea by the window  
Slow misty quiet Friday  
Loving signs of spring  
~Karen

I greet with surprise  
the early muddy season.  
A Titmouse chortles.  
~Pat

So sorry I missed  
The family zoom meeting!  
Dang conference call!  
The call was good, though,  
A rare chance to talk slowly  
With my busy boss  
~Nick

### March 21

Prep for climate change  
Not so ridiculous now  
5 pounds of almonds  
~Pam

The virus spreads out  
and store shelves become empty.  
We old ones take stock.  
~Pat

One day at a time  
But wasn't that really true  
Before the virus?  
~Nick

Vernal pool at night  
Frenzied wood frog eyes gleam bright  
We stand there in awe  
~Karen

Questions confusion  
Compassion goes a long way  
Sense of structure good  
~Amy

Top of the mountain  
River hills fields in the sunshine  
Call of the raven  
~Anne

Haiku hiatus  
Taking some long weekend walks  
See you on Monday  
~Eagle

Rocky Hill zoom busy  
Helping people is the best  
No isolation allowed!  
~David

## March 22

Art activities  
Mindful and meditative  
I drew a teapot  
~Pam

The bright sun shines in  
Where shall I walk this morning?  
Bach's birthday concert  
~Anne

Chickens tumble out  
Hoping for more than pellets  
Love those mealworm treats  
~Karen

Grouse wing beats startle  
The Japanese translation  
Is the "thunder bird"  
~Nick

Arriving early,  
the Egret seems unperturbed  
by all of this fuss.  
~Pat

Breathe in breathe out free  
forest walk good soul and mind  
dogs know no distance  
~Amy

Still doing haiku  
Antiseptic for the soul  
Stay healthy, people  
~Eagle

## March 23

The vastness of it  
and potential duration  
are what scare me most  
~Pam

Owl flies silently  
Across my path this morning  
We lock eyes and stare  
~Karen

Grateful for life's Gifts  
Material things come and go  
Love continues strong  
~David

We get along fine  
Isolation could be worse  
In a crowded house  
~Eagle

Grouse drummers play cool  
Whether they are behind the beat  
Or on top of it  
~Nick

The snow is falling  
Met my accountant outside  
Phone calling with friends.  
~Anne

For Albert Camus  
plague never comes to an end.  
It goes underground  
~Pat



## March 24

How much should I learn?  
Too much news or not enough?  
Each day is a choice  
~Pam

Late spring snow floats down  
No need for snow day this time  
We watch from new lives  
~Karen

Daffodils hiding  
Lovely snow on trees last night  
Shoveled the driveway  
~Anne

When the day's pleasure  
is a little brown striped bird,  
one's on the Zen path!  
~Pat

Snow everywhere  
What are the timberdoodles  
Going to eat now?  
~Nick

New snow reminds me  
this moment is what I have  
Must go ski now. Yay!  
~Pam

Wish I were skiing  
Typing urgent notes instead  
We all need a break  
~Eagle

“what to do I'm bored”  
exercise routine anew  
Acadia copes  
~Amy

When it's my birthday  
I don't get a real party  
I hate corona  
~Acadia

## March 25

My workstation is  
the old gate legged table  
What plagues has it served?  
~Pam



Sun and snow and sun  
Grey clouds near a blue sky  
Walking downhill home  
~Nick

Proofreading my friend  
Rewrite again and again  
Until you go nuts  
~Nick

Happy birthday Anne  
Thinking of you from afar  
But close in spirit  
~Eagle

The Piping Plovers  
care not for Covid 19--  
at least that's my hope!  
~Pat

Is this a message  
From the earth something is wrong  
Humans need to act  
~Karen

Murmurs in the shrub  
Oh, a gentle whisper song  
It's the mockingbird  
~Anne

What is a Haiku  
But some poem conventions  
Who needs those  
~Eli



## March 26

So many groups of  
neighbors walk by my window  
Then I walk by theirs  
~Pam

Skunk cabbage rises  
Like a monster from the deep  
Reaching towards spring  
~Karen

A Birthday party  
The family together  
Over the airwaves.  
~Anne

Toddler on the trail  
Wearing a blue pile onesie  
Distance a la mode  
~Eagle

Stumbling all about  
and making a mess of things,  
the gods seem futile.  
~Pat  
(This is a reaction to watching the  
opera Das Rheingold, but it seems  
somewhat applicable to the present.)

Wake work walk eat sleep  
routine changes day by day  
or does it really  
~Amy

Parents told me zoom  
I said get out of my room  
Why it my birthday?  
    My birthday!!!  
    MY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!  
~Acadia  
PS I know it is wrong, but I like it this  
way

## March 27

kale, arugula,  
onions, leeks and lettuce too  
grow under pink lights  
~Pam

Birds chirped and twittered  
as I walked among the dead.  
Scott sent them my way.  
~Pat

Wash my hands again  
Wash my hands wash my hands wash!  
Wash my hands? Why not!  
~Nick

Up the Mill River  
all seven local species  
drumming and calling  
~Anne

I found the phoebe  
Singing in a tree in sun  
She arrived Wednesday  
~Karen

Create as we do  
a new normal, brief it is  
yes privileged are we  
~Amy

Low clouds this morning  
Rain and pandemic looming  
Yet buds still open  
~Eagle

Karen walks faster  
Good for healthy heart  
Rainy Day walk done  
~David

## March 28

Bears in the windows  
All the neighborhood children  
Go on a bear hunt  
~Pam

My new puppy  
Was born in Connecticut  
Should I go get him?  
~Nick

Mallards congregate  
insisting on their beauty.  
They're indeed quite right.  
~Pat

1874 dam  
Disaster on Mill River  
Forest and stone now  
~Karen



Chi chi pause chi chi  
On its way to Monhegan  
Welcome winter wren  
~Anne

That closet, oh my!  
Time to make use of free time  
Purge, keep, give, move on.  
~Amy

