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# frogpond

on hermitage stone a pause in meditation damselfly

H.F. Noyes

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### Museum of Haiku Literature \$50 for best haiku appearing in the previous issue

spring planting her refusal to compromise

Anthony J. Pupello

#### FROM THE EDITOR

As the worst of the heat waves abate and pumpkins begin to appear in the supermarkets, we present the first of the enlarged issues that will appear three times a year. The increased number of pages allows that amenity that many of you have asked for: perfectbinding.

Among the contents of this issue is a review of many of the better internet sites that feature haiku, which also contains a warning about the many "real stinkers" among such sites. The problem with such uncontrolled expansion of the Misinformation Highway is that many people who have little understanding of haiku get completely the wrong impression of what haiku really are. Thus, *The Wall Street Journal* recently published an article, "Poetic License on the Internet," subtitled "Odes to Spam Renew/Literary Zest On-Line/Haiku Craze Is Back," by a staff reporter, Jeff Zeleny, who tells us that "masters of the computer are redefining haiku," and cites as a model of the new haiku: "Spam volcano blows,/Stratosphere laden with pork./Gorgeous pink sunsets." This outdoes anything in Monty Python's favorite lunchroom! The article was copied in a number of other newspapers, and acquaintances have sent me clippings; I could sense the smirks with which the letters were sealed.

Five years ago, *Harper's Magazine* published a set of what they labeled as haiku by David Trinidad, which were included in "The Best American Poetry 1991," edited by Mark Strand, then the Poet Laureate of the US. The verses were about kiddie TV programs of the '60's, and began with "Like a rock, Elly/May's cake sank to the bottom/of the 'ceement' pond." I wrote a letter to *Harper's*, trying to tell them what haiku are. I said that their examples "are not haiku, never would have been haiku, never (please God) will be haiku." I sent a copy to Strand. Neither *Harper's* nor the Poet Laureate ever replied.

Rest easy, comrades; I have rejected haiku a hundred times better than these, and we still have an 84-page issue this trimester. The haiku craze isn't back (it never left), but crazy haiku seem to be. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Robert Malinowski has given us his impression of the element fire, appropriate for the summer season, for our (perfectbound!) cover.

\*\*K.C.L.\*

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Makiko

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Harsangeet Kaur Bhullar

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Mile Stamenković

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in the early silence—
buzzing fly

Randy W. Pait

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the fly.

Ross LaHaye

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Linda Fuller-Smith

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(Hindi original and English translation by Parikshith Singh)

spider spinning in a field of Queen Anne's lace

Merrill Ann Gonzales

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nor did the fly

Elsie O. Kolashinski

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Elizabeth Howard

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Robert Gibson

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Flori Ignoffo

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Alison Poe

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M.J. Iuppa

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Doris Lynch

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Connie R. Meester

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John Martone

glint

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Suzanne Williams

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(April 3, 1996)

Ayrs Kirkofield

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Francis J. Caporale

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that cricket & my heartbeat
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Dorothy McLaughlin

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Jim Kacian

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Winona Baker

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Suzanne Williams

hollering for my son—the lake hollering back

William M. Ramsey

revisiting the park my sad eyes in the pond

Lynn Theobald

placid pond . . .
tossing pebbles
into clouds

Lloyd Gold

Gracefully flowing, bending with every current, pond scum.

Sandy Sariti

ripple—
again the mountaintop
drifts away

Ruth Yarrow

balancing on the ridge my shadow deep into the valley

Laurie W. Stoelting

alpen-glow cauldron of the dead volcano afire once more

**Brad Wolthers** 

Summer solstice lingering on this hilltop in the last light

D. Claire Gallagher

## above the tree line birdsong breaks the silence

Peggy Heinrich

staggering downhill among the rocks my new bifocals

Paul Watsky

a mountain falls: clear ribbons of the stream plunging over the stones

Wally Swist

in the eddy a small green leaf the others move on

michelle albert

ever restless the moon in the river

Cyril Childs

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Laurie W. Stoelting

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Kam Holifield

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Connie R. Meester

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James Tipton

bandbox lady doing a fast two-step to beat of raindrops

Edith Mize Lewis

down

the

fire

escape

-

a

rusty

raindrop

Carlos Colón

spring shower huddling together, café chairs

Charles P. Trumbull

summer shower . . . trees cast dry shadows on wet pavements

Richmond Dean Williams

thunder clouds almost as dark as the asphalt beneath

Sundance

clouds escape over the mountains leaving me the thunder

Pamela A. Babusci

lightning a sudden laugh in her eyes

Jim Kacian

after the shower the smell of ground rising toward the clouds

Robert Bebek

setting sun sliced between cloud bank and tree line

Cheryl C. Manning

dusk . . . the calls begin

Donald B. Hendrich

#### where shall we go? the wind

#### has taken the map

Michael Dylan Welch

a voiceless bird the narrow streets dividing sunshine and the winds

Mile Stamenković

Summer breeze: this dappled path in constant flux

Tom Tico

wind chimes' new allegro movement on yesterday's theme

Ronan

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Nelle Fertig

a sound of waves—
the summer wind plays them
in the high tree tops

Wally Swist

summer wind—
the aspens beside
themselves

Donald B. Hendrich

deep timber the storm wind unhinging shadows

A. Araghetti

lull in the storm—
the birch tree
straightens

Robert Kusch

tree shadow by tree shadow down the street

Bruce Ross

The apple tree holds itself in its own embrace.

Linda Claire Yuhas

only the shape of the water birch in the bittersweet's stranglehold

Judson Evans

the tree bark gently enfolds barbed wire

Lee R. Seidenberg

with barbed wire deep in their guts—the old trees at the pasture's edge

Larry Kimmel

#### CRIME SCENE/DO NOT CROSS

well inside the tape that flaming maple!

Louise Somers Winder

in the sawmill yard for a moment seeing all the stumps

in the hollow of the rotten tree stump a wild vine takes root

Cathy Drinkwater Better

Robert Kusch

civil war cannon lost under blankets of alabama kudzu

Ryan G. Van Cleave

Ferns turning yellow lighting up the forest where no sun shines

Jim Thielen

stillness at dawn surprised by the whirring wings of a rising dove

Eileen I. Jones

Edge fencing circles a garden never planted

Debra Kehrberg

old woman folded double pulling weeds

Linda Claire Yuhas

in the compost pile an onion coming back to life

Robert Gilliland

brothers
harvesting the cornfield
monk and mouse

Mary Fran Meer

field of corn trembling as rain begins

Robert L. Brimm

airfield closed down a windswept runway

tumbleweed

Ellen Compton

dusk leaving behind a slice of mandarin sun

Dawn E. Powell

at sundown how far the little pebbles cast their shadows

Elsie O. Kolashinski

first rain drop cat

opens one

eye

Philip Miller

in and out of summer rain a ginger cat

ai li

scaling the piano our cat plays on

Connie R. Meester

even though he doesn't know the way my dog insists on leading alone in the house my dog at the window yawning

Michael Steffen

Turbulent waters—
the lone pup rides a broken raft wagging his tail.

Diane E. Baumer

empty collar
on the table
—taking his memory
for a walk

Dianne Borsenik

gentle breeze covering her old dog's grave with plum blossoms

Louise Somers Winder

Twilight's last gleam—
the back entrance
of the animal hospital

Ellen Florman

cat-leap the firefly extinguished

Kevin Hull

up early, the woodpecker turning my house into his

Frank Higgins

soft clay the sparrow's tracks sketch a sparrow

highway cafe a sparrow picks bugs off parked cars

Michael Fessler

Robert Gibson

Logging road—
the pileated woodpecker
flings its cry ahead

Carol Purington

walking the bounds where the bobwhite called clearcut

Ellen Compton

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Charles P. Trumbull

calm waters
a flight of egrets mirrored
downstream

Ruth Holter

Nearly featherless the old ostrich struts.

Peggy Garrison

heat wave coming the nasty snarl of mating cats

Merrill Ann Gonzales

summer heat the broodmare's sagging back

R.A. Stefanac

# dark houses silent streets the small orange glow of doorbells

Lee R. Seidenberg

light for so long now it is the dark of night that wakes me

Leatrice Lifshitz

summer night even my dreams are reruns

Gene Doty

clear candleholder its midnight emptiness the shape of moonlight

Richard Thompson

at 3am silent petrol pumps

ernest j berry

4 am
a few voices
prop up the night.

Peggy Garrison

4:30 a.m.
the hounddogs sleeping at last
but the rooster

Elizabeth Howard

summer morning—
the crew paves a new road
across my dream

Hayat Abuza

The blue jar filled with sunbeams overflows the windowsill

Joyce Austin Gilbert

the morning sun takes the lazy path to the waterwheel

A. Araghetti

morning jogging in every sport-shoe a thousand twitterings

Mile Stamencović

dopple to dopple cars swish i n g

Dorothy Howard

crumbling barn new tractor in the field waiting

Flori Ignoffo

moving below a distant speck: our plane's shadow

Lyn Reeves

after the air show the planes' wing washes through each other

setting down the incense cone its warmth

A. Araghetti

River fisherman the sun landed at twilight glimmers.

Marijan Čekolj

the darkness it makes about itself flaring match

Susan Stanford

our campfire burns to death

Tony Konrardy

Morning, doves call— I turn to watch My partner sleep

D.L. Bachelor

fingers intertwine—
we had no idea how long
our walk would take

Randy M. Brooks

at the red light

proposing to the woman
in the rear-view mirror

on the answering machine the voice
I met at the Botanic Gardens

James Tipton

finding her note in my shirt pocket: hours until morning

Randy W. Pait

jazz on the radio and candle flames but she had to go

Donna E. Dodson

after lovemaking, the moon in the window of the cheap motel

Michael Dylan Welch

after the wedding, the glass wedged in his shoe clicking and clicking

Myotis Brown

inside a heart carved on the dead tree my ex-wife and I

ernest j berry

my sweater—
how strange her name
on his lips

Paul M

### teacup empty my mind full of disappointments

Pamela A. Babusci

angry
I fold the laundry
a third time

John Sheirer

slashing the meat saying she is no longer mad at me

Jerry A. Judge

lyingbacktoback
the space between us

John S. O'Connor

in deep silence I eavesdrop her absence . . .

