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The Ukiah Poet Laureate Committee also wishes to acknowledge the response of this year's authors: 2,362 entries. Per our festival rules, the majority of entries were from poets in Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt and Sonoma Counties, but in the Jane Reichhold International Prize category, entries were received from ten states and nine countries on four continents.

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Ukiah, California*

Children, K – 3 Grade, All Topics

FIRST PLACE

*walking in the dirt
red and black salamander
going to the river*

*Adyson Posner
Ukiah, CA*

SECOND PLACE

*my dog had puppies
white Chihuahuas with closed eyes
soft fur in my hand*

*Linda Segura
Calpella, CA*

THIRD PLACE

*hermit crab in shell
floating through the calm ocean
down to the bottom*

*Aidan Drew
Mendocino, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*shiny golden flutes
daffodils growing here and there
turn my fingers yellow*

*Jaclyn Maldonado
Ukiah, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*in green grassy ground
shooting stars like a rocket
blooming all around*

*Kamrie Goates
Ukiah, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*so many petals
they fly in the windy sky
then fall on a pond*

*Sam Fanucchi
Sonoma, CA*

Children, 4 – 6 Grade, All Topics

FIRST PLACE

*Morning chill,
sunlight on flowers
still closed*

Emma Montez
Willits, CA

SECOND PLACE

*wind blows in my face
my hair goes wild in the wind
homework flies away*

Shem Biggie
Mendocino CA

THIRD PLACE

*miles of white sand
sandy footsteps follow me
as they disappear*

Natali Camarillo
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*a warm autumn day
the trees are bright and golden
leaves fluttering by*

*Tori Suter
Santa Rosa, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*clear pool of water
raindrops touch the blank surface
break my reflection*

*Jazmine Atherton-Walsh
Mendocino, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*bright shining stars
glowing in the darkened sky
owl's eyes stare down*

*Jazmine Atherton-Walsh
Mendocino, CA*

Youth 7 – 9 Grade, All Topics

FIRST PLACE

*a freezing mountain
camping outside while cooking
the smell of hot soup*

*Hong Xiang Bai
Talmage, CA*

SECOND PLACE

*empty puddle
remains
of a winter storm*

*Travis Huff
Fort Bragg, CA*

THIRD PLACE

*Tahoe's snow melts
pink sky fades to black
chipmunk gathers oats*

*Kris Kalman
Fort Bragg, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*little green turtle
swims in the big blue pond
where'd its head go*

*Hannah Silva
Fort Bragg, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*thundering clouds
droplets of water on the cement
lightning flashing by*

*Kyrston Anderson
Fort Bragg, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*night
the moon and stars are surrounded
by a great darkness*

*Rebecca Sanchez
Fort Bragg, CA*

Youth, 10 – 12 Grade, All Topics

FIRST PLACE

*tarnished candlesticks
a teapot too long empty
mouse and spider guests*

*Susan Haynes
Ukiah, CA*

SECOND PLACE

*sweet and tangy seeds
curling lips and tongues alike
first pomegranate*

*Kaeleigh Reynolds
Windsor, CA*

THIRD PLACE

*an ant paws the air
there's nothing to grab on to
at a grass blade's end*

*Nikki Teran
Ukiah, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*pink popcorn blossoms
exploding from the tree
infant cherry bonnets*

*Catie Havemann
Calpella, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*pixie lanterns float
travelers rub drowsy eyes
thousand fireflies*

*Susan Haynes
Ukiah, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*splashing mud
a bird calling over head
fresh cool air to breathe*

*Josh Gernert
Ukiah, CA*

Children, K – 6 Grade, About Ukiah

FIRST PLACE

*a young Pomo woman
weaving a willow basket
off to gather acorns*

*Amelia Robinson
Ukiah, CA*

SECOND PLACE

*Mendocino Lake
I throw two waiting ducks bread
ripples on water*

*Emma Barash
Ukiah, CA*

THIRD PLACE

*fields of black grape vines
stretching from highway to hill
wild spring flowers bloom*

*Alejandro Gracia
Talmage, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*stepping on grass
smelling peacock poop
nose wrinkling*

*Miguel Gracia
Talmage, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*chinese lanterns
swaying with the breeze
good luck!*

*Alejandro Gracia
Talmage, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*a grey clouded sky
rain falls on umbrellas
Ukiah winter*

*Laura Green
Ukiah, CA*

Youth, 7 – 12 Grade, About Ukiah

FIRST PLACE

*Redwood Empire Fair
children laughing, sheep bleating
cotton candy face*

*Megan Whetzel
Ukiah, CA*

SECOND PLACE

*workers in the field
busy picking Zinfandel
closer to the glass*

*Alison Pipkin
Redwood Valley, CA*

THIRD PLACE

*roll and tumble snow
flushed cheeks and fingers thawing
small shoes line the door*

*Catie Havemann
Ukiah, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*deer, behind graves, eat
safe from high schooler's loud cars
as they too find food*

*Nikki Teran
Ukiah, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*the sun and the moon
floating over the valley
framed in her blue eyes*

*Andrew Zellman
Ukiah, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*Lake Mendocino
has now reached historic lows
the fish still don't know*

