

The Haiku Society of America

The Haiku Society of America was founded in 1968 by Harold G. Henderson and Leroy Kanterman. From a group of 21 charter members who attended the first meeting in New York City, the Society has grown to embrace over 800 members from all parts of the United States and the world. Meetings, readings, workshops, awards programs, and various publications have provided members with stimulation and opportunities to learn about haiku and related art forms and to share their work with a wide variety of people who have an interest in haiku.

The Haiku Society of America has played and continues to play a vital role in the unfolding of the refreshingly democratic and lively English-language haiku movement.



The Haiku Society of America is composed of haiku poets, editors, critics, publishers, and enthusiasts dedicated to:

Promoting the creation and appreciation of haiku and related forms, (haibun, haiga, renku, senryu, sequences, and tanka) among its members and the public.

Fostering association, friendship, communication, and mutual support among haiku poets in the United States and around the world.

Society Meetings

Haiku Society of America meetings are held quarterly at various spots throughout the U.S. One quarterly meeting is always held in New York City and this is designated as the Annual Meeting. Some of the HSA Regions hold meetings as well. The HSA also supports other local, national and international haiku activities.

Journal

Frogpond, the journal of the Haiku Society of America, has been published since 1978. Appearing three times per year, it contains haiku and related forms of poetry, articles, reviews, contest results, announcements of the Society, and haiku-related news. Submissions can be made to the editor, John Stevenson, P.O. Box 122, Nassau, NY 12123 (ithacan@earthlink.net).

Newsletter

The *HSA Newsletter* contains details of quarterly Society meetings, other HSA activities, and regional events as well as general news, haiku contest information and results, announcements from publishers of haiku journals and books, letters, etc. The *HSA Newsletter* is published quarterly. The newsletter editor is Johnye Strickland. Inquiries may be directed to her via e-mail: jstrickland35@comcast.net.

Web Site

The Electronic Media Officer, Randy Brooks, maintains the Society's Web site at www.hsa-haiku.org. Features include membership information, a list of officers and regional coordinators, minutes of HSA meetings from 1998 through the

present, archives of award-winning haiku and senryu from HSA-sponsored contests, and much more.

Annual Contests

The Harold G. Henderson Awards for haiku, Gerald Brady Awards for senryu, The Bernard Lionel Einbond Awards for renku, The Merit Book Awards, and The Nicholas Virgilio Haiku Awards for youth are administered annually by the HSA. Application procedures, deadlines, and submission requirements are published in The HSA Newsletter and posted on the HSA Web Site. An information fact sheet is provided upon request with an accompanying self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Membership

Membership is granted for the calendar year and may be renewed annually. The annual membership fees are:

- \$30 Seniors and full-time students
- \$33 US
- \$35 Canada and Mexico
- \$45 All other locations

Members receive *Frogpond* and *The HSA Newsletter* without additional charge. National officers and regional coordinators are elected annually. All members are eligible to vote for officers and to hold office within the Society.

To apply for membership, please complete the following information and mail your application to:

Lane Parker
578 3rd Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94118-3903

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Membership (please check one):

New: _____ or Renewal: _____

Payment Enclosed: _____

Special Membership Categories

We are grateful to those who choose membership in special categories, since it would be hard to meet expenses from regular membership alone.

Friend (over basic membership rate)

Donor (over \$50)

Sponsor (over \$100)

Please enclose your check, payable to "The Haiku Society of America" or Postal Money Order, payable to "The Haiku Society of America."

Non-US members: Personal checks in US funds are acceptable if your bank has an affiliation in the USA. Otherwise, use Canadian or International Postal Money Orders, in US funds.