

the twelfth annual



*ukiahaiiku  
festival*

winning entries

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Children, K–3 Grade, General Topics

FIRST PLACE

me and my sister  
wave our bright painted nails  
to dry in the sun

Briseida Gonzalez  
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

juicy, sweet, and pink,  
dripping all over your chin,  
a watermelon

Walter Marrufo  
Covelo, CA

THIRD PLACE

play outside  
happy with flowers, pollen, bees  
I grab a tissue

Miranda Pielaszcyk  
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

miner's lettuce  
white flower blossoms  
spring time

Ylias Aviecin  
Talmage, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

dinosaurs are cool  
they are big and powerful  
they eat people, too

Malcolm San Nichols  
Middletown, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

the lake so steady  
clear, sparkling and calm except  
for the drifting plants

Amelia Adams  
Talmage, CA

Children, 4-6 Grade, General Topics

FIRST PLACE

friends riding horses  
we trot, gallop, walk  
laughter echoes

Katharine Nunes  
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

spring breeze blows  
koi swim in a blue haze  
blossoms blow on the wind

Riley Williams  
Fort Bragg, CA

THIRD PLACE

the wind blows blows blows  
blows my hat away from me  
try to catch it, try

Oceana Sipila  
Laytonville, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

rushing down the rocks  
water trickling through your hands  
now hitting the pond

Micaela Warren  
Kelseyville, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

cold night  
I sit near the wood stove  
drinking hot cocoa

Wesley Duong  
Ukiah, CA

Youth, 7–9 Grade, General Topics

FIRST PLACE

**braid in the breeze  
skirt flowing with the wind  
behind me**

Emily Sevier  
Redwood Valley, CA

SECOND PLACE

**fish swimming  
black shadow  
in the cold river**

Juan Reynoso  
Anderson Valley, CA

THIRD PLACE

**glowing yellow moon  
reflects upon the snow  
rabbit darts away**

Judah Millen  
Fort Bragg, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

**a standing structure  
the fire roars –  
ash**

James Jensen  
Hopland, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

**tickling my ankle  
flip-flops clicking as I walk  
grassy fields**

Oceanna Ackley  
Potter Valley, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