*Nikki Teran
Ukiah, CA*

Adult, About Ukiah

FIRST PLACE

*Ridgewood fog
nothing breaks through
but yellow caution sign*

*Armand Brint
Ukiah, CA*

SECOND PLACE

*early birds work field
stop to watch the sun rise
red chests blazing*

*Cathy Monroe
Redwood Valley, CA*

THIRD PLACE

*Ukiah autumn
faux pears cut from pressed wood
fall from festive poles*

*John H. Frary
Ukiah, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*Ten Thousand Buddhas
tonight just the voice
of this one frog*

Garry Gay
Windsor, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*wrinkles on a tight fist
the breath before the blow
Maldonado Karate*

Kimberly Scriven
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*concrete bench
warmed by afternoon sun
oco to go*

Rose Easterbrook
Philo, CA

Adults, General

FIRST PLACE

*orb spinning spider
this night
you caught the moon*

*Pat Matlock
Penngrove, CA*

SECOND PLACE

*raindrops hitting hard
the shallow pool – the blinking
of a hundred eyes*

*Sean Nolan
Petaluma, CA*

THIRD PLACE

*a morning raga
announcing last night's rain
the frog in my creek*

*Roy Helton
Laytonville, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*two crickets singing
drift in and out of phase
hot September night*

*David Leland
Sonoma, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*quince and camellias
the pink of my umbrella
open in the rain*

*Susan Bono
Sonoma, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*cup of coffee
chill of morning
school bus roars away*

*Elizabeth Snow
Gualala, CA*

Para Menores de 18 Años

FIRST PLACE

*se dice que la fé
vino con el tiempo
para mí vino con el sol*

*Andrew Zellman
Ukiah, CA*

SECOND PLACE

*una estrella
se cae del cielo negro
quién la extraña?*

*Julie Van Pelt
Ukiah, CA*

THIRD PLACE

*sola en el rincón
igual que la hoja
en el árbol, allá*

*Alejandra Nieves
Redwood Valley, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*sín parar
el tiempo corre
talvez un día descansaré*

*Jesus Rojas
Santa Rosa, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*calles locas
buscando sangre
como demonio
para poder vivir*

*Andres Díaz
Santa Rosa, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*océano
tú tienes peces
tu aqua es fría
tú eres bella*

*Ashlee Duncan
Ukiah, CA*

Para Mayores

FIRST PLACE

*los robles cantan
Escuchen con atención
a los milagros*

*Sharon Bard
Santa Rosa, CA*

SECOND PLACE

*el viento frío
viene del océano
uvas saladas*

*Sharon Donovan
Petaluma, CA*

THIRD PLACE

*un pensamiento,
el amor es la bruja
de mi otoño*

*Tom Wilson
Petaluma, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*de nubes oscuras
caen lágrimas de ángeles
mundo mojado*

*Sara Adams
Ukiah, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*despojos de almas
un millón de estrellas
ocaso incandescente*

*Mary Przyblyski
Santa Rosa, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*la telaraña
hilos de plata en rocío
la vida entretejida*

*Mary Przyblyski
Santa Rosa, CA*

JUDGES SPECIAL AWARD

*mi dedo duele
no sé porque
duele mi dedo
duele más ahora*

*Tyler Downey
Ukiah, CA*

Jane Reichhold International Prize

FIRST PLACE

*x-ray clinic
the orange bones
of a willow*

*André Surridge
New Zealand*

SECOND PLACE

*split firewood
camping friends
reunited in smoke*

*Barbara Snow
Eugene, OR*

THIRD PLACE

*low clouds
on cement walkway
crushed snails*

*Armand Brint
Ukiah, CA*

HONORABLE MENTION

*hospice—
the fields he tilled
covered in snow*

Garry Gay
Windsor, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*second hand book
a place still kept
by the lacewing*

John Parsons
United Kingdom

HONORABLE MENTION

*on a breeze
long long cello notes
from somewhere soft*

Brett Brady
Pahoa, HI

Judges & Ukiah Laureate Committee

*profundas son mis raíces
que no me hunden
solamente me nutren*

*Lorena Calvo-Evans
Ukiah, CA*

*deep are my roots
that do not bind
but only nurture me.*

*spring light fades
city council on tv
Ukiah night life*

*Benj Thomas
Ukiah, CA*

*de mostaza, lupina, y amapola
olas de anhelo
un haiku detrás otro*

*Jabez W. Churchill
Ukiah, CA*

*mustard, lupine, poppies
waves of longing
one haiku after another*

*tire tracks
new load of gravel
on the old road*

Dan Barth
Talmage, CA

*winter night sky
binoculars scan the Milky Way
who spoke of a Beginning?*
*cielo estrellado de invierno
contemplado la Vía Lactea con binoculares
¿Quién habló de un Principio?*

Ricardo Horacio Stocker
Ukiah, CA

*Lifting my ax –
through the woods the thwap
of a neighbor's swing*

Michael Riedell
Willits, CA

*my cat
and I –
birdwatchers*

*Kate Marianchild
Ukiah, CA*

*la vida entiende
los rugidos de una muerte
enamorada*

*Marcos Pereda
Ukiah, CA*

*hills
touching each other
at the river*

*Jane Reichhold
Gualala, CA*

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