Simplify your life  
Says the wise HD Thoreau  
And now we listen  
~Eagle

A fat porcupine  
Strolled across my porch last night  
Three feet from my bed  
~Nick

## March 29

Spring skiing by day  
Mystery movie by night  
I almost forget  
~Pam

Tall amaryllis  
Three blood red flowers opened  
A daily delight  
~Karen

A question for Nick  
(after deliberation):  
does Thor wash his paws?  
~Pat

Thor doesn't walk much  
Where other people walk these days  
His paws are low risk  
~Nick

Planning for a walk  
Today's biggest decision  
Forest or the trees  
~Eagle

Muffins for breakfast  
An excellent black bean soup  
Boston Symphony  
~Anne

Repurpose old clothes  
inspiration of the day  
resourceful is she  
~Amy

### March 30

WHAT ARE THEY DOING???  
They shake hands in the movie.  
An anachronism  
~Pam

#### *A Pandemic Pair*

What do I miss most?  
Coffee shops and the ocean  
The beaches and tides

What do I still have?  
Birds and trees and walking trails  
Books and operas  
~Pat

Window view of wrens  
Turning over garden leaves  
Shaking off the rain  
~Karen

Daffodils blooming  
The Yellow-Rumps have arrived  
More zooming awaits me  
~Anne

Rare Vancouver hail  
After glorious sunshine  
We live in strange times  
~Eagle

Grocery workers  
Need health insurance, sick leave,  
And good wages too  
~Nick

### March 31

A month of haiku  
Continue or take a break?  
What are your druthers?  
~Pam

A Hermit Thrush sang  
and I stopped my wandering,  
caught in enchantment.  
~Pat

We can do haiku  
Daily, monthly, till the end  
Reminds we're still here

(With occasional breaks  
When we forget to write one  
Or email despair strikes)  
~Eagle

Oh, haiku haiku!  
How I enjoy each morning  
Coffee Sun Haiku  
~Amy

Views from Sugarloaf  
Ravens croak and Vultures soar  
Anne and Susan climb  
~Anne

Kitchen table desk  
Portal to the world of work  
Foragers come through  
~Karen



## April 1

I just saw a moose!!  
Right here in my own backyard.  
April Fools to you!  
~Pam

I just saw a moose  
Playing golf pretty good too  
April Fools to us!  
~David

Bird walk at dawn, but  
Pileated woodpeckers  
Outside my front door!  
~Karen

And I saw a moose  
sitting on a large tombstone...  
or was it an elk?  
~Pat

April's foolish moose  
Ate a soapy Oreo  
And burped sweet bubbles  
~Eagle

Bright Cow says to Bull  
Silly boy, foaming at mouth  
Calf tricked you again  
~Amy

A moose up the path  
Swimming in the Mill River  
It burped up a frog  
~Anne

What coincidence!  
I went swimming in my pond  
And burped up a frog!  
~Nick

Moose is Liam name  
Hockey coaches call out Go Moose  
Not the biggest player  
~David

## April 2

Hills of Hallowell  
Academy, Central, Page  
Steep, daily workout  
~Pam

During these strange times  
an Evergreen list begins.  
Sanborns do love lists!  
~Pat

Blueberries and bread  
My delivery man came  
Big thank you, David  
~Anne

Feeling a bit fried  
From a busy home workday  
But lucky to work!  
~Karen

Rode bike by Lossone  
Coldest rink in America  
Many games done now  
~David



### April 3

Cats are much like sloths  
In the amount that they snooze  
I watch in real time  
~Pam

A grim announcement  
of the Levels Four and Five,  
when disaster hits.  
~Pat

My Friday flex day  
What to do, free time indoors  
Time for new hobbies?  
~Amy

Perhaps slothy cat  
Can teach us a thing or two  
In search for hobbies  
~Eagle

Christmas cactus down  
to its last dozen flowers  
four months of blooming!  
~Karen

No Coffee this week  
Comfort food helps for now  
Walk, Walk, Walk, and Walk  
~David

Lola on the phone  
Reading aloud, discussing  
Poetry by a friend  
~Anne

### April 4

Just goes to show you  
Hard to know what to worry  
About in advance  
~Pam

Starting seeds upstairs  
With borrowed grow light and trays  
Time for new projects  
~Karen

No puppy for me  
A very small sad story  
Among many large  
~Nick

To mask or not mask  
There is one in the closet  
That is the question  
~Anne

Groceries arrive  
with a delightful surprise--  
chocolate gelato!  
~Pat

Dust everywhere  
Allergy cough not viral  
Really, I promise  
~Eagle

Virgos organize  
Turns out Acacias too  
Last night, front hall done!  
~Amy



## April 5

Trip to the grocer  
Primal forage for fresh food  
I wave to masked friends  
~Pam

Roadside trash distracts  
We bend, gather and fill bags.  
Walkers give their thanks.  
~Karen

Way too much whipped cream  
Pam's strawberry rhubarb pie  
My oh my oh my  
~Nick

UU Together  
Singing the hymns lustily (?)  
Strong community  
~Anne

I walk in the rain.  
I walk in sunshine and wind.  
I just keep walking!  
~Pat

Shopping again soon  
And to mask or not to mask  
That is the question  
~Eagle

Why not mask, I ask?  
A white or blue or red mask  
Why not mask, I ask?  
~Nick

Paisley, I'm thinking  
A homemade fashion statement  
And it's all I've got  
~Eagle

## April 6

Garlic has sprouted  
Spinach and kale survived winter  
The garden is woke  
~Pam

Remote Instruction  
Teaching and Learning from home  
Google Apps rule the scene  
~David