Marijan Čekolj

empty room then another

Tom Hoyt

roses on sale at the florist you frequented

moving day old rose petals in your dresser Fay Aoyagi

Jim Mullins

drinking alone—
night rain
streaking down the window

Yu Chang

alone
in this strange bed—
a distant train whistle

Jocelyn A. Conway

that timelessness in the old man's eyes as he tells his tales

Jeff Swan

faded like the house she lives in the old woman's wedding photo

Angelee Deodhar

her eighty-first birthday: in the mailbox coupons

in a hospital bed thinking in two directions

Rebecca M. Osborn

sultry breeze lifting my skirt old man's spittled grin

Gloria H. Procsal

footsteps in my mother's bedroom no one there

H. Nelson Fitton

We men lift the matriarch's casket: the lone white cloud

Mike Dillon

rush hour—
the traffic slows behind
the coffin-bearing truck

Tim Happel

funeral procession the street corner mime salutes

Melissa Leaf Nelson

after the funeral she sleeps on his side of the bed

Stuart Quine

the new grave—
a flying grackle dissolves
into light

Eileen I. Jones

raised by her hands
I lay poppies
at grandmother's grave

Amy Fabricius

watering grave flowers with an old coffee can whispering his name

Ken Harrell

we sweep his grave the cow pond choked with weeds

Susan Stanford

An ancient gravestone.

Kneeling to clean out the moss that obscures their names

Robert Major

Seeking ancestors
I find our names buried
beneath heavy moss

Sarah Hickenbotham

one year later
the family name glistening
in sun-hot marble

Florence McGinn

a sunbaked path no shadow comes to meet me

Keiko Imaoka

just before her arrival my shadow across the train tracks

Kenneth Tanemura

#### dawn moves step by step as my baby cries

Lael Johnson

dawn's first light creeping into the nursery watching my son sleep

Penel Ketchek

sunlight veiling children's hair at the church door

Dorothy McLaughlin

poked inside a trumpet flower: toddler's finger

Emily Romano

summer breeze . . . a tin-can phone call from treehouse to treehouse

Michael Dylan Welch

Family reunion

—the nameless children all strangely familiar

Carol Purington

Smoothing her doll's skirt small fingers edged with bright polish

Peggy Olafson

We play hide-and-seek on a long summer's evening . . . called home one by one

Robert Major

darkening sky
wondering where
my children have gone

Kay F. Anderson

my child tells me she's asleep

Ellen Brimeyer

on the walk his brazen shadow touches her

Jerry A Judge

alone again—
the deeper blues
in her watercolour

Michael Dylan Welch

my complex painting
—even I can't access
its meaning

Francine Porad

the busy sidewalk—
a small crowd gathers
around his guitar

Mark Arvid White

Briefly at rest before the next round carousel horses

Tom Tico

both of us talked out in the shallows, minnows

Robert Jenkins

awkward silence—
the clink of dinner forks
deafening

Dawn E. Powell

summer evening porch—
palm fans waving back and forth
conversation wilts

Stephen Radcliffe Schieck

starlit night neighbor's voices drift from half-open windows

Kenneth Tanemura

Afternoon nap the bells of San Lorenzo strike the heat

D. Claire Gallagher

Golden Gate in fog from the postcard shop a clear picture

Robert Epstein

oakland burning my rice pan boiling over

Hasa

coffee and beignets powdered sugar on your smile

Keiko Imaoka

absorbed by the lochs . . . sound of pipes

ernest j berry

summer downpour—
the bronze boy in the park
keeps on peeing

Charles P. Trumbull

steam rises in an open field first monsoon gentle rain . . . moonlight on every umbrella

Kim Dorman

toothless wahine smile lines swallow her moko

wahine, Polynesian woman.

ernest j berry

moko, traditional Maori face tattoo, on the lower lip in women.

first
umeboshi—
the
pucker
spreading
to
my
toes

S.B. Friedman

umeboshi, pickled plum

In the Ponto-cho, she passes circumspectly . . . a modest geisha.

(Kyoto)

Robert Major

old warrior's house at the bolt of the wooden door a snail's asleep

Yasuko Yasui

raccoon night drunken father singing the same old war song

Yoko Ogino

The "raccoon" here is the raccoon dog (tanuki), an East Asian wild dog that has a masked face remarkably like that of the North American raccoon, but a fatter body and a shorter, nonringed tail. It is said to beat on its belly when it hears music, producing tanuki bayashi—ghostly drumming.

happy hour smoke curling into smoke

Christopher Suarez

with a bottle of port pair of old seadogs tacking round the bar

ernest j berry

An inch beyond the horse's reach roadside poppies The old pond: a waterbug disturbs the universe

Dave Sutter

stones in the sunlit meadow . . . pierced by the shrill drone of cicadas

Wally Swist

Overgrown old pool— I remember the voice of the frog who lived there.

Tom Williams

prairie pond . . . the swish of the reed as the red-wing lifts

Elizabeth St Jacques

The sounds of popping lilies unbudding on a dying lake in bloom

Sandra Gordon Hersh

old pueblo coyotes crossing the street

Keiko Imaoka

Each time I glance from the haiku page a new cloud formation

Tom Tico

shafts gleam through the fraying clouds

Lloyd Gold

missing the turnoff across the plains the shadows chasing sunlight

Melissa Leaf Nelson

blackberry picking—
the first breath of morning
in the cottonwood tops

Lee Gurga

armadillo by the side of the road small arms folded

Celia Stuart-Powles

one perfect shell among bits of broken trash littered on the sand

Sheila Hyland

Sand swept away— White seashell on the table.

Jean E. Leyman

the sea-edge moon a small version of the one we have in Texas some of the sun glinting off the sea is dolphins

Jim Kacian

driftwood the sailboat skipper tacks windward

Raffael de Gruttola

so dark
all the minor stars
confuse the constellations

Paul O. Williams

first star silence after reciting the rhyme

Christopher Herold

again no stars how can a wish be made

Rita Z. Mazur

deaf signers on tour,
so much talk, only the sound
of their laughter

Hayat Abuza

in the mirror the blind man's face stares back at him

Joseph DeLuise

Doing string tricks
as the children gather—
the old molester.

John Laugenour

emergency room an unseen phone rings and rings

Anthony J. Pupello

my wife's breasts the surgeon gauges my reaction setting out on holiday the scientist plans his next experiment

Cyril Childs

expert deposition folding and unfolding his surgeon's hands

Barry George

tough algebra problem: eraser rubbings scattered on the floor

Keri Leigh Heitkamp

Reading in bed my pinky the first asleep.

Patrick Sweeney

moonlit night . . . stepping on the rose's shadow

Kenneth Tanemura

on her knees in a field of bluebells, the agnostic

Geraldine C. Little

Eucharist she leaves her gloves on

Heather Buss

noon breeze the old nun's expression unchanged

Christopher Suarez

crickets between

her

prayers

Valorie Broadhurst Woerdehoff

no rain twilight stretches the shaman's prayer-stick

Anthony J. Pupello

their plantation house refurbished; porch rockers vacant

William M. Ramsey

home from the navy my room still the same

Devin Lindsey

so much depends on a photographed smile so long departed

Robert Henry Poulin

The neighbor across turns off his TV first, then his living room

André Lefevere

July 4th through barbecue smoke the salmon's bright eye

after

Marian Olson

the

parade

toy

flags

in

the

garbage

can

fireworks the whiteness of men's throats

Makiko

Simon Ott

fish and chips last night's news seen through

Jim Kacian

lunch hour walk scent of honeysuckle evolving into burgers and fries

Cathy Drinkwater Better

out of the freezer a roasting-bird goosebumps

Susan Stanford

in the meat of the papaya Gauguin's orange

Frederick Gasser

soup kitchen the hollow ring of an empty ladle

Anthony J. Pupello

sticky hot adjusting the fan to include the windchimes

Ronan

bleak desert on my car radio white noise

Elizabeth Nichols

# summer heat puddles the road with shiny illusion

Richmond Dean Williams

clear desert night vertigo watching the stars move the sky

Ronan

Summer's end—
I spend today at the beach the woods tomorrow

Kam Holifield

summer sloughs cicadas begin to trill in willows

Jianqing Zheng

still whole beneath this wasting leafpile cicada shell

Eileen I. Jones

grinding, grinding, one cricket keeps fall going

Ayrs Kirkofield

running this road i see no one autumn dusk

Jerry Gill

The harvest moon— Between clumps of crabgrass A rotting plum

Edward Zuk

# beneath a blownout tire a blue spiderwort last day of summer

Nina A. Wicker

ripe persimmons two less for the birds summer's end

Flori Ignoffo

barren twigs over a hum of bees fallen persimmons

Lori Laliberte-Carev

old men picking the last berries in an autumn meadow

Judith Liniado

autumn sun

in the vineyard, all the leaves the colors of wine

Christopher Herold

September heat—gathering seeds from the cosmos

Emily Romano

first autumn rain dandelions everywhere again!

Jean Campbell Simmonds

all the flowers

under the fragrant olive
rains of autumn

Michael Fessler

oak branch shadow framed in the stairwell . . . autumn moon

Jimmy Dunlap

helped on my way this sky in constant motion autumn foothills

H.F. Noyes

distant surf . . . a spider web billows the autumn light

Ebba Story

House sitting—
the lily I thought was silk
turns brown

D. Claire Gallagher

along
with yellow leaves
one more rose

Alexius J. Burgess

in the garage a vine hangs limp in a rake cold autumn rain

Robert Jenkins

A mud-crusted milkweed pod glistens with sunlight

Debra Kehrberg

over dark sagebrush plains a brief radiance autumn sunset

Anita Sadler Weiss

Clouds rumbling over an alpine pond one last cast

Walt McLaughlin

autumn moon not a ripple in the lake until we cast

Leatrice Lifshitz

The haiku on this page are from the Creative Writing class at the Isidore Newman School in New Orleans. Others were printed in the previous issue, including one that was misattributed, and is printed again here.

