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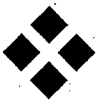
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Children, K - 3 Grade, General Topics

FIRST PLACE

*sunny day at the lake
standing on big rocks
cannon balls*

Nicolas Holasek
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

*broken log
I sit in the middle
listening to frog sounds*

Amitabha Shartdal
Ukiah, CA

THIRD PLACE

*creeks with waterfalls
dragonflies fly over head
in the summer sun*

Angelina Losak
Ukiah, CA

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HONORABLE MENTION

*wind ruffles my hair
trees sway bending close
pine smell drifts toward me*

Josephine Inwood Steinbuck
Mendocino, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*summer sun so hot
blackbirds soaring in the sky
over the roses*

Natalie Baroza
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*old oak tree
trembling branches —
look out below!*

Aidan Ramsay
Potter Valley, CA

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Children, 4 - 6 Grade, General Topics

FIRST PLACE

*a broken umbrella
rain drops on his face
so what*

Luis Francisco Zendejas Espinozo
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

*popicle melting
red stains on sticky fingers
wash off in the pool*

Trinity Spencer
Ukiah, CA

THIRD PLACE

*the cuttlefish swims
in salty water for life
it is what he breathes*

Justin Artlip
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*women are watching
in the hot rays of the sun
the ocean hissing*

Brian Cortes
Ukiah, CA

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HONORABLE MENTION

*big old water tanks
I throw a rock
ping!*

Douglas Liu
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*rusty old cars
big tires near
turkey vulture flies*

Alejandro Rodarte
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*moon on the lake
different colors glowing
then we drive by*

Kallee Wilson
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*water streaming
frogs singing their only song
moonlight shines bright*

Mariana Lopez
Ukiah, CA

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Youth 7 - 9 Grade, General Topics

FIRST PLACE

*dry leaf on cement
wind blowing
scraping sound*

Miguel Gracia
Talmage, CA

SECOND PLACE

*a silent vineyard
a grape tumbles to the ground
snatched by a lone mouse*

Aiden Miller
Fort Bragg, CA

THIRD PLACE

*winds in the oaks
whispering secrets
and harvesting leaves*

Tora Haagen-Smit
Fort Bragg, CA

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HONORABLE MENTION

*falling to the ground
I watched a leaf settle down
in a bed of brown*

Enrique Ruano
Fort Bragg, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*hear the sea roar
upon the sandy beach
washing away dreams*

Riley Smith
Fort Bragg, CA

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Youth, 10 - 12 Grade, All Topics

FIRST PLACE

*paper airplanes
against cardboard skies
a shoebox life*

Maya Boultis
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

*laughter floats
sun drips onto shoulders
another day lost*

Jazlyn Kraft
Ukiah, CA

THIRD PLACE

*a dandelion
whisked away by the wind
sea of blurry dreams*

Christina Ge
Talmage, CA

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HONORABLE MENTION

*sun shines on oak trees
the morning breeze blows through the grass
the sound of leaves*

Tim Hau
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*empty orange trees
breezes whisper through the boughs
a late-falling leaf*

Riley Fong
Talmage, CA

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Children, K - 6 Grade, About Ukiah

FIRST PLACE

*rusty old car parts
broken down coated with dirt
alongside Orr Creek*

Casey Snodgrass
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

*an icy windshield
snow on the mountain
the dead look of winter*

Dani Ramos
Ukiah, CA

THIRD PLACE

*slender silver trout
wiggling in shallow stream
spots a worm "my worm"*

Trinity Spencer
Ukiah, CA

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HONORABLE MENTION

*beautiful colored bird
squacking loudly
the peacock dance*

Megan Truong
Talmage, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*men shearing sheep in barns
filled with hay stacks —
fresh wool!*

Wesley Duong
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*a row of cherry blossoms
showering me
in pink confetti*

Joy Sun
Talmage, CA

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Youth, 7-12 Grade, About Ukiah

FIRST PLACE

*geese on icy grass
leafless wet trees
morning walk*

Asly Silva
Ukiah, CA

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HONORABLE MENTION

*discover what's here
water flying down the rocks
inside Vichy Springs*

Jackie Kang
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

*in the valley's heat
even oaks sweat, even birds
seem to hold their breath*

Jazlyn Kraft
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*crested mountain backs
bathed in the light of morning
holding up the world*