Too much firewood  
I say it's impossible  
Eli, Pam roll eyes  
~Nick

The two Mallard ducks  
contemplate some nesting sites  
among tires and muck.  
~Pat

Red green leaves emerge  
From the ancestral rhubarb  
Memories of Grandpa  
~Karen

Bike ride, change of pace  
Tire flat, cherry blossoms  
Switch bikes, on bloom all!  
~Amy

Shining is the sun  
Date with Aida tonight  
Pansies now planted  
~Anne

Really miss my friends  
Some live close, some live farther  
Can't wait to see them  
~Acadia

### April 7

Time to turn compost  
Stinky bucket from garage  
begins a new pile  
~Pam

Sun shines bringing warmth  
walking and biking is nice  
do not miss driving  
~David

Gerbils chew loudly  
On old toilet paper rolls  
Today's feast of kings  
~Eagle

Where do lost socks go?  
A philosopher's question  
Or merely a slob's?  
~Nick

Something skitters by  
Leaf-like landing on next tree  
Brown creeper is here!  
~Karen

Large chips on the ground  
The Pileated's been here  
Right on Stevens Ave!  
~Pat

### April 8

The mini crossword  
Join Snakebird, Thor and Funyuns  
Fun daily challenge  
~Pam

Happiness is a  
Baked pear raspberry scone  
On a rainy day  
~Karen

Tulips unfolding  
Christmas cactus in full bloom  
Brightening dark day  
~Anne

Students are confused  
now teachers want work to grade  
not like past snow days?  
~David

Happiness might be  
Karen's recipe for baked pears  
for my one hard one.  
~Pat

Our P.M. warns us  
Take care not to speak moistly  
Mask elbow 6 feet  
~Amy

### April 9

I made cloth masks with  
frog and sunflower fabric  
the latest fashion  
~Pam

I stand on the trail  
Flute-like song all around me  
Hermit thrushes are here  
~Karen

Changes working very well  
Good news lowering the curve  
Social distance works  
~David



### April 10

A foot of wet snow  
Now home without internet  
New isolation!  
~Pam

Yikes no Internet  
Still call into zoom oh well  
Read Radio Resting  
~David

Did I really pay  
Ten bucks for 4 rolls TP  
Bought local at least  
~Eagle

11 years old  
Acadia uniqueness  
humor, care shines through  
~Amy

I kneel down and smell  
First flowers of the season  
Trailing arbutus  
~Karen



I made a new list  
Ten days per roll of paper  
Good to know these things  
~Anne

New friend in our yard  
Ending the isolation  
He just lost his head  
~Pam

### April 11

Snowman Bill collapsed  
Snowman Frederick lives on  
there is afterlife  
~Pam

Sun shines weekend Yay  
working finds me Sat Chore Day  
familiar routine  
~David

Checked my phone again  
Compulsion or hopefulness?  
The news is the same  
~Eagle

Sunny and windy  
Birded at Park Hill Orchard  
Blowing trees scary  
~Anne

Phoebes sing; frogs croak.  
Robins together find worms.  
People pass--distant.  
~Pat

A parade today  
With funny hats and music  
Neighbor turning three!  
~Karen

### April 12

Easter memories  
Egg hunts on the Greypiers lawn  
colored jello eggs  
~Pam

A flock of White Throats  
Three pairs of Wood Ducks courting  
The Great Blue soars over  
~Anne

Calm sunny Easter  
After blustery few days  
Garden work today  
~Karen

Snow melt on mountains  
Bald eagles perch nest and soar  
Van(couver) spring ocean views  
~Amy

Grandma's at Easter  
Nearly raw lamb, mint jelly  
Feast for nearby dogs  
~Nick

The bare trees soften,  
less stark against the blue sky--  
hints of gold and green.  
~Pat

### April 13

A foot of spring snow  
followed by an inch of rain  
will peas germinate?  
~Pam

April showers bring  
May flowers wind and lightning  
make home inviting  
~David

Getting low on nuts  
Curbside pickup order in  
We'll see what happens  
~Anne  
Now, among the trash  
are discarded face masks--  
viral detritus.  
~Pat

Back and forth we go  
To open or not open  
Our nature preserves  
~Karen

Easy to distance  
On paths through forest and field  
Keep nature's tonic  
~Eagle

### April 14

I've heard suffering  
is inevitable but  
misery is not  
~Pam

And that smart people  
Don't attend lectures at all  
Says the bathroom wall  
~Eagle

Bloodroot is blooming  
Sweet song of the Meadowlark  
"Spring of the ye-ar"  
~Anne

Eight snakes in the sun  
Where I have seen them before  
In another lifetime  
~Karen

A crowd of robins  
forage in the playing fields--  
social clustering.  
~Pat

Birds chirp play sing soar  
Solo soccer against wall  
Sounds of workday now  
~Amy

### April 15

Tree limbs down from storm  
Neighbors on both sides of yard  
Haul away my branches  
~Pam

Wind missed rocky hill  
Tucked on north side of drumlin  
With winds from the south.  
~Karen

Problems with schooling  
News is bad but we find out  
Luxury problems all  
~David

Towhees drink their tea  
Even under powerlines  
What are they thinking?  
~Nick

Early morning bright  
A slow walk up the river  
Palm Warbler bobbed tail  
~Anne

These little haiku  
are things to look forward to,  
and some fly elsewhere!  
~Pat

Acadia's cooking  
Quarantine's good for something  
Cheesy pasta soon  
~Eagle

Acadia cooks  
Eagle finishes lego  
Sierra tween nests  
~Amy

### April 16

I've heard it said that  
covid's the equalizer  
I think that it's not

I feel privilege  
with home, cash, job and food stocks  
especially now  
~Pam

Yellow flowers of  
Marsh marigolds and spice bush  
Emerge in the swamp  
~Karen