As my teacher's words flutter in the background I listen to the leaves

Geoff Flaum

Rain drops from the crack in the ceiling . . . getting out the pot

Katie Lind

He arrives home late as always . . . I hear them fight

Mia Romanik

Christmas morning in mountains far from home . . . a chill in my family

Kathryn Elkins

At my dead uncle's gravestone I realize I can't remember his face

Colette Iteld

My aged grandfather races past me in his Cadillac

Brent Palmer

Driver flips me the finger. Small bumper sticker reads: Mean People Suck

Lisa Pretus

antique photograph four generations squint into the sun

Robert Jenkins

my crush nothing like mother

Patrick Donovan

grandma arrives a car pileup following her

Sarah Holtorf

classic car show an owner's chamois worries invisible dust funeral procession—
lights winking out, the last car
turns into McDonald's

Jack Lent

her dimples deepen as she confesses to denting the fender

tribal powwow
the drumhead made fast
with duct tape

Yvonne Hardenbrook

John Stevenson

Old beach umbrella Rain wets

her new bathing suit

Carol Purington

candle in the bedroom hiding his imperfections

Amy Fabricius

wrapping my legs around your waist—

the door bell

Valorie Broadhurst Woerdehoff

## In Praise of Light

From a Nursing Home Window

dawn patches of darkness fade away leaving the black trees . . .

THEN WITH THE SUN . . . COLOR

returning the pink to umbered oleanders morning sun

upward reaching tendrils of cat's claw vine the first to turn green

vertical blinds sun stripes the yellow of potted chrysanthemums

a fleeting rainbow bounces off the chrome of sterile instruments

deepening shadows faded reds of sunset stain the stucco wall . . .

### AND DISAPPEAR

twilight colors gray and dissolve swallowed by the long night

Lesley Einer

Duffy (1982-1996)

Final injection my dog's head drops slowly onto my hands

Backyard burial a brown-and-white paw extends from the body bag

Duffy's grave the noise of my mower —wanting to stop

Fast-growing grass a faded tennis ball marks the dog's grave

in my dream he runs through the house then vanishes

Peggy Heinrich

## **Babine Village**

For twenty-two years I spent my summers with the Babine Carrier Indians on Babine Lake in northern British Columbia. My work, as an anthropologist and linguist, was sponsored by the Peabody Anthropological Museum of Harvard University. These haiku cover one early autumn day at the village, a last day before my returning home.

loon's cry
out of the mist awakens
babine lake

a blind indian and the village blackbirds face east waiting

> sunrise thirty pound salmon roll in babine river

> > salmon run
> > the eagle's swoop from
> > fir to river

old log church on babine's shore only swallows attend

autumn evening
wolf howls from the ridge
above the village

close to the fire this starlit night no beginning no end

robert gibson

### Lake Superior Fisherman

still dawn . . . a lake trout flips out of a crate

pulling in gill nets the fisherman's patient hands

such green cold! a boulder rolls off a net

picking trout he talks of better days

the rising sun warming the herring still in the nets

boarded shut his father's fishhouse next to his own filleting trout . . . he flicks a tidbit to his dog

the whir of his ice-maker jury-rigged again

a salmon on a bed of ice . . . its gaping mouth

all at once out of the de-scaler a rush of herring

plumper than the rest the herring gulls around the fisherman's hut

tourists gone . . . he's still open for business

Jeanne Emrich

# Hangin' Tree

hangin' tree restless shadows disappear in noon-hour sunlight

ancient oak its lower limbs scarred by rope burns

black oak tree years since the last hangin' ravens gather still

Brad Wolthers

# Contemplations: Summer

"The entire cosmos is a song, a choral chant, a festive song and a marriage feast."

Ernesto Cardenal

midsummer morning—
through hazy humidity
someone singing scales

picking corn each kernel luminous

the sycamore tree flooded with sparrowtalk and sunchant

the whole field
of Queen Anne's lace sways
to windsong

weeds by the stream—
beneath two dragonflies
a maze of colors

once more marrying night to light fireflies

a billion stars?

a trillion or two?

the holy humming

Geraldine C. Little

### Tick by Tick

biopsy tick by tick the clock's red second hand

pale sky
cut by a crow's fast wing beats—
a lab tech draws blood

five IV stations one TV:
General Hospital

a chemo patient updates her nurse: the whole plot love life by love life

discharged!
on the IV pole a glimmer
of sunlight

my fortune cookie . . . no white slip

Carol Conti-Entin

# **Nothing New**

denying Apollo saving herself, losing herself Daphne becomes a laurel

> telling her shrink how she has learned to harden her heart

Cronus devouring the children destined to overthrow him

> the old man still ridiculing his grown son

Prometheus stealing the gods' fire for man— Zeus' anger

mushroom cloud in possession of hot goods we live in fear

maenads frolicking in the forest eating the wild goat raw

> drinking Perrier not wanting to feel my primordial nature

lame Hephaestus working at his forge alone in the gloom

all the girls trying to catch the eye of the quarterback

Zeus master over everything but himself

another great evangelical career ends in a hooker's arms

Michael Ketchek

### **ENTERING THE LIGHT**

A Zenga\* by Margaret Chula and Christopher Herold

What is the shape of a turnip root when it enters the light?

the pond instantly filling all the holes poked by raindrops

Mockingbird— At what time does it sleep?

> In the silence between seasons, the woodbine bursts into fragrance

Are we picking the flower or is it picking us?

over and over the dog fetches moonlight on a slobbery stick

rising through mud, the white lotus

When you grow up what am I going to be?

girl rotates her hips the hula hoop completes a hundred circles

Who has seen the shadow Of a shadow?

blinded by cameras the defendant's attorneys in the limelight

Where do they come from? Where do they go? Stripes on the barber pole.

fire licks the pages of love poems turning to ashes shimmer of air

the spin of the planet under northern lights.

\*Zenga: This poetic form is reminiscent of a Mondo, a question and answer exercise between a Zen master and student. In our exchange, however, there are two obvious variations. First, there is no differentiation between teacher and student (we tried to maintain the spirit of beginner's mind). And second, our dialogue was written rather than face-to-face, thereby losing some spontaneity. Nevertheless, Chris and I enjoyed answering each other's questions and posing new ones, as in renga links. When I told Alice Benedict what we were doing, she laughed and said, "Oh, a Zenga!" So Zenga it is.

Margaret Chula

# Chaparral

Rengay by Helen K. Davie and John Thompson

steep uphill climb watching turkey vultures rise in the thermals

twisted manzanita so smooth to the touch

August noon . . . across the layered sandstone a lizard's flash

fossil hunters chip away at the mountain spider motes drift by

a rabbit's bleached jawbone caught in the ceanothus

seed pods rattle down the narrowing path a coyote vanishes

### **Night Clouds**

Rengay by Yvonne Hardenbrook and Tom Clausen

night clouds releasing the Thunder Moon windchimes

Yvonne

unable to sleep way off, the freight

Tom

from the porch voices of grownups rise and fall

Yvonne

fireflies
dance in the meadow
a child dreaming

Tom

no crickets for a moment the squeak of a rocking chair

Yvonne

midnight stillness now and then around the pond a few frogs

Tom

lightning's boom the children comfort the babysitter

Francine Porad

# **Taking Root**

# Rengay by Ebba Story and D. Claire Gallagher

Lahaina sunrise aerial roots of the banyan sweep my shoulder

ES

After chemotherapy she combs what's left of her hair

**DCG** 

the white nub of a sprouting pear seed: my window-framed sky

ES

Tomato seedlings into his grandson's garden—tamping the soil

**DCG** 

the aroma of ginseng steeping in an earthen pot

ES

Toppled ponderosa roots suspending granite in mid-air

DCG

yard sale the kewpie doll I never won ripe tomatoes the pantry window holding the sunset

R.A. Stefanac

### **Face of Wind**

# Rengay by Valorie Broadhurst Woerdehoff and Connie Meester

after she'd making he the sheets	r bed	v
	in her mask collection	
	the face of wind missing	c
drawing or	the sidewalk	
	k the color of her eyes	
when she was born		v
	father meeting fiancé	
	the hummingbird flies	
	at his own reflection	c
	trying on wedding dresses	
	the cry of the mourning dove	V
breathless		
seeing her	face	
-		

(for our daughters)

ice cream cone falling the child's face too

through the nursery window

sundance

## **Autumn Rain**

# Rengay by Cherie Hunter Day and Ce Rosenow

storm clouds darken a barren field flock of crows

> another lightning flash the silence before thunder

first raindrops soak the sidewalk a summer's worth of leaves

sudden downpour . . . the spider's web tears in the wind

on a leafless paper birch lichens slowly uncurl

sunbreak—
vermilion leaf clings
to the clothesline

piled each raindrop floods

Robert Henry Poulin

### **HAIBUN**

### Serpent in Summer

Away from the macadam parking lot, I follow the park's serpentine trail. It is much cooler here, among the wild grapevines and bittersweet, tangling together in semi-shade.

movement catches my eye

—from its huckleberry hideout,
snake eyes glitter . . .

The snake's skin is blue-black. blending well with berries and shade. Had it not moved, I surely wouldn't have seen it.

I soft-step past, keeping to the far edge of the trail. I find myself listening for its supple slither on the forest floor.

not a breath of wind; butterflies drink from a stump's well . . .

Emily Romano

# Bigger than the Moon

Leaning way back in lawn chairs. Binoculars drinking summer starlight. Hunting the galaxy Triangulum.

- "Start at Beta. Go a fieldwidth southeast."
- "Nothing. You're sure it's the right spot?"
- "Let your eyes adapt."
- "These things are powerful enough?"
- "Sure. It's a huge galaxy."
- "Aren't they all?"
- "I mean it *looks* big from here. It fills more sky than the moon" "No."
- "Keep looking."

faint Triangulum whisperglow bathes retina suddenly it's there

David Nelson Blair

### The Walden Spirit

I walk the winding path to the small shanty I built among the evergreens surrounding my pond. I have decided to camp there and to spend this one night deliberately with nature.

mixed with mine on a pencil mouse toothmarks

Darkness closes. I light a candle. The simplicity which surrounds me reminds me of my youth; my mind wanders . . . . I awake from that dimension when my eyes focus upon my aged face glowing in the window.

staring into my darkened window reflecting

I read Thoreau late into the night, and write a few words. In the breeze a hickory limb rubs the wall with the rhythm of sleep.

night wind rises candles and eyelids flutter

This day dawns. I must sojourn in civilized life once more. Yet I go with a renewed sense of the tiny pleasures, and of the intended simplicity, of life.

i leave the door ajar wren

Phil Howerton

# **Finality**

Hungry, death comes calling. A little knot of excitement in front of the bedroom door, then the gurney is off with its weakened load to the hospital for the final contest.