Shannon McEntee
Ukiah, CA

THIRD PLACE

*like breeze and water
we always see each other
but pass like strangers*

Jireh Pejana
Ukiah, CA

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Adult, About Ukiah

FIRST PLACE

golden hills
turkey vultures circle the remains
of summer

Annette Makino
Arcata, CA

SECOND PLACE

winter sun
sets behind the hills
pages darken

Armand Brint
Ukiah, CA

THIRD PLACE

vulture totems
on phone poles down the road
spread their wings to dry

Kelly Anderson
Lower Lake, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

deep valley
gentle smoke from angelica root
blesses all

Michele Curley
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

the Big Dipper
half blocked by trees
spring night

Min Zhang
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

acacias line the street
a procession of glowing torches
lighting the way to winter

Janet Rosen
Ukiah, CA

Adult, General Topics

FIRST PLACE

*willow buds
the skipping stone
sun-warm*

Annette Makino
Arcata, CA

SECOND PLACE

*what is left
you stand in the hollow
the black scar of fire*

Emily Inwood
Mendocino, CA

THIRD PLACE

*Orion's Belt
caught in the bare branches
of a pear tree*

Armand Britt
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*mirror face so old
how could such a thing happen
one day at a time?*

Stephen Elsemore
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*six pigeons perched on
the long arm of a streetlight
a feather grey sky*

M. J. Arcangelini
Santa Rosa, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*on a lonely ridge
I walk across the full moon
stretching my shadow*

Roger Larison
Ukiah, CA

Para Menores de 18 Años

FIRST PLACE

dia soleado en el lago
parado sobre grandes rocas
salto en bomba

Nicolas Holasek
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

viento cantando
zacate
con sus millones de vecinos

Luciana Allende
Ukiah, CA

THIRD PLACE

el sol brillante
no puede tocarme
soy muy chiquita

Brisa Yopez
Hopland, CA

Para Mayores

FIRST PLACE

negro y oro
abondiga en vuelo
un abejorro

Sharon Donovan
Petaluma, CA

Jane Reichhold International Prize

FIRST PLACE

sunless day
a child's yellow comb
on the sidewalk

Armand Brint
Ukiah, California

SECOND PLACE

no more words
only clouds of frozen breath
between us

Julie Warther
Dover, Ohio

THIRD PLACE

spring returns
even the houseplant
parts the curtain

Earl R. Keener
Bethany, West Virginia

HONORABLE MENTION

dead of winter
a few pieces of sky
on the floor

Timothy Russell
Toronto, Ohio

HONORABLE MENTION

nursing home
he immerses himself
in virgil

Ernest J Berry
New Zealand

HONORABLE MENTION

halfway home
a tugboat's horn
splits the fog

Patricia Daharsh
Pinellas Park, Florida

HONORABLE MENTION

high tide
a pair of waterwings
washed ashore

Tracy Davidson

Judges, UkiHaiku Committee &
UkiHa Poet Laureate Committee Members

*evergreen windbreak
shadows lengthen in late sun
over lettuce*

Dan Barth
Talmage, CA

*no se
de donde nace el viento
solo hacia donde me seduce*

*I don't know
where the wind is born
only where it lures me*

Bill Churchhill
Ukiah, CA

*white butterfly
fluttering among blossoms
lands and disappears*

Cathy Monroe
Redwood Valley, CA

*UkiHa trip
the miles dissolve in
valley light*

Jane Reichhold
Gualala, CA

*nesting mockingbirds
outside the kitchen window
domestic bliss*

Fran Resendez
Ukiah, CA

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Ukiah Poet Laureate Committee Members

*spring blossoms –
she feeds the concrete rabbit
tenderly*

Michael Riedell
Ukiah, CA

*blank sheet of paper
waiting for oxymoron
instant haiku*

Benj Thomas
Ukiah, CA

*little word blossoms
compact and bursting with life
ukiaHaiku*

Roberta Werdinger
Willits, CA

*loose hair in the pool
harbinger of summer –
don't open your mouth!*

Theresa Whitenill
Ukiah, CA

We wish to acknowledge the response of this year's authors: 1,023 entries. Per our competition guidelines, the majority of entries were from poets in the state of California's Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt and Sonoma Counties. However, in the Jane Reichhold International Prize category, entries were received from three continents, five countries and thirteen states.



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