My garden's blooming bright  
Three tulips on my table  
Beauty on each stem  
~Anne

Our good Doctor Shah  
mourns each of our state's losses  
as if family  
~Pat

Today marks 1 month  
Working remotely "pilot"  
What was 3 weeks lasts  
~Amy

### April 17

Less driving. More zoom  
Masks, telework, hoarding, fear  
Will changes persist?  
~Pam

Years ago, she said  
everything has now changed  
almost overnight. (Grandma Fonty)  
~Pat

We are five weeks in  
Time for the chore list seems short  
And we are all home.....  
~Karen

Chore list? What is that?  
Is it like a list of birds  
viewed from a distance?  
~Eagle

Soups and biscotti  
Surprises on the back porch  
Good neighbors and friends  
~Anne

Black freighters snake out  
Three Penny Opera songs  
I thought were history  
~Nick

A day of focus  
Grateful for what I can do  
City beach bike ride  
~Amy



### April 18

Biden really talked  
About his hairy white legs?  
What is up with him?  
~Pam

White legs and white snow  
I see one man with a dog  
The streets are silent  
~Anne

Great music online  
Going down folk rabbit holes  
While it snows outside  
~Karen

Half-rain and half-snow  
suggest some hot chocolate  
and more of Tolstoy  
~Pat

Enjoying no snow  
Garden sun happy hour  
Touch base with friends then  
~Amy

NPR sponsor  
Today is Metamucil  
Living in hard times  
~Eagle

Learning new technology  
More IT into the cloud  
AWS cloud works  
~David

Thor sleeps in the sun  
His head on an old sandal  
How is that comfy?  
~Nick

### April 19

Families reunite  
to play dictionary zoom  
last played at Greypiers  
~Pam

I resent people  
crowding my favorite spots,  
but can I blame them?  
~Pat

The morning is bright  
Off to my fiddle head patch  
Can't wait to enjoy  
~Anne

Bike ride very long  
Liam complains but he does it  
Sunny day way fun  
~David

No Haiku today  
Ate a big lunch, walked a lot  
Now time for a nap  
~Eagle

Haiku forgotten  
Until last check of email  
Goodnight everyone  
~Karen

### April 20

Grateful for garden  
Digging....planting...keeps me sane  
Even squishing grubs  
~Pam

We all find something  
That brings a smile or wonder  
Thank you for sharing  
~David

Fruit trees in full bloom  
While so many are dying  
Tragic irony  
~Anne

Rachel Carson said,  
"Invisible things matter."  
That was years ago!  
~Pat

Coronavirus  
Epidemiology  
More than meets the eye  
~Eagle

Spring cold winds endure  
Much longer than I would like  
But sun gives us hope  
~Karen

### April 21

Apparently, I  
am a human of Hallowell  
Facebook makes it true  
~Pam

Here and there I find  
A small treasure in the woods  
Shadbush flowering  
~Karen

A hard-core Mainer  
Pam embodies it quite well  
That garden will thrive!  
~Amy

Carousels of slides  
My life flows before my eyes  
Memories remain  
~Anne

The post-viral rush  
on barbers and hair salons  
will rival t.p.  
~Pat

## April 22

Flexibility  
Changes in all of our plans  
No choice but adapt.  
~Pam

We are being warned  
there will not be a vaccine  
for global warming.  
~Pat

Mother earth needs care  
Our preservation needed  
We pull together  
~David

We are the vaccine  
We dare not postpone the shots  
For earth awaiting  
~Anne

Small rituals like  
Mugs of tea and fresh muffins  
May they get us through.  
~Karen

## April 23

Days that are the same  
Pass quickly in retrospect  
Hans Castorp agrees  
~Pam

I'm nominating  
Doctor Shah for president;  
Fauci for V.P.  
~Pat

A hike on Mt. Tom  
Woods, streams and birds singing  
Will sleep well tonight  
~Anne

Long workday on zoom  
Talking cuts and stimulus  
At the same time  
~Karen

School cancelled for year  
Remote learning is here now  
Plan for September  
~David

## April 24

English opera  
Loses intrigue and mystique  
Sounds a bit silly  
~Pam

Going to the store  
Dystopian adventure  
Masked bandits swarm  
~Nick

Lucky to just have  
luxury problems today  
days roll by quickly  
~David

The bees are missing  
On my Andromeda bush  
It has me worried.....  
~Karen

Some Vinca blossoms  
emerge, in a slow spring start,  
a splash of color.  
~Pat

To keep things on track  
Most everyone is struggling  
I have it easy  
~Anne

In a funk before  
Rampage in Nova Scotia  
Feeling overwhelmed  
~Amy

## April 25

Close friends suffering  
Hard stuff made unbearable  
With Covid mixed in  
~Pam

Kinglets displaying  
Towhees calling for first time  
Brightens gray morning  
~Karen

Despair for our friends  
Cuts deeper still, when hugs are  
Many months away  
~Eagle

Walk through trees water  
Thoughts of reciprocity  
Spirit replenished  
~Amy



A siren rings out  
once again to remind us  
of what is close by.  
~Pat

Such sad news today  
So many folks suffering  
People we care for  
~Anne

## April 26

Local cow farmer  
brings joy to neighbor growers  
Four dump loads of poo  
~Pam

A handsome ceiling  
and a newly shingled roof:  
glamorous Greypiers!  
~Pat

Met Opera Gala  
The great ones singing from home  
Favorite arias  
~Anne

Braiding Sweetgrass book  
plants botany science with  
Indigenous thought  
~Amy

Cooking lots today  
Sticky buns and samosas  
Breakfast and dinner  
~Karen

Comfort given love  
Waistline expands no complaint  
Exercise helps some  
~David

Blah, four syllables  
Blah, blah, blah, four syllables  
Blah, four syllables  
~Nick