> Red-tailed hawk the cottontail hanging limp in its claws

> > Lesley Einer

### **Autumn Echoes**

Thinking about the telephone repairman scheduled for one o'clock, I pin a note on the door. "Out back," it says, and I head for the lagoon with a sandwich and a Pepsi in hand. I don't want to miss another minute of this cloudless day. Indian summer sits on my deck.

Cormorant wings whisper above. A crow calls from the cedar tree.

in erratic flight
a kingfisher to
the sailboat mast

smooth wet kingfisher head shaken jagged against the blue

Childhood adventures between two powerful rivers rise in mind, like smoke wisps from autumns past. I climb again the pale clay cliffs in Illinois. I hunt for buried flint arrowheads, fingernails aching, packed gray with digging. I explore a dusty trail through Chief Blackhawk's land, brambles catching at my clothes, sumac twice as high as I. I struggle to open the heavy state park museum door, feel the coolness within rushing out. Turning from a teepee, a buffalo skin, I step into tribal corn gardens maintained. Gone now.

One o'clock. At the top of the redwood plank stairs, a man waits. One thick black braid centers itself between broad shoulders, onyx eyes pooling something deep.

"You look like an Indian!" I blurt out. "You do!"

no further words . . .

a feeling of kneeling
a gull's scream

Rerouted to my call for service, this man says he has never worked my neighborhood before. He installs a new phone jack and I follow an urge to share autumn memories of life between the mighty Mississippi and the fast-flowing Rock River.

He responds with thoughts from his own noontime musings on the shoulder of a road. "I was thinking about God's wisdom, and his kindness to humans," he says . . .

"leaves shield us from the sun in summer today warmth through bare branches"

My spirit surges through the politely mannered distance, like a river undammed. "You came without a sound through my creaking gate. You came without a scrape down my rough walk. Patiently, you waited for me to turn from daydreaming."

"Perhaps we were meant to meet," he says, on a day of trails crossing.

business card proffered
"Tirzo Little Turtle
twenty-year technician"

"I'm an Apache," he says, as he leaves.

. . .

Kay F. Anderson

# The Changing Scene

When Mrs. M's husband died, she still kept on with their family—of fifteen dogs. Each one was given its time of affection, and when the woman went into town, she always stopped at some food place to bring home a treat to share with her dogs.

Whether her days passed sunny or cloudy, she would still rotate her dogs in and out of the house, respecting their wishes as they did hers

under the eaves an old wooden rain barrel filling drip by drip

Liz fenn

### A Favorite Haiku

Sunset . . . washing up on the beach an empty can of paint

Elizabeth St Jacques<sup>1</sup>

This haiku has long been a favorite—a momentary flash of poetic vision, a connecting to cosmos that is highly original. What an achievement in simplicity this haiku is! However spare her opening—"Sunset"—it serves well to give Nature her due place of precedence. And just a mention of the beach brings back the special peace we know in the ocean sundown. Human nature and Nature are brought together through that empty paint can, and what a warming thought that its color has somehow played a part in the glory of this sunset. Elizabeth's haiku reminds me of Spiess's "speculations." "Haiku poets," he says, "write from the heart and only tangentially and peripherally by the mind; for the light of the latter, like the moon, only exists because of the light of the heart, the sun." How refreshing a haiku in which rationality has no place at all! Spiess quotes Hazrat Inayat Kahn: "Reason is the illusion of reality."

H.F. Noyes

<sup>1</sup>Brussels Sprout IX:3 (1992)

#### A Favorite Haiku

Kasbah loft blind sculptress moving deeper into the stone

H.F. Noyes1

When I shared this haiku with a fellow haijin, he wasn't sure he believed the poem. 'A blind sculptor? Really?' My friend's response would have astounded Beethoven.

In more recent years, the handicapped have made great strides in eradicating the stigmatisms heaped upon them by a less-than-understanding society. Consider the accomplishments of Ray Charles, foot- and mouthartists, Stephen Hawking, those in the Special Olympics and Friendship

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Robert Spiess, "A Year's Speculations on Haiku," p. 42 (1995)

Games, and others. Is it so difficult then to believe a blind person is capable of sculpting? Surely, the handicapped have taught us that when intense desire, continued determination, and an unshakable belief in oneself work in unison, the 'impossible' becomes possible. With that thought in mind, let's get on with H.F. Noyes' haiku.

High above the narrow, twisting streets of the Kasbah, the sculptor is oblivious to the bustle and chatter below—all that exists is her inner vision and the stone.

Are the woman's sensitive fingertips exploring the stone as she decides on a particularly deep cut or is she sitting quietly, feeling and trying to see the planned cut in her mind's eye? Or communicating with the stone, sharing her vision with it, for it? Perhaps she is in the process of physically probing deep into the stone. Many possibilities.

That this artist is blind speaks volumes for her strength and power. It seems symbolically appropriate that this sculptor works in a 'loft', as if to suggest she has risen well above her physical handicap. I also feel she is well aware of the stone's own spirit, strength, and power. Clearly a communion has been established: the sculptor and stone are one. So much in so few words. A celebration of love, strength, creativity, and beauty.

But there is another side to this haiku. Perhaps this sculptor has recently become blind and is devastated by her sudden handicap. Now she sits in a darkness that becomes darker by the moment. Robbed of her ability to create, she remembers how she shaped a favorite sculpted piece, again feeling the weight, balance, and motion of the instrument in her hand, hearing the voice of the stone as she chips at it. The more she thinks about it, the more convinced she is that she will never sculpt again and the deeper she sinks into depression.

Perhaps she is having doubts; she had devoted her life to stone sculpting but had she been fair to Nature? After all, she had altered each stone's originality, turned it into something other than its true self. Now, because blindness has changed her original state, she too has become like the sculpted stone: unchangeable, to be gazed upon by curious eyes. A sad and somber thought.

However this haiku is interpreted, it has a quality reminiscent of Bashō's 'the stillness—/soaking into stones/cicada's cry'. Like that memorable haiku, 'Kasbah loft' also lingers long in the memory.

Elizabeth St Jacques

<sup>1</sup>Cicada VI:4 (1995) (from Casablanca Sequence)

headlights passing by—
shadows of trees
brush my bedroom window;
your wet hair
on my face

Alexey V. Andreyev

a mountain road at summer's end I search for the warmth of your embrace before the autumn wind

Yu Chang

pine stumps litter the yard now all she need fall falling is the sky

Zane Parks

imagining
all the possibilities
for my garden
i learn
leaving it be

ubuge

i changed my mind, i don't love you . . . washing the sheets stained with unfaithfulness

Pamela A. Babusci

I loved when growing up
now a rotting stump—
I sit down in the dirt
with its old above-ground roots

Blanche Nonnemann

On the blue columbine you used to admire a few leaves appear—can we too let go and start again?

Alexis K. Rotella

# "HAIKU CHICAGO" DELEGATES VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C.

# Kristen Deming

At the conclusion of the "Haiku Chicago" conference, the Japanese delegation flew to Washington, D.C. for some prearranged events and sightseeing. The group was welcomed at a reception in their honor at the home of Ambassador Olcott Deming, Consul General in Okinawa in the 1950's. Ishihara-sensei presented the host with a scroll inscribed with one of his haiku:<sup>2,3</sup>

rakkyo no

hana no sazanami

sora ni tatsu

the ripples

of scallion flowers

tossing in the sky

Yatsuka Ishihara

(tr. T. Kondo)

The pumpkin centerpiece on the buffet table inspired delegate Tadashi Kondo to jot down a haiku for the host that reflected the warm, convivial atmosphere of the party:

danran no naka ya mado kana

panpukin

pumpkin

perfectly round amid laughter

Tadashi Kondo

(tr. Kondo)

The delegation enjoyed Mr. Deming's collection of Japanese art and his Japanese garden designed by landscape architect Osamu Shimizu.

Deming tei no nihon teien **kaeribana** 

Norie Hayakawa

in the Japanese garden of the Deming residence, a second flowering

(tr. Okada)

The next day, under a deep blue autumn sky, we walked around the Smithsonian museum complex, spending several hours at the National Gallery of Art, then continued to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum to see its collection of historic spacecraft and vintage planes.

Sumisonian ni Zero-sen tsurare

iru koharu

a Zero fighter

hanging in the Smithsonian—

Indian summer

Itsuko Kaya

(tr. Kaya)

Some of the poets bought souvenir "space pens" that were developed for use by astronauts. These pens, designed to be unaffected by gravity, have been put to a completely new use by the poets—to jot down haiku that come to mind during the night while lying in bed! As we drove around the Washington, Maryland, and Virginia areas, there was much to see and think about:

seijōki aogu ya **momiji** morotomo ni

Fuyuo Usaki

Washington hiroba hitomosu **aki no kure** 

Shosaku Ohya

tsuta-momiji Victorian no yanami furi

Toshiko Okuvama

looking up at the Star-Spangled Banner amid the red leaves

(tr. Kondo)

Lights on Washington Square—end of autumn

(tr. Okada)

ivy leaves turning red in a row of Victorian houses

(tr. Okada)

That evening, we enjoyed dinner by candlelight in the formal dining room of the historic Willard Hotel, where the word "lobbyist" was first coined and where, in 1860, the first delegation of Japanese Ambassadors stayed when they came for the treaty ratification. A book with photos showing the Ambassadors during their stay at the Willard was passed around. It was a warm-hearted evening, with much talk of history. The visionary poet Walt Whitman was apparently in the crowd in New York to see the parade honoring these early ambassadors, and afterwards wrote a poem, "The Errand Bearers," that predicted the impact of the philosophy and culture of the East on the West, which Whitman believed would help Americans "explore the spiritual realms of the universe."

fuyu kamome nanboku sensõ kinen no hi

Toshiko Okuyama

winter gulls—
crossing over a monument
to the Civil War

(tr. Okada)

The highlight of the visit was a lecture on haiku given by Ishiharasensei at the residence of the Japanese Ambassador to the United States, Takakazu Kuriyama. The haiku program proved very popular, drawing one of the largest crowds Mrs. Kuriyama had hosted for her regular "salons" for the purpose of introducing Japanese culture to the wives of Washington dignitaries. Tadashi Kondo did the simultaneous translation of the lecture for the audience of more than 100 guests. Afterwards, the entire haiku delegation joined Mrs. Kuriyama and her guests for lunch in the beautiful Japanese-style residence featuring fine traditional painters and a tea ceremony room overlooking a carp pond. After lunch, we continued driving and walking among the monuments of Washington, D.C.:

