

**“Simultaneous Light and Dark” – Bernie Reim**  
Thursday, August 8, 2019

This illustrated talk explored the exhibition theme of darkness and light through the lens of astronomy, and the science of an eclipse. As a component of the live gallery presentation, Bernie Reim shared 9 haikus written by students in his astronomy lab courses, each poetically illustrating the experience of an eclipse. He has graciously shared these haikus for our visitors to enjoy.

As Nature stands still  
Heavenly bodies move to align  
The darkness quiets all

Deafening darkness  
The birds stop in their singing  
We wait for the light

In growing darkness  
A white twirling light shimmers  
Dancing Earth appears

A rainbow of light  
The stellar bodies footprints  
Teaching the unknown

Like leaves in the wind  
Ancient orbs tease round themselves  
Waiting to be one

Day turns into night  
When our sun and moon collide  
Quickly they divide

Silence in darkness  
Diamond ring shimmering through  
A romance in bloom

Planetary muse  
Fast and slow light and darkness  
Painting with stardust

A darkening sky  
A ring of pure divine light  
A world in utter awe