Someone has the blahs  
Perhaps tis time for Thor to  
Take Nick for a walk  
~Eagle



## April 27

Sore muscles feel good  
Many poo loads moved and spread  
Grateful Eli helped  
~Pam

Tech never obeys  
Laws of time and convenience  
Life continues on  
~David

This cold, rainy day  
Is great for yellow birches  
I planted last week  
~Nick

How did all that poo  
arrive at Anne's computer?  
I can't imagine!  
~Pat

I am ready to put  
My sweaters away til fall  
But cold rain persists  
~Karen

Acadia asks  
What day is it? Wait. What year?  
Confusion abounds.  
~Amy

I didn't ask that  
Mama you are a liar 🙄  
That is so not true  
~Acadia



Vancouver

## April 28

Ultimate practice  
In appreciating now  
Rather than waiting  
~Pam

One local barred owl  
Became two talking today  
I found their nest hole!  
~Karen

Testing out futures,  
I can't find a single one  
without summer scones  
~Pat

Right now in my yard  
Nothing bad is happening  
I can live with that  
~Nick

Scones are tastiest  
On the porch with family  
In Kennebunkport  
~Eagle

Anne and David here  
Sitting at a safe distance  
Getting me restored  
~Anne



## April 29

Eli made us a  
delicious cheesy yeast bread  
to go with our soup  
~Pam

Not for a moment  
did I call that gull a hawk--  
quite impossible.  
~Pat

What a surprise!  
My big toilet paper pack  
Held paper towels  
~Nick

On our big shop day  
Strange empty shelves after a  
lifetime of full ones  
~Karen

Heard rumors that yeast  
Is in short supply these days  
Yay for sourdough!  
~Eagle

Masks, food, and new Chrome  
Family is my support  
Thank you all so much  
~Anne

Balance is good form  
Teen does not practice balance  
Extremes bring us stress  
~David

## April 30

George was asking what  
Philosophical question  
would you have answered

If the answer would  
make you happy and align  
with your own logic.  
~Pam

How much, if at all,  
can human behavior change?  
That now is crucial.  
~Pat

Why are we here now?  
To help others of course now  
Helping brings love now  
~David

What matters to us  
When our encrusted habits  
Crumble in the plague?  
~Eagle

Can humans transcend  
evolutionary trends?  
Survival for each?  
~Anne

Inequity lives  
Are we "in this together"  
Privileged bubble, I  
~Amy

What is the purpose  
Of reason? Maybe to probe  
and understand life.  
~Karen

### May 1

Working on method  
to predict the cold water  
Salmon habitat  
~Pam

Joy in the mountains  
Kids, adults and dogs  
The calendar turns  
~Anne

Warm misty morning  
Quiet except distant train  
And birds who must sing!  
~Karen

On the calendar  
carrying us into May  
dogs and people leap!  
~Pat

Back to Zealand Falls  
Memories of Coqui leap  
Fly through time and space  
~Eagle

Letter from Thoreau  
Who may have something to say  
To Corona-bound  
~Eagle

### May 2

This week was harder  
Riding the roller coaster  
Really sinking in  
~Pam

Deliver meals, smiles  
Was feeling need to give more  
Volunteering helps  
~Amy

A surgical mask  
hanging on a car's mirror--  
and more, around necks.  
~Pat

A game of croquet  
In the yard at Marjorie's  
Lively afternoon  
~Anne

Old homestead visit  
Dug plants and salvaged old wood  
Left the world behind  
~Karen

Mister porcupine  
Why did you come to my yard?  
I have to choose Thor  
~Nick

### May 3

Still finding streets that  
I haven't walked down before  
Exploring near home  
~Pam

Two trout lilies bloom  
The first for my fern garden  
A wee joy of May  
~Anne

Today's morning walk  
Strange display protecting nest  
Who is this cool bird?  
~Eagle

I stop to listen  
to noises in the deep woods  
trills and whisperings.  
~Pat

New walk near river  
Below Mt Holyoke's peak  
Floodplain comes alive  
~Karen

Sun is shining bright  
Heat feels good with birds singing  
Plants explode sharply  
~David

### May 4

Canoeing Cold stream  
Watched an osprey catch a fish  
While a snake swam by  
~Pam

Towhees are not shy  
About sharing their advice  
When it comes to tea  
~Nick

Monday morning starts  
Work and chores make day fly by  
Not going anywhere  
~David

The birds are coming  
Baltimore Orioles sing  
Sky is blue and bright  
~Anne

In one field of view  
a Wood Thrush and Hermit Thrush  
so how about that!  
~Pat

I heard in distance  
the song of a black-throated blue  
alas I searched in vain  
~Karen

### May 5

Pea seeds have sprouted  
Onion and leek seedlings in  
Asparagus up!  
~Pam

Cooking dinner hard  
Eating dinner is easy  
Take out comforts best  
~David

Mountain view meadow  
Bubbling with Bobolinks  
Splendor in the grass  
~Anne

A Prairie Warbler  
sings out and then shows itself--  
all shiny yellow!  
~Pat

Brilliant crisp blue skies  
Haze of green fills the forest  
Full moon waxing  
~Karen

### May 6

Avian haiku  
Are bountiful and striking  
Flocks arrive daily!  
~Pam

Connecting circle  
'Balance' was the theme last night  
An intense exchange.  
~Anne

Sad to resourceful  
School sleepover camp cancelled  
Camp indoors instead!  
~Amy

Our summer bookends,  
Monhegan and Glimmerglass'  
wiped out by Covid.  
~Pat

Long life rituals  
Are suddenly up in air  
Will new ones begin  
~Karen

Our plans upended--  
First summer without Greypiers  
In many decades?  
~Eagle

### May 7

Monhegan, pups, friends  
Sabbaticals, sleepovers  
Sense of secureness

Many small losses  
Although not life, job or home  
Suck nevertheless  
~Pam

An unmasked young man  
Waits in line with a puppy  
Just to order smokes  
~Nick