Washington Monument hikaru tō no saki

Washington Monument top of the tower shining

Shosaku Ohya

(tr. Okada)

yuyake naka sukkuto Washington Memorial standing straight in the evening afterglow the Washington Monument

Norie Hayakawa

(tr.Okada)

The Lincoln Memorial was covered with scaffolding, but we climbed the tall steps with crowds of tourists to view the marble statue of the 16th president of the U.S., known as the Great Emancipator.

jinmin ni yoru jinmin no Linkān-zō **hiyu**  statue of Lincoln by the people, for the people, becoming chill

Mizue Yamada

(tr. Kondo)

Down below, the image of the Washington Monument shimmered in Reflecting Pool, with the Capitol in the distance. At the Jefferson Memorial, we viewed the famous cherry trees around the Tidal Basin in their autumn foliage. As we wandered along the bank, a flock of geese flew over, close enough to see the color of their breast feathers:

ganko ya Potomac Gawa ni tō no kage a flock of wild geese crossing the Potomac River shadow of the monument

(tr. Okada)

hikari mijin no
Potomac-gawa wo
kari wataru

sunlight broken into pieces on the Potomac River wild geese passing overhead

Ritsuo Okada

Yatsuka Ishihara

(tr. Okada)

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sakura momiji kahan ni kika o shite itari autumn cherry leaves naturalized on the river bank

Fuyuo Usaki

(tr. Kris/Tadashi Kondo)

At one point, inspired by a large old tree, the poets linked hands in a circle around it, leaning close to listen inside. All too soon, it was time to leave. All of the ladies carried away little collections of leaves tucked into their notebooks as we headed for our last stop of the day, Arlington National Cemetery, a huge, park-like area overlooking the city. We arrived around dusk, struck by the beauty and serenity of the cemetery with its many great old trees just beginning to shed their leaves over the thousands of graves:

yellow leaves dancing round the white mausoleum of unknown soldiers

Yoko Senda

**aki kaze no** uta koboshiyuku

Keiko Etoh

kashi taiju

marching in rows across hills and meadows soldiers' graves

Kristen Deming

autumn wind

shedding poems as it passes through a great oak tree

(tr. Etoh)

oka mo no mo koete senshi no haka no retsu

(tr. Kondo)

We walked steadily upward, searching for the Eternal Flame marking the grave of John Kennedy. Arriving finally at the site, high on a hill, we were touched to see that the name of Jacqueline Kennedy had been added to his.

Kennedy no haka no hi akashi

aki no kure

Yatsuka Ishihara

at Kennedy's grave, a flame burning brightly —autumn evening

(tr. Okada)

yūmei mo mumei mo boseki **yū-momiji** 

Haruko Imadome

the well-known and the unknown are all gravestones sunset red leaves

(tr. T. Kondo)

shimpei no bohi ni matsuwaru ishitataki

Ritsuo Okada

lingering around the grave of a new recruit a wagtail

(tr. Okada)

risu ga moru mumei heishi no konomi-zuka

a squirrel guards an unknown soldier's acorn grave

Haruko Imadome

(tr. Kondo)

We got lost trying to find our way out of the grounds, and as daylight began to fade, we were surprised to see a fox appear out of the underbrush. According to Japanese folklore, foxes have the power to transform themselves to other shapes and to lead human beings astray, but this one disappeared as quickly as it had appeared.

kage hiite **kitsune** arawaru aki no haka autumn dusk the shadow of a fox among the gravestones

### Kristen Deming

kitsune no o kei-yuku kata e kure-kakaru

getting dark in the direction the fox's tail disappears

Tadashi Kondo

(tr T. Kondo)

As we left, from our hilltop vantage point we could see the sun going down over the city of Washington:

tanjitsu no Ārinton-bochi saru bakari

simply leaving— Arlington Cemetery short day

Mizue Yamada

(tr. Kondo)

bogun shiroku tsurube otoshi no hito no machi

soldiers' white graves autumn dusk quickly covers the city of the living

Keiko Etoh

(tr. Etoh)

tomo wa **kiri** no izuko Arlington wo saru

leaving Arlington my old friends are somewhere in the mist

Ryusai Takeshita

(tr. Takeshita)

Afterwards, on our last night together in America, we ate dinner at a small seafood restaurant on the Maine Avenue waterfront, watching the sunset spread its colors over the water and the city beyond.

aki yuyake wo sara ni kahan no restaurant autumn evening glow over the dishes of the riverside restaurant

Ryusai Takeshita

(tr. Takeshita)

The next day we would return to Japan. That night we rode through the darkened streets past the many famous sights. One of them was both a work place and a home:

fukeru yo no daitōryō-fu no **aki tomoshi** 

Itsuko Kaya

evening deepening—
the lights of autumn shining
from the White House

(tr. Kaya)

<sup>2</sup>Poems edited by Kristen Deming. **Kigo** (season words) are shown in **boldface**. With thanks for the translations by Tadashi and Kris Kondo, Ryusai Takeshita, and Yoko Senda and the cooperation of Ritsuo Okada, Itsuko Kaya, Keiko Etoh, and the other members of the delegation.

<sup>3</sup>The HIA (Haiku International Association) delegation:

Yatsuka Ishihara, President of Aki (Autumn) haiku group; head of HIA delegation.

Mizue Yamada, President of Mokugo (Tree-Talk) haiku group; HIA.

Fuyuo Uzaki, President of Ashita (Tomorrow) haiku group; HIA.

Ryusai Takeshita, Nobi (Field Fire) haiku group; HIA.

Norie Hayakawa, Aki group; Kojitsu (Good Day) group; HIA.

Haruko Imadome, Banryoku (Myriad Green Leaves) haiku group; HIA.

Ritsuo Okada, Aki haiku group; HIA.

Itsuko Kaya, Aki haiku group; HIA.

Keiko Etoh, Aki haiku group; Sagae group; HIA.

Toshiko Okuyama, Aki haiku group; HIA.

Shosaku Oya, Aki haiku group.

Kristen Deming, Haiku Society of America; Poetry Reading Circle of Tokyo; HIA.

Tadashi Kondo, President of Association for International Renku; HIA. Yoko Senda, Aki haiku group; HIA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See frogpond XVIII:4, pp. 30-33 (1995).

# REVIEWS OF LITERATURE, PRINT AND ELECTRONIC

## Useful Internet Sites for Haiku and Related Forms in English

#### John Sheirer

The internet is a computer-generated, noncorporeal world composed of a huge, ever-growing collection of multilayered computerized documents accessible from personal computers through telephone lines. In an ironic twist, the ancient art of haiku and the ultramodern internet have come together in some fascinating ways. To paraphrase Bashō's famous haiku, "new internet—old haiku jumps in—big splash!"

Computer users can access hundreds of internet sites having to do with haiku. Unfortunately, most sites fall prey to superficial views of haiku and are little more than syllable-counting of very bad poetry—very much like lots of haiku in print. Some of the worst internet sites include an enormous collection of pseudohaiku about the oft-maligned food product Spam, as well as a contest to see who can write the best "haiku" about being drunk. Haiku sites like these have very little to do with what we might see in journals such as frogpond, Modern Haiku, RAW NerVZ, or Woodnotes because most internet site administrators are not active in the North American haiku community.

Despite the fact that the print and electronic haiku worlds seldom interface, there are some interesting haiku resources on the internet. These sites give poets whose primary medium is print journals an excellent opportunity to find new haiku worlds that they may never have encountered before. Some of the sites are "edited" by a site administrator as with traditional journals, while other sites simply post haiku by contributors very much in the fashion of the journal *Mirrors*.

Many haiku "purists" might scoff at the idea of haiku in cyberspace, but the internet is simply another place where the influence of haiku as a medium for people to experience the world more intensely can be found. In that way, getting involved with these sites is not radically different from publishing in print journals, participating in haiku societies, or even jotting a poem or two on a post card for a far-away friend. In fact, at the risk of sounding arrogant, the internet haiku community could benefit greatly from the contributions of the print haiku community. When accomplished haiku writers post high-quality poems on the internet, they can provide strong models for the internet haiku community.

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Publishing haiku on the internet creates a somewhat awkward situation for writers and editors. Does posting a poem on the internet constitute publication as we think of publication in a print journal? No hard and fast guidelines exist concerning internet publication. Common sense, however, would indicate that any poems posted as a "finished" poem to be read and appreciated by site visitors should be considered a published poem. As such, these poems should not then be submitted to print journals or other internet sites that do not consider previously published poems. If these poems end up in a print or internet collection, the author should acknowledge the internet site just as a print journal would be acknowledged. On the other hand, if poems are posted on a message board for communication or discussion purposes, then it should not be considered "published," but simply "communicated," similar to a poem printed on a holiday card.

#### The Sites

The sites listed here are the best and/or the ones that give serious haiku writers an opportunity to publish their poems online. I've omitted the most common haiku sites—collections of haiku by individual authors—both because these are so numerous and because they are often misguided, if well-intentioned. The sites listed here are either online magazines or simply information sites. Included with each is the internet web address (known as the "URL"), a brief description of the site's features, and sample poems from the site. Many other, less valuable sites can be found through connections with these sites or through internet search programs.

# • AHA!Poetry (http://www.faximum.com/aha!poetry)

An extension of AHA Books, a publishing company that specializes in haiku, renga, and tanka. The most comprehensive web site focused on haiku in English. Features online haiku collections, publishing opportunities, definitions and explanations of haiku-related concepts, an "open mike" for posting poems, and much more.

This site is maintained by Jane Reichhold, a very well respected haiku writer, editor, and publisher. From the "Open Mike" section:

grey squirrel fattened on hickory nuts whisks its tail under three quilts we share the warmth

a webby welcome a duck raises one foot taking the first step

Jane Reichhold

# • Dogwood Blossoms (http://glwarner.samford.edu)

A fairly good-quality online haiku journal that features articles, reviews, lots of poetry—everything you'd expect from a print haiku journal. The site is administered by Gary Warner of Samford University in Louisiana. Michael Dylan Welch, a haiku writer, publisher of haiku books under the Press Here imprint, and editor of the print journal *Woodnotes*, recently joined Warner as an associate editor, giving this journal added credibility. From issue 11, summer 1995:

ten 74thousand things done and undone the tea steams

these frozen fields not even corn-growing sound

drought cracked mud curls

William C. Burns Jr.

