

Our Mission

The Global Voices Radio mission incorporates GVR unique characteristics, passions, and outlook and is the driving force behind the organization.

Global Voices Radio is an intergenerational spoken word performance, resource, and outreach project, dedicated to poetry, storytelling, conversation, debate, consciousness, and building community through shared experience of the spoken and written word.

The GVR membership includes poets, poetry organizations, and individuals that maintain a distinct presence in field of poetry both in the United States and internationally. As the GVR gathers support, finances, and staff to deploy its resources it will first concentrate its efforts in the Pacific Northwest, extending to other regions of the US and eventually reaching into Latin America.

Our Vision and Values: Building the Community

Global Voices Radio is driven by a vision of community.

The GVR community:

- informs and inspires its members by bringing artists from disparate disciplines together to encourage discourse and debate;
- challenges the established conventions surrounding art and its influence, human consciousness, and the role of the artist in the community;
- contributes to the community through outreach and an ethos of holism and sustainability;
- supports artists, especially those of written and spoken word, through events, forums, and strategic partnerships across the Pacific Northwest.

GVR is committed to these values:

- **We value creative development.** GVR exists to provide a forum where individual poets, the art of poetry, and their respective artistic energy can be brought together through a variety of media for individual, collective and cultural transformation. GVR creates supportive educational programs and encourages discourse among poets and other artists so they may strive for deeper creative experiences and enhance cultural dialogue in an effort to transcend the industry-generated culture.
- **We value the voices of our community.** GVR recognizes the importance of individual, cultural, and community histories and encourages their preservation through

interviewing, storytelling, and archiving. Cross-generational conversation and mentoring strengthens the voices of the present and inspires those of the future.

- **We value human consciousness.** Humans are inherently creative beings, even when they are not actively composing through music, visual media, movement, or spoken and written word. GVR seeks to cultivate a richer vocabulary for the discussion to enable higher consciousness, mind/body connection, philosophy of interconnectivity, as well as spiritual and esoteric thought.
- **We value sustainability in all of its forms.** Fostering a community of artists begins with certain fundamentals. GVR supports local farmers, whole systems agriculture and biodiversity practices, innovative approaches to healthful living, and a general bioregional and holistic ethos.