Sitting by a stream  
and listening to Catbirds,  
I drop out of time.  
~Pat

The black-throated blue  
was less elusive today  
Singing his heart out!  
~Karen

Personal delights  
Despair over the country  
How to reconcile?  
~Anne

Zoom with friends now  
Winter weekend friends tonight  
Interesting times  
~David

Nature's wonders shine  
Killdeer broken wing display  
Green growth from brown mud  
~Amy

### May 8

There once was a leader named Trump  
Who put us all in a frump  
He wouldn't be masked  
Even when asked  
He really belongs in the dump.  
~Pam

There is a good friend named Alice  
Her home for her is a palace  
She brings me lilacs  
And biscotti in packs  
Unable to visit alas.  
~Anne

A problem that's bound to be sticky:  
To find the right rhyme is quite tricky  
It's quite a great strain  
As I search my poor brain  
And hope that you all won't be picky  
~Pat

This sends the brain into a spin  
Synapses have turned into tin  
From time in one room  
And on and off of the zoom  
Hard to balance the yang and the yin  
~Karen

Karen is Liam's Mother  
She works hard to do this and the other  
He gives her hard times nearly every day  
If only he knew every day is Mother's day  
The Earth also is our cherished everyday  
Mother  
~David

My grandfather loved dirty limericks  
If it was filthy you knew he'd be into it  
I never understood  
What made smutty rhymes so good  
I still don't  
~Nick

### May 9

Wow no haiku today  
I wonder where they got to  
Maybe they are gone  
~Eli

In my Spanish class  
We each write haikus today  
Ideas spreading

There once was a Spanish class  
Converted to haikus alas  
We made an attempt  
Gave praise -- not contempt  
Then we seemed to run out of gas.  
~Anne

Winter reappears  
Back to the flannels and fleece  
Trees shake in the wind  
~Pat

Wind howls above us  
Hard to believe this is May  
Except for flowers  
~Karen

### May 10

Thanks to Eli for  
Carrying on during my  
Haiku hiatus

Heading to Greypiers  
For a bit of spring cleanup  
Dreaming of porch time  
~Pam

Birds everywhere  
Several nests on our roof  
Starlings--Mozart's muse \_\_\_\_  
~Eagle

He said as he passed,  
"Nobody is sick anyway,"  
when he saw my mask.  
~Pat

Musical Service  
We attempt community  
But it's not the same.  
~Anne

I cook and vacuum  
If momma aint happy aint  
Nobody happy  
~David

### May 11

They ate lots of eggs  
No record of scones alas  
Greypiers middens found

Ball found in garden  
A fitting memorial  
To sweet Perseus  
~Pam

Greypiers arrival  
Race to the blue garage bin  
Find a ball to play!  
~Nick

Wood thrush walked close by  
Whispering soft e-oh-lay  
What a morning treat.  
~Anne

A sunny morning!  
If I sit here long enough,  
birds will sing to me.  
~Pat

Working on laptop  
Happened to glance out window  
Small bear strolled on by ~Karen

Bear walks slowly by  
Must be hungry lunch time now  
No blueberries here ~David

### May 12

One sixty. No way.  
Incentives are completely wrong.  
Price of gas is sick.  
~Pam

The oil bubble goes  
right on without notice of  
death and destruction  
~David

The stand is open  
Asparagus on toast points  
Mem'ries of the past  
~Anne

An unseen virus  
makes us see differently,  
says Doctor Shah.  
~Pat

Barred owl inspires  
and creates community  
and some distraction  
~Karen

### May 13

Eli pointed out  
Should be happy gas is low  
Cause folks aren't driving  
~Pam

Big flocks of waxwings  
Cedar or Bohemian?  
I don't have a clue  
~Nick

My very first thought:  
What a strange looking chicken!  
Insulting the grouse.  
~Pat

Rare lady slipper  
Found one about to flower  
Nice kind of workday  
~Karen

Today the woods echoed  
Ovenbirds filled the forest  
Orange-topped teacher  
~Karen

### May 14

Students don't want work  
They are confused about life  
What is important?  
~David

Gangly tomatoes  
Anxious to plant out seedlings  
Still freezing at night  
~Pam

The mighty Thor stares  
Transfixed at the pond surface  
Stalking wily frogs  
~Nick

Unmotivated  
Children and adults alike  
Goes beyond our home  
~Amy

Watched cat videos  
On Facebook feed this morning  
Scrabble anyone?  
~Eagle

Shorebirds on the pond  
Some on their way to Greypiers  
Five feeding species.  
~Anne

Groceries arrive--  
a major help in these times.  
Many thanks to Pam!  
~Pat

Six hopeful chickens  
do you have something more than  
those dry pellets?  
~Karen



### May 15

Why would face masks be  
Against our democracy  
sign that we aren't free?

Rather masks can be  
personal accessory  
showing unity  
~Pam

On a walk today  
a Wood Thrush kept on singing--  
stunning company!  
~Pat

Veery's in distance  
Orioles and wrens out front  
Ovenbirds behind  
~Karen

Masks in the forest  
Lola, Yellow-throat and I  
Protected from whom?  
~Anne

### May 16

Morning birding  
oriole and tanager  
in front of my house

In the afternoon  
three tanagers at one time  
glowing red in sun

Birdathon brings us  
together and fundraises  
61 species  
(so far)  
~Karen

Bright Birdathon Day  
Exceeded expectations  
In more ways than one  
~Anne

Too many choices  
Each day about what is safe  
We may never know  
~Pam

Our sandplain grasslands  
although barren at first sight,  
are full of treasures.  
~Pat

### May 17

Missing Monhegan,  
I imagine that I'm there,  
wandering the trails.  
~Pat

Good long morning walk  
Wave to friends out with coffee  
sitting on porches  
~Pam

A walk in the woods  
A Sunday with the Covid  
Zoom church and meetings  
~Anne

Birding, transplanting  
the month of May is busy  
with both birds and plants!  
~Karen

Walk with frog lover  
Lots of birds, bees, dogs, and trees  
But no frogs today  
~Eagle

### May 18

Just like Grandpa George  
I admire dandelions  
on the front lawn.