Charles Trumbull

Chris Erickson

# • Haiku Attic (http://www.tcp.co.uk/ ~ dctrent/attic.html)

Lots of general haiku informtion, online haiku collections, and connections to other haiku sites. The site is administered in England by Daniel Trent.

manhole cover offering incense to the skyscraper sky (from "The NYC Haiku") the interview shirt lies in the washing basket all its stripes crooked (from "Autumn Twilight")

Paul David Mena

Susan Rowley

# • Haiku for People (http://www.oslonett.no/home/keitoy/haiku.html)

General haiku information, haiku by classic Japanese and contemporary English-language authors, and connections to other haiku sites. Adding to haiku's international flavor, this site is administered by Kei Grieg Toyomasu in Norway. From the "Haiku Written by People!" section:

Spring backup in CS lab: time to fall in love with certain humanware on the Chinese vase flowers retain brightness —pouring out water

Alexey V. Andreyev

Dave McCrosky

# • Haiku Homepage (http://www.dmu.ac.uk/ ~ pka/haiku.html)

General haiku information, connections to other haiku sites, and the very interesting "Sailor's Dreams" (named by contributor Jane Reichhold), where writers can post their own haiku. The site is administered by Phil Adams at De Montfort University in England. From "Sailor's Dreams":

Three continents away the moon shines in my backyard working long hours greeting the paperboy twice that day

Rangachari Kidambi

Phil Adams

#### • Haiku Universe

(http://www.ori.u-tokyo.ac.jp/ ~ dhugal/haikuhome.html)

This site contains a great deal of information about haiku, senryu, renga, and tanka, including many interesting short essays and commentaries. There are also opportunities to participate in renga, as well as very good links to other haiku sites. The site administrator is Dhugal J. Lindsay, a native Australian who works as a scientist at the University of Tokyo. From "Haiku Written by Dhugal":

Camellia blossoms . . . none of them standing out more than all the rest

### • SciFaiku Manifesto

(http://www.crew.umich.edu/ ~ brinck/poetry/manifesto.html)

An interesting combination of haiku and science fiction that features the site's "manifesto," a strong essay on how haiku and science fiction can connect. Much better than it might sound because the site administrator and some of the authors have a fairly good idea of how haiku works. Site visitors can contribute their own scifaiku for online publication. The site is administrated by Tom Brinck at the University of Michigan.

Digging up the ancient city, finding the print of a tennis shoe

Spring showers my best friend rusts.

Tom Brinck

Greg Pass

#### Shiki International Haiku Salon

(http://mikan.cc.matsuyama-u.ac.jp/ ~ shiki)

Lots of general haiku information, contests, connections to other haiku sites, and a very active maillist where you can exchange haiku and commentary with other writers. This is the most comprehensive internet site administered in Japan that focuses on English-language haiku. The site is administered at Matsuyama University. From "The Shiki Internet Haiku Contest Results":

surprising cool breeze disturbs the grass shadow on an open book as the grape next to it is plucked

AC Missias

Dhughal Lindsay

#### • Toast Point Haiku

(http://www.webcom.com/ ~ erique/haiku/haiku.html)

A very active and interesting (if loosely structured) contest with no specific prizes beyond "gold stars" where site visitors may submit their own haiku for online publication. The often irreverent poems mostly follow the 5-7-5 pattern and are a mixed bag of some good-quality haiku and some real stinkers that have nothing to do with haiku (this site in particular would be a good place for experienced haiku writers to submit poems that might serve as inspiration for Toast Point contributors and other internet haiku writers). The site is administered by Eric Peterson. From the 1995 entries:

Flapping to and fro
The hollow yellow windsock
Full of direction

One more 6 a.m.

My neighbor's dogs are yapping,
Crapping on my lawn.

Don McLeod

Andie DiFranza

• The Writer's Gallery (http://www.onestep.com/writers)

A very good online general literary journal that includes an interesting section titled "Crazy for Haiku," where writers can submit their own haiku for possible online publication. The site is administered by Mike Crawford. From the "Crazy for Haiku" section:

> I lay in the street watching the clouds go by as the rain falls down.

> > Chris Mysen

The author would like to acknowledge the assistance of Michael Dylan Welch in preparing this article.

GRINDING MY INK, a cassette of readings by Margaret Chula, author, with Ken Ulansey, woodwinds. Katsura Press, POB 275, Lake Oswego, OR 97034. US\$9.95 + s&h: US \$2; Europe and Japan \$3.

Although the book, Grinding My Ink, winner of the National Book Award in 1994, has already been reviewed, some comments on the recording seem appropriate for a fresh experience with these haiku.

The introduction to the process is likened to a state of "no-mind":

"the silence between the notes of a flute the white space around an ink drawing that which is left unsaid."

The cassette is divided into sections of seasons and specific subjects. The music, composed and performed by Ulansey on a variety of woodwind instruments with Elliot Diamond, percussion, is perfectly matched to the mood of each poem.

After an introduction by the shakuhachi, Margaret Chula invites the listener into her poems as she "grinds her ink" in preparation for the journey which is obviously in Japan. In the *Spring* section, the flute continues as a link between verses with repeated intervals and patterns, sometimes slurring, even sliding into notes between silences.

For Summer, the composer has chosen a baritone saxophone. Simple skips turn into clusters of arpeggios, non-melodic but repetitive enough to catch the ear. At the Noh Play is accompanied by the sound of koto, its plucked strings allowed to reverberate through space. Some unorthodox methods of performance produce weird effects. With the addition of a recorder and wind chimes, this is truly an experimental process.

In Autumn, a gong and the deep voice of a bass clarinet echo the poem:

Outside the empty hut a huddle of crickets —their hollow voices

Aspirate attacks and key clicks increase the mystery.

The music, until this point in the recording, has offered no suggestion of organization into beats, reflecting the free form of the non-rhyming, non-rhythmic haiku of the author. To set the mood for *Graveyard Poet*, a persistent, muffled drum beat is introduced, like the human pulse, but it soon dissipates into pitched chimes. Repetition within the haiku, "dead people, dead flowers, clouds pass", lends cohesiveness above the random accompaniment.

The Winter poems are read with soprano saxophone support, again in free form. But Ulansey occasionally reacts literally on his instrument. When "the candle flickers", so does the sax. In this entire section, the performer displays variation of vibrato and dynamics, plus a sense of direction that is breathtaking.

A poignancy in *Dead Sparrow*. about the suicide of an aged neighbor, is portrayed on the soprano recorder by tones that "cry" into the next note. The mood of sadness is balanced by occasional mundane observations of the poet.

Margaret Chula herself is a writer who employs—consciously or not—subtle musical devices in her haiku, such as the use of alliteration in "crumbling chrysanthemums", "pampas plumes", and the verse: "a plump persimmon plops into the pond, smell of mud". Her choices of vowels and consonants instill a rich resonance into the lines. So it is not surprising that her collection of haiku would stimulate a composer/musician of professional caliber to collaborate. Chula's images are simple and specific; they are reflected in a unique and sensitive accompaniment. She wastes not one word in projecting her meaning; the music links the verses but never competes with her articulation. Her reading is sincere; the music is dedicated to supporting her presentation.

This cassette contains a rich collection of haiku by a master. It is also an aesthetic experience in combining poetry and music with such sensitivity that one almost has to ask, "Which came first?" Whenever a musician is invited to accompany, it is a temptation to add too much, to "do one's own thing." The more virtuoso the performer, the greater the temptation. But it did not happen in this cassette. If not a haiku poet himself, I should suspect that Ken Ulansey is at least a student of Zen. Certainly he believes with Margaret Chula that "less is more."

Reviewed by Elizabeth Nichols

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Elizabeth Searle Lamb, frogpond XVII:2, p. 37 (1994)

# **BOOK REVIEWS**

Dance of Light. Elizabeth St Jacques. Illust. Ruby Spriggs. maplebud press, 1995. 123 pp, 5½×8½ in. paper, perfectbound. \$15 ppd North America; p&h overseas, add \$1.50 (surface) or \$2.50 (air). Order from/checks (US or Canadian funds) to author, 406 Elizabeth St., Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 3H4, Canada.

Reading Elizabeth St Jacques' Dance of Light, I was surprised how good it made me feel; however, I must admit I came to it with some reservations after heavy hyperbole on the jacket cover and a sense that some reviewers would place a halo on her all-too-human head. Save the saints for the canons, let them be mythical figures, heroes and heroines who will inspire us when we seek inspiration. With that said, what has St Jacques given us here? Steps of tenderness and love and humor if our life has been so blessed. But if darkness has shaped our lives, and we have slipped around on tenement stones, it will be hard to appreciate:

melon slices misting up the shop window a row of small pink mouths

mother braids bright childhood tales into my long blond hair tiny porcelain cups tipped against our lips ... warm air tea

grandmother kneading song and prayer into our daily bread

The tone of this collection is clear as soon as we hear the voice of the child: "evening prayer/God bless all my family/. . .my dollies too"; some change occurs with maturity, but the adult voice still rings with optimism and good humor:

the space between moon and star another special dream

December dawn a strand of tinsel glitters in the raven's beak

And it persists: "in new deep snow/beneath the apple tree/a perfect hole." Here and there a shadow defines the shape of light, and we see it in haiku like these:

dance of light in the frog-filled pond . . . blue heron

in autumn woods silence tightens the rifle's click But for the most part, St. Jacques see the glass half full, not half empty. Readers of haiku journals will recognize some of the poems and will be glad to see them again, like the unexpected visit of an old friend:

the circle of the winging hawk tightens to a dot

hands inside her sleeves again the old nun's habit

There will be other surprises, good surprises; from "At the Farm":

battle won,

the rooster strutting with a limp

another argument
Grandpa's heavy sigh
as he removes his teeth

from "First Day Of Convent":

a mountain at the convent door the nun about to cry, the girl in the next bed farts

from "Coming Of Age":

first high heels i learn how not to run first strapless gown
i learn how
not to breathe
deeply

from "High School Sparks":

he asks me for a date the taxidermist's son stuffed in football gear

from "Assorted Blessings":

stop light a child's sealskin sleeve, touched by the youngest nun

from "Autumn & Winter":

in the heart of the peach still life

Dance of Light looks perfectly at home on my haiku bookshelves, adding a spot of light to some of the darker collections I own. Would I recommend it? Oh yes.