Like Grandma Fonty  
I admire them just as much  
and then dig them out.

And then, like Hihi,  
proud of the ancient digger,  
I admire my job.  
~Pat

Sometimes work is hard  
And I can't make my brain work  
Laziness I guess  
~Pam

May fertility  
Common Merganser offspring  
Twelve bobbing fluffballs  
~Anne

While spring showers fall  
Grim staff meeting about cuts  
Still no decisions  
~Karen

Walking and walking  
The chipmunks are everywhere  
Trees blossom pretty  
~David

### May 19

Our Covid haiku  
Puzzle for historians  
One third about birds  
~Pam

Great growth in birding  
During Covid pandemic  
A hobby for all  
~Anne

Birding the floodplain  
Visiting restoration  
Spring Stebbins delights  
~Karen

Birds and words  
Ornithology haiku  
It's all the rage now!  
~Nick

It is far from strange  
that birds soar through our haikus,  
giving them all wings.  
~Pat

A winged haiku  
Brings much-needed distraction  
From earthbound sorrows  
~Eagle

Chickadees nesting  
Appreciation of home  
Hummingbird visits  
~Amy

Biking on rail trail  
No big hills or cars around  
Not crowded also  
~David

### May 20

How can one help it  
on a thirteen-warbler day,  
talking about birds?  
~Pat

Unfortunate lawn  
Frustrating social construct  
Home of grubs and skunks  
~Pam and Eli

The woods are alive  
Black-throated blues and thrushes  
So much to enjoy.  
~Anne

When I need a break  
I circumnavigate house  
enjoying each plant  
~Karen

### May 21

Opera each night  
A covid education  
Drinking from fire hose  
~Pam

Online meetings work  
Spring is springing out  
Bike rides I feel free  
~David

Thor races nose down  
A turkey takes off and glides  
Smoothly down the hill  
~Nick

Oak and Maidenhair  
Fern garden is at its peak  
A great joy to me  
~Anne

Small things now loom large:  
the scroll on top of a fern;  
the song of a thrush.  
~Pat

Houses we could see  
in winter are now hiding  
in leafy green nests  
~Karen

### May 22

Lovely fern garden  
Inspired by Grandma Ann(a)  
Lady and Christmas  
~Pam and Eli

The lawn needs mowing  
Today or whenever fine  
Time to care for house  
~David

Kidnapped? Adopted?  
Mom Merg now has nineteen chicks  
Lined up on a log  
~Anne

There once was a time  
when we would plan things ahead--  
now it's day by day.  
~Pat

Feeling need to plan  
Something to look forward to  
Provides diversion  
~Amy

One day at a time  
A wise organization's  
Motto proves its worth  
~Nick

Foray into world  
for vegetables to plant  
feels like summer day!  
~Karen

### May 23

On the narrow paths  
we eye each other warily,  
masks at the ready.  
~Pat

Memorial Day  
scones for few are not the same  
as scones for many  
~Karen

Ate Challah French toast  
Tasty start to our weekend  
But scones would be nice  
~Eagle

Missing family time  
On this beautiful weekend  
Tots first world problems  
~Pam

Covid decisions  
To get a haircut or not  
Accept a new style  
~Anne

Crows chase a raven  
Black birds against a blue sky  
Purple flowers watch  
~Nick

Camping trip with friends  
Seems norm to plan then realize  
That it hasn't been  
~Amy

### May 24

Dark purple violet  
volunteers fill the garden  
My most welcome weed.  
~Pam

Birds are thinning out,  
meaning fewer bird haiku.  
Some will be grateful!  
~Pat

Drink drink drink drink tea  
Even towhees like to turn a phrase  
In their own fashion  
~Nick

New tomato plants  
Parsley and basil growing  
Garden is starting  
~Anne

An upward trill rings  
Out in scrub near the quarry  
Prairie warbler sings  
~Karen

### May 25

We remember those  
Who sacrificed so we might  
Find freedom to choose  
~David

I have no issue  
With extensive bird haiku  
Someday I will learn  
~Pam

The line for Starbucks  
stretches out to the highway.  
Make sense out of that?!  
~Pat

On my bed eyes closed  
Yo Yo Ma plays Bach's five suites  
Tears are flowing down  
~Anne

Misty hike among  
giant trees and lovely songs  
in another world  
~Karen

### May 26

Alas, they seem distant,  
strawberry shortcake and scones,  
on a warm morning.  
~Pat

First garden produce  
Asparagus and spinach  
and scallions. Yum. Yum.  
~Pam

Lawn never so good  
On Memorial Day weekend  
Working and biking  
~David

Pam, Eli, and I  
Watch funny shows and laugh lots  
It makes me happy!  
~Nick

Damnation of Faust  
What a way to spend the day!  
But a good hike, too  
~Anne

### May 27

A heat wave arrives  
Eggplant and peppers love it  
Eli and Nick don't  
~Pam

Didn't it just snow  
Out in your neck of the woods?  
Watch out for whiplash  
~Eagle

Some of us in Maine  
might like a little more Spring  
before Summer comes!  
~Pat

Rhubarb pear smoothie  
It's the first of the season  
Shorts down from attic  
~Anne

Two orchids blooming  
both rare and a treat to see  
solitary ones  
~Karen

Sunshine Heat Flowers  
Joy to things opening up  
Massage day for me!  
~Amy

### May 28

Healthy chicken eggs,  
asparagus and fresh kale:  
wonderful good food!  
~Pam

Drumming on a log  
Pileated, Oh so close  
No binocs needed  
~Anne

Another tooth lost  
That's 2 for Acadia  
COVID Tooth Fairy  
~Amy

Pandemic shopping  
requires patience and grit  
almost aerobic  
~Karen

### May 29

On a hot May day  
You might actually see  
Asparagus grow  
~Pam

Special treats, Oh my!  
Along with my groceries  
Thank you to Karen  
~Anne

An unlikely fog  
blows over the empty beach.  
I look for shorebirds.  
~Pat

Chipmunks are cuties  
but not in my strawberries  
have-a-heart deployed  
~Karen

Staycation is new  
We are fortunate for choice  
Movie night is fun  
~David

### May 30

Provides in all months  
Bees love the yellow flowers  
Admirable kale  
~Pam

Night shower welcome  
Omelet with asparagus  
Kingfisher diving  
~Anne

It is hot outside  
It is just too hot for me  
Thor is also hot  
~Nick

As the fog lifts off,  
plovers appear on the beach,  
stopping on their trek.  
~Pat

Greens are coming in  
including dandelions  
weed into salad  
~Karen

Things opening up  
Stanley Park bike ride and beer  
Almost felt normal  
~Amy

### May 31

No mask to be seen  
on the walk I took today...  
what does that suggest?  
~Pat

2 weeks without rain  
Extremes are the new normal  
Quel contradiction  
~Pam

End of the jetty  
Twelve herons stand silently  
Waiting for something  
~Eagle



Humidity gone  
feels like mountain hike day  
that is what we'll do!  
~Karen

Jour de montagne!  
As Grandpa George would proclaim  
Let's head for the Whites!  
~Anne

### June 1

The ferns have popped out  
all along the woodland paths--  
lush, green, and fruiting.  
~Pat

Cerulean sings  
All morning on the mountain  
Worm-eating buzzes  
~Anne

Sad day has arrived  
Five colleagues have lost their jobs  
Including my boss  
~Karen

We struggle for rights  
All races deserve to live  
Freedom rings out loud  
~David

### June 2

A sure sign of spring:  
pink flamingos have arrived--  
all twenty of them!  
~Pat

Maine flamingos - WOW!  
Thanks for cheerful, hopeful thoughts  
Versus disheartened  
~Amy

Police took the knee  
Northampton demonstration  
Led by high school kids  
~Anne

Beautiful back roads  
Craggy sugar maples line  
Stone walls and field views  
~Karen

What is one to do  
Days that even though you stew  
Haiku evades you  
~Pam

Power through, haiku  
Find words in the mind's tangles  
Or birds, in tree's leaves  
~Eagle  
Biking and working  
School will end very very soon  
People traveling  
~David

### June 3

Why listen to news  
If not to help suffering?  
What is the action?  
~Pam

News is good and bad  
Supporting Joe Biden helps  
Leadership brings hope  
~David

Understanding news  
Sometimes helps me work harder  
To change things I can  
~Nick

It's hard to believe  
that our small actions matter,  
yet we still do them.  
~Pat

Balance and routine  
Don't let news overwhelm me  
Do my little bit  
~Anne

News is important  
Just wondering what I can  
do with the knowledge.  
~Pam

If we aren't aware  
our bubble is even worse  
donations can help  
~Karen



### June 4

A blaze of orange  
A Grandma Fonty poppy  
on my windowsill  
~Pat

Hummingbird just near  
Wings flutter so fast so small  
Could almost touch it  
~David

Light cottonwood seeds  
Floating on currents of air  
Spring in the valley  
~Karen

Jan, a friend, is bored  
She wants to learn about ferns  
Fern garden and walk  
~Anne

### June 5

Extravagantly,  
thirty bright orange poppies  
bow to the ocean.  
~Pat

Grading students now  
End of school year upon us  
Out for the Summer  
~David

Venture into world  
exploring permaculture  
Great to meet like minds  
~Karen

Took care of the car  
Watered the tomato plants  
Necessary chores  
~Anne

Why does Trump come here?  
Bringing hatred and disease  
He is not welcome  
~Pam

### June 6

Summer is here now  
Phased opening brings changes  
Anti-climatic  
~David

We elders have seen  
climate and racial outrage  
over and over.  
~Pat

But it is quite clear  
that one has to look further  
at deep corruption.  
~Pat

The flowers perk up  
Thunder and lightning pass through  
Cool the air and me  
~Anne

So grateful for rain  
Even a measly tenth inch  
All moisture welcome!  
~Pam

Two turtles today  
One was small and smooth to touch  
The other fearsome  
~Nick

Snapping turtle takes  
one look and heads back to pond  
Maybe won't nest now?  
~Karen

Thousands demonstrating  
State police, dogs, barricades  
I watch from the porch  
~Anne

Everyone in masks  
State police drive off barking  
Dancing on Main St.  
~Anne

### June 7

I sit by the marsh,  
immobile, silent, waiting,  
much like the heron.  
~Pat

I sit and watch trees  
toss as the storm approaches  
Rain is so needed.  
~Karen

### June 8

Virus and protests  
climate rapidly warming  
a tide coming in.  
~Pat

Climbed up Sugarloaf  
Indigo Bunting greets me  
A sunny, cool day  
~Anne

A beautiful day  
belies the outside chaos  
a suffering world  
~Karen

### June 12

Cheers Pam, Eli, All  
Family haiku elixir  
Refuge from COVID  
~Amy

May 11 Northampton



May 12- Northampton



June 6 Northampton



May 3-Vancouver



April 14- Northampton



June 6- Hallowell