Reviewed by Marian Olson

Unbroken Curve: 1996 Anthology, Northwest Region, Haiku Society of America. Cherie Hunter Day and Ce Rosenow, eds. 28 pp. \$7.50 ppd; order from and make check to Cherie Hunter Day, 15584 N.W. Trakehner Way, Portland, OR 97229.

Each anthology reflects the particular sensibilities and aesthetics of both the contributing poets and the editors. The art of bringing disparate voices into an interesting and satisfying harmony is beautifully demonstrated in *Unbroken Curve*. In the introduction by Associate Editor Ce Rosenow, we learn of the difficulties and losses that the Pacific Northwest experienced this year. Two valued members of the haiku community passed away (Wilma Erwin and Harriet Kofalk) and the winter's heavy flooding brought tragedy and loss to the entire area. She explains how the passage of time and and its effects on human life are expressed in the poems contained in the anthology, and states, "It is this recognition that forges acceptance of life's cycles, and through this acceptance we gain the ability to appreciate the duality around us, to see both the flood waters and the cherry blossoms, the grave sites and the forget-me-nots—in short to acknowledge the relationship between beginnings and endings and to celebrate the continuity of this cycle." Cherie Hunter Day's sensitive arrangement of the poems amplifies the hope in an unbroken curve of life continually revitalized and flowing through time.

Though arranged by season, the individual poems move through various moods and places. Still, we come away with the feeling of having experienced a whole and not just a collection. The poems (selected by three judges) and the thoughtful arrangement and layout give this anthology the feel of an integrated work. The stark white linen paper is heavy and slightly textured, yet it has the delightful aspect of being slightly translucent. This serendipitous quality allows Cherie Hunter Day's finely detailed illustrations to show through to unillustrated pages, thus visually tying the anthology together. The obvious love and careful detailing that went into this volume, in addition to the fine poems, makes it a thoroughly enjoyable chapbook.

Having just visited Portland in May, I was deeply moved by its lush greenery and a profusion of spring blossoms. And, the daily rains. Many people spoke of the devastating floods of the past winter. In just a few days I, too, became aware of the loss and the continuity—within the seasons and within the fellowship of the poets who inhabit this beautiful landscape.

Two personal favorites from Unbroken Curve:

Mountains through my window melting in the rain azalea blossoms floating in a spring puddle red-sailed sloops

William Scott Galasso

Jean Chapman Snow

I recommend this HSA regional anthology for its portrayal of the land it arises from, for its tasteful and subtle layout and illustrations, and for the many lovely poems it contains. It is reassuring to know we are all a part of the unbroken curve, the ongoing cycle of Nature and creativity.

Reviewed by Ebba Story

ONE BREATH: 1995 Members' Anthology. Jean Dubois, Michael McNierney, Elizabeth L. Nichols, eds. Haiku Society of America. 1996. viii + 45 pp, 5×8 in. paper, perfectbound. \$7.50 ppd US & Canada; \$9.50 ppd elsewhere. Make check to and mail to Jean Dubois, POB 1430, Golden, CO 80402.

With Kokopelli skipping and flauting across the cover, this annual, published this time by the HSA Southwestern Region, contains the third collection of haiku by HSA members. The title emphasizes the nature of the haiku as a "one-breath poem."

Collections such as this have been condemned because they contain one haiku from each contributing member, chosen by a committee; it has been claimed that a quality publication cannot be attained in this manner. Obviously not all the poems in this book are of uniform excellence, but the majority are high-quality haiku which are, moreover, assembled with skill by the editors. A few of my favorites:

the pine's slow spiraling into stars

between fugues the sound of rain on stained-glass

Suezan Aikins

Jerry Kilbride

cupped hands losing sea drop child violinist getting lots of the notes right this very hard chair

dy drop

Ronan

Robert Henry Poulin

Presents of Mind. Jim Kacian. Katsura Press, 1996. 119 unnum. pp, 5×8 in. paper, perfectbound. \$14.95 from Red Moon Productions, Rte. 2, Box 3977, Berryville, VA 22611.

Jim Kacian prefaces this book of haiku with a four-part poem entitled "Presence." Some lines from this poem:

Before there was creation, there was silence. . . .

Language arose from silence. . . .

It is man who exists between silence and language. . . .

The centrality of silence in a man, in any being, we call 'presence.'

Haiku . . . attempts to point to silence. . . .

Where silence is shared, we are all present.

Among the haiku that follow, there are examples of Jim Kacian's approach to the spirituality of silence and of presence.

chopping wood someone does the same a moment later winter seclusion tending all day the small fire

In the first poem, we are reminded of Layman P'ang's tribute to the spirituality of the mindful performance of simple everyday tasks, and additionally are told of the communion existing among persons engaged in such tasks. In the second, although the poet is tending a fire to keep warm in the cold weather, he is also engaged throughout the day in his solitude and silence, in tending the "small fire" of his meditative spirit.

clear here
but haze to the east
haze to the west

caterpillar spins a midlife crisis

Indeed, is not the here and now always the clearest point (even though at times it may appear quite obscure)? Other places, other times, are much more difficult (or impossible) to see. And if only humans were always as beautiful after their midlife crises as are the butterflies! [Note how Kacian has encompassed the entire period of metamorphosis in one hyphen!]

Certainly not all of the haiku in this book are as charged with implication, but readers will find much grist for their meditative mills.

Reviews by Kenneth C. Leibman

# **ERRATA**

By a process not understood by the editor, tabulation codes became inoperative during the copying of the page proof of the memorial for Nancy Ford-Poulin into final page makeup of issue XIX:1, so that two haiku by her husband Robert were fused together. Robert was very good about this, saying that the resulting verse made a sort of sense. Nevertheless, the two haiku are reprinted as they were intended:

a vesper sparrow alights puffed with song

in the fog a trumpet of swansong

# Robert Henry Poulin

In issue XIX:1, a haiku by *Katie Lind* was printed over the byline of *Lisa Pretus*. The editor regrets this error and the two haiku by the two poets are printed on p. 38 of this issue.

Back fenders rattling on Nicollet Avenue rhythm with rap This haiku by Sarah Hickenbotham was printed with an error in issue XVIII:4.

learning
its
name
the
thief
stretches
forth
his
hand
jewelweed!

Two errors in citation were made by authors in readings/reviews in recent issues. In "Thieves" (issue XIX:1), Patricia Neubauer inadvertantly added a word to a haiku by *Robert Spiess*, thus violating his rule about maximum length of vertical haiku. The correct haiku is printed to the left.

In his review of anne mckay's "a cappella" (issue XVIII:4), Michael Dylan Welch misattributed the one-line verse, "eggs scrambling in the crook of a tree a raccoon shifts" to anne mckay. It was actually a renga link by *Dorothy Howard*.

Both authors apologize for their misquotations.

In issue XIX:1, two authors' names were omitted from the Author Index by the editor's error: F. Matthew Blaine and Lewis Sanders.

The wrong cover design for issue XIX:1 was given to the printer by the editor while the artist was out of the country. What was printed was a computer-modification of an illustration by Dorling Kindersley in "The Self-Sufficient Gardener" (1978) rather than the abstraction that was supposed to be used. The editor assumes full responsibility for this error, which was not the fault of the artist.

## **BOOKS RECEIVED**

Listing of new books is for information only and does not imply endorsement by frogpond or the Haiku Society of America. Reviews of some of these titles may appear in later issues of frogpond. Prices are US currency except where noted.

After Lights Out. Spring Street Haiku Group, 1996. 28 unnumbered pp.,  $4 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$  in. paper, saddle-stapled. \$3.00 ppd: Dee Evetts, 102 Forsyth St. #18, New York, NY 10002.

a haiku alphabet in celebration of fall. LeRoy Gorman. Proof Press, 67 Court St., Aylmer, QC J9H 4M1, Canada, 1966. 36 pp, 4×5½ in. paper, saddle-stapled. \$4.

A Path to the Sea. Christopher Herold, ed. Two Autumns Press, 478 Guerrero St., San Francisco, CA 94110. Haiku by Dan Brady, Helen K. Davies, Pat Gallagher, Evelyn Hermann. 28 unnumb. pp, 5½×7 in. paper, saddle-stapled. \$5 ppd; checks or MO's in US funds, payable to "HPNC", to Two Autumns Press.

Before All The Leaves Are Gone. Gary Hotham. Chickadee Series No 10, Juniper Press, 1996. Eleven haiku on 22 unnumbered pp, 5×3½ in. letterpress, paper, sidesewn. \$7.00 + \$1.50 p&h, from author, 10460 Stansfield Rd., Laurel, MD 20723.

Breaths of July's Linden Forests/Dahovi Srpanjskih Lipika. Mile Stamenković. Haiku, tanka, and solorenga in Croat and English. STAM Rijeka, M. Laginje 31, 51000 Rijeka, Croatia, 1994. 102 pp, 6×8¼ in. paper, perfectbound. npg.

from darkness: kasen renga. Suezan Aikins & Dorothy Howard. proof press, 67, rue Court, Aylmer, QU J9H 4M1, Canada. \$2 + \$1 p&h.

Haiku 96. (Poetry Postcard Quarterly, Summer, 1996, No. 3). PPQ, POB 1435, London W1A 9LB. 30 detachable postcards, 6×4 in, paper, perfectbound. £5.99; outside UK, enquire.

Jumping from Kiyomizu: a Haiku Sequence. David Cobb. Illus. Charlotte Smith. Iron Press, 5 Marden Terr., Cullercoats, North Shields, Northumberland, NE30 4PD, UK, 1996. 96 pp, 4×6 in. paper, perfectbound. £4.99; outside UK, enquire.

Misty Willows. Sheila Hyland. Sheis Press, P0b 84644, Bloor West Postal Outlet, 2336 Bloor St. W, Toronto, ON M6S 1T0, Canada, 1995. 48 pp. 5½×8½ in. paper, perfectbound, cover flaps. Haiku and other poetry. npg.

Modern Japanese Tanka: An Anthology. Makoto Ueda. Columbia University Press, 1996. xxxviii + 266 pp, 5×9 in. perfectbound. \$49.00 cloth; \$16.50 paper.

Moon Puddles. Haiku and sumi-e, Ann Newell. First published, 1983. Second printing, New Ray Press, 1996. 28 doublefold pp, 7×6½ in. paper, Japanese-bound. \$16.95 (+ p&h: US \$2.50; Canada \$3.00; elsewhere \$5.00) from Durazno Design Studios, POB 147, Tularosa, NM 88352.

The Mown Meadow: First Selected Haiku and Sequences, 1977-1994. Wally Swist. Los Hombres Press, Box 632729, San Diego, CA 92163-2729; 1996. 80 pp, 5½×8¼ in. paper, perfectbound. \$9.95.

To Hear the Faint Bells. Milton Acorn. Illust. Gilda Mekler. Unfinished Monument Press, POB 4279, Pittsburgh, PA 15203; 1996. vi + 22 pp, 5½×8¼ in, paper, saddle-stapled. \$6.00 US; \$7.00 Canada.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### CONTESTS

### Hawaii Education Association, 19th Annual International Haiku Writing Contest.

Deadline (postmark) November 15, 1996. Categories: a) Season Word; b) specific Hawaii Word; c) Humorous. Unlimited unpublished entries, not under consideration for publication, that "conform to rules of classical/traditional haiku, but not necessarily the 5-7-5 syllable form." Submit two typewritten  $3\times5$ " index cards, one with name and address, Social Security or other 9-digit number, category, and haiku; the other with only the 9-digit number, category, and haiku. Prizes \$45/20/15 + HM's in each category. Entries may be published in HEA publications. Submit with SASE and entry fee of US\$1 or 2 IRC's per haiku to HEA International Haiku Writing Contest, 1649 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu, HI 96826.

## The Herb Barrett Award for Short Poetry in the Haiku Tradition.

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## **BOOKS RECEIVED**

Listing of new books is for information only and does not imply endorsement by frogpond or the Haiku Society of America. Reviews of some of these titles may appear in later issues of frogpond. Prices are US currency except where noted.

After Lights Out. Spring Street Haiku Group, 1996. 28 unnumbered pp.,  $4 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$  in. paper, saddle-stapled. \$3.00 ppd: Dee Evetts, 102 Forsyth St. #18, New York, NY 10002.

a haiku alphabet in celebration of fall. LeRoy Gorman. Proof Press, 67 Court St., Aylmer, QC J9H 4M1, Canada, 1966. 36 pp, 4×5½ in. paper, saddle-stapled. \$4.

A Path to the Sea. Christopher Herold, ed. Two Autumns Press, 478 Guerrero St., San Francisco, CA 94110. Haiku by Dan Brady, Helen K. Davies, Pat Gallagher, Evelyn Hermann. 28 unnumb. pp, 5½×7 in. paper, saddle-stapled. \$5 ppd; checks or MO's in US funds, payable to "HPNC", to Two Autumns Press.

Before All The Leaves Are Gone. Gary Hotham. Chickadee Series No 10, Juniper Press, 1996. Eleven haiku on 22 unnumbered pp, 5×3½ in. letterpress, paper, sidesewn. \$7.00 + \$1.50 p&h, from author, 10460 Stansfield Rd., Laurel, MD 20723.

Breaths of July's Linden Forests/Dahovi Srpanjskih Lipika. Mile Stamenković. Haiku, tanka, and solorenga in Croat and English. STAM Rijeka, M. Laginje 31, 51000 Rijeka, Croatia, 1994. 102 pp, 6×8¼ in. paper, perfectbound. npg.

from darkness: kasen renga. Suezan Aikins & Dorothy Howard. proof press, 67, rue Court, Aylmer, QU J9H 4M1, Canada. \$2 + \$1 p&h.

Haiku 96. (Poetry Postcard Quarterly, Summer, 1996, No. 3). PPQ, POB 1435, London W1A 9LB. 30 detachable postcards, 6×4 in, paper, perfectbound. £5.99; outside UK, enquire.

Jumping from Kiyomizu: a Haiku Sequence. David Cobb. Illus. Charlotte Smith. Iron Press, 5 Marden Terr., Cullercoats, North Shields, Northumberland, NE30 4PD, UK, 1996. 96 pp, 4×6 in. paper, perfectbound. £4.99; outside UK, enquire.

Misty Willows. Sheila Hyland. Sheis Press, P0b 84644, Bloor West Postal Outlet, 2336 Bloor St. W, Toronto, ON M6S 1T0, Canada, 1995. 48 pp. 5½×8½ in. paper, perfectbound, cover flaps. Haiku and other poetry. npg.

Modern Japanese Tanka: An Anthology. Makoto Ueda. Columbia University Press, 1996. xxxviii + 266 pp, 5×9 in. perfectbound. \$49.00 cloth; \$16.50 paper.

Moon Puddles. Haiku and sumi-e, Ann Newell. First published, 1983. Second printing, New Ray Press, 1996. 28 doublefold pp,  $7 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$  in. paper, Japanese-bound. \$16.95 (+ p&h: US \$2.50; Canada \$3.00; elsewhere \$5.00) from Durazno Design Studios, POB 147, Tularosa, NM 88352.

The Mown Meadow: First Selected Haiku and Sequences, 1977-1994. Wally Swist. Los Hombres Press, Box 632729, San Diego, CA 92163-2729; 1996. 80 pp, 5½×8¼ in. paper, perfectbound. \$9.95.

To Hear the Faint Bells. Milton Acorn. Illust. Gilda Mekler. Unfinished Monument Press, POB 4279, Pittsburgh, PA 15203; 1996. vi + 22 pp, 5½×8¼ in, paper, saddle-stapled. \$6.00 US; \$7.00 Canada.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CONTESTS

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#### International Yellow Moon Literary Competition.

Deadline November 30, 1996. Categories: A. Prose, "A Haiku Journey", max. 800 words; B. Haiku (best sheet of 3); C. Tanka; D. Short poem (humor, max. 20 lines); E. Limerick (best sheet of 3). Cash prizes + commendations, may be published in a new magazine, Yellow Moon: haiku and other terse verse. Entry Fee \$3/entry/category. Send SAE + IRC for guidelines and entry form to Coordinator, Yellow Moon Literary Competition, POB 35, Creswick 3363, Victoria, Australia.

#### The James W. Hackett Haiku Award 1996.

Deadline (in hand) November 30, 1996. Sponsored by British Haiku Society. Entries should approximate traditional haiku form, not necessarily 5-7-5 syllables (for guidelines, send SASE or SAE + IRC to address below). Judging: preliminary, BHS committee; final, J.W. Hackett. Prizes; £70 and others; publication in *Blithe Spirit*. Send up to 5 unpublished (and not currently elsewhere submitted) English-language haiku, each on 3 separate cards or pieces of paper, with name and address on the back of one only, together with SASE or SAE + IRC and entry fee (£2.50 sterling only by UK bankcheck or International Money Order payable to "The British Haiku Society", or £2.50 sterling or US\$4.00 in cash), to Hackett Award, 27 Park St., Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex SSO 7PA, England.

#### North Carolina Haiku Society, 1997 International Haiku Contest.

Deadline December 1, 1996. Unlimited entries of unpublished haiku, not currently submitted elsewhere. Send each on duplicate 3×5" cards, one unidentified, one with name & address. Prizes \$100/50/25 + 2 HM, \$15 each. Winners announced at the Haiku Holiday (see Meetings) on January 25. A winners' sheet is published, but all rights are retained by authors. Send with entry fee of US\$1/haiku and SASE to: North Carolina Haiku Society, 3001 Mandy Ln., Morehead City NC 28557.

#### Pennsylvania Poetry Society 45th Annual Contest

Deadline (postmark) January 15, 1997. One "traditional or modern" haiku, unpublished, not otherwise submitted, not having previously won a cash prize. Type on two  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ " sheets, both with ""Category 11: The Cecilia Parsons Miller Memorial Award" in UL corner, only one with name & address in UR corner. Also a separate cover page with name address, number and name of category as above, first line of haiku, and name and address of your local newspaper. Prizes \$25/15/10 + publication in Society annual. Send with SASE and entry fee of \$1.50 (check to PPS, Inc.) to Lillian Tweedy, Contest Chairman, 2488 New Franklin Rd., Chambersburg PA 17201.

#### Poets' Study Club, 57th Annual International Poetry Contest.

Deadline (in hand): February 1, 1997. Categories: Serious poems, Light verse, and "Traditional Haiku". Limit one poem per category, typed in English on 8½×11" paper, with author's name & address on each sheet. Prizes \$25/15 in each category. No entry fee. Send to Annual International Contest, Esther Alman, 826 S. Center St., Terre Haute IN 47807.

## Still, Haiku Award 1997.

Deadlines (in hand): February 15 and August 15. Free-form and "conventional" (5/7/5), previously unpublished haiku. Judge: editor of *Still* (see **Publications**). Winners and runners-up published in *Still*. £300 in prizes. Entry fee £2/haiku or 6/£10 (first 6 free for *Still* subscribers. Entry form and details: send SAE + 2 IRC to *Still*, 49 Englands Lane, London NW3 4YD, England.

#### **CONTEST WINNERS**

Canadian Writer's Journal 1966 Poetry Competition, Haiku Category: 1st prize, Lee Gurga; 2nd, ai li; 3rd, Kohjin Sakamoto. Honorable mentions: H.F. Noyes, Mary Partridge, Connie Meester.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Sijo West, the first North American journal devoted to sijo (a Korean genre related to haiku and tanka), began publication in Spring 1996. Sijo poems, including translations of classical Korean poems, articles, reviews. Edited by Larry Gross and Elizabeth St Jacques. 4 issues/year, US\$16 US & Canada, US\$24 elsewhere, from Larry Gross, POB 13743-SW, Tallahassee, FL 32317-3743.

Haiku is a second Croatian haiku journal, edited by Tomislav Maretić et al. Mostly in Croatian, although poems and articles written in English are presented bilingually. Address: Haiku, SIPAR d.o.o, Gajdekova 24, Zagreb, Croatia.

Still, a quarterly journal of haiku, senryu, and short poems, edited by ai li and published by the empty press, expects its first issue in January, 1997. Annual subscription: £20 + p&h: overseas surface £4, airmail £8 (per issue, £5.99 + £1/£2). International Postal Money Orders payable to Still. Subscriptions and submissions to Still, 49 Englands Ln., London NW3 4YD, England or e-mail submissions to <still@into.demon.co.uk>.

#### **MEETINGS**

#### Haiku Holiday, North Carolina Haiku Society

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