**gray covers the sky  
dampening the ground and trees  
seeing breath of kids**

Emily Tilley  
Uliah, CA

Youth, 10–12 Grade, General Topics

FIRST PLACE

brisk winter morning  
cuddled in my warm sweater  
sky filled with darkness

Ashlyn Thurston  
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

penny on the street  
I flip it to face heads up  
someone could use the luck

Gabriel Suddeth  
Kelseyville, CA

THIRD PLACE

a newspaper hat  
flows down the endless sidewalk  
pitter patter of rain

Nick LaMonica

HONORABLE MENTION

baseball season  
the smell of grass and peanuts  
is upon us now

Nate England  
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

sun sets – blood orange haze  
scooter's sound harsh on pavement  
stolen Oreos

Gianna Passalacqua  
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

nothing is fast or slow  
where the lands and oceans meet  
there I am quiet

Vanessa Yeong  
Ukiah, CA

Children, K-6 Grade, About Ukiah

FIRST PLACE

**lizard running past  
doing pushups on a log  
on our Low Gap hike**

Angelo Sandoval  
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

**old barn  
spiders creeping  
water drips**

Wesley Duong  
Ukiah, CA

THIRD PLACE

**drifting off to sleep  
the night sounds are really sweet  
find cat on my head**

Moniques Nguyen

HONORABLE MENTION

**stone lions  
great, fierce, guarding a temp  
dare you go past?**

Yee Kit Chan  
Talmage, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

**it's so dry!  
the hot pavement burns  
through the soles in my shoes**

Maddie Kinrade  
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

**shining sun  
golden grass  
fire!**

Nicolas Holasek

Youth, 7-12 Grade, About Ukiah

FIRST PLACE

rows of wine grapes  
lone John Deer tractor  
yellow mustard flowers

Oceanna Ackley  
Potter Valley, CA

SECOND PLACE

an empty stroller  
haunts the cold mornings  
a Kohl's parking lot

Rebecca Ortega  
Hopland, CA

THIRD PLACE

by the chain-link fence  
dew beads run  
down a ripe strawberry

Tom Tieu

HONORABLE MENTION

wet sand  
glued to my hand  
ocean follows me home

Danielle Butow  
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

Sunday is sleeping  
no one's downtown  
in the petal-rain

Jazlyn Kraft  
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

when the sun does down  
my shadow  
rests for the night

Leslie Mendoza  
Ukiah, CA



Para Menores de 18 años, en Español

FIRST PLACE

la luz de ti Pamela  
mis sedientos ojos  
a tus hombros mojados

Rebecca Ortega  
Hopland, CA

SECOND PLACE

entre el silencio  
y la alegría  
el día atrapado está

Esmeralda Espinoza  
Philo, CA

THIRD PLACE

gota a gota  
el maquey verde  
derrama su tequila

Alondra Espinoza  
Philo, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

via láctea  
millones de años  
estrella fugáz

Valentina Evans  
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

cuando el sol se pone  
mi sombra  
se acuesta

Leslie Mendoza  
Philo, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

rejas de calma  
el sol entrando  
entre las ramas del bosque

Flavio Flores  
Anderson Valley, CA

Para Mayores de 18 años, en Español

FIRST PLACE

**el picaflor  
aparece de la nada  
se congela el momento**

Stephen Eisenmore  
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

**cuando raya el sol  
mi sombra  
sale a jugar**

Juan de Dios Orozco Vargas  
Ukiah, CA

THIRD PLACE

**un dia mas  
el sol sale y se pone  
otro milagro**

Sharon Donovan  
Petaluma, CA

Adult, General Topics

FIRST PLACE

rhythm of rain  
the dog curls tighter  
in his sleep

Annette Makino  
Arcata, CA

SECOND PLACE

spring equinox  
she bottle feeds  
the newborn lamb

Barbara Mackay  
Fort Bragg, CA

THIRD PLACE

from one sidewalk crack  
seven orange poppies burst  
how little it takes

Stephen Elsemore

FORT BRAGG, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

cracked black walnut chunks  
crushed by rushing rubber tires  
raven waits above

Minna Nummelin  
Covelo, CA

Dori Anderson Prize, Adult, About Ukiah

FIRST PLACE

**drought season**  
**we run out of things**  
**to say**

Annette Makino  
Arcata, CA

SECOND PLACE

**Ukiah downtown**  
**old red brick railroad station**  
**waiting for ghost trains**

Sheridan Malone  
Ukiah, CA

THIRD PLACE

**last pears**  
**the trees come down**  
**firewood for sale**

Chuck Doty  
Arcata, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

**heat waves**  
**over a dry river bed**  
**red-tail hawk**

Laura Leigh  
Point Arena, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

**misplaced grapes**  
**on a sign above State Street**  
**Voll Motel**

Laura West  
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

**rain falling**  
**on parched hills**  
**not enough**

Sharon Donovan  
Arcata, CA

Jane Reichhold Prize, Adult, International

FIRST PLACE

slight chill in the sun  
his morning is conversing  
with a shopping cart

Larry Rinder  
Ukiah, California, USA

SECOND PLACE

winter moon –  
he shaves his head bald  
to match hers

Kathy Lippard Cobb  
Bradenton, Florida, USA

THIRD PLACE

milky way –  
even the dead stars  
light up my path

Kashinath Karmakar  
Durgapur, India

HONORABLE MENTION

cherry blossoming  
her dog with a leash  
restrains me

Lech Szeglowski  
Gdansk, Poland

HONORABLE MENTION

spring in the trenches  
young dead soldiers invading  
the kingdom of worms

Adam Chmielnicki  
Sosnowiec, Poland

HONORABLE MENTION

early morning  
how she deletes with lipstick  
the overnight kisses

Iulian Ciupitu  
Bucharest, Romania

HONORABLE MENTION

chanting monks  
the wind tries to make a bird  
from fallen feathers

Darrell Lindsey  
Nacogdoches, Texas, USA

Judges & Committee Members

blue bird

on a wire fence

nectarine blossoms

Dan Barth

Talmage, CA

big dog

panting in the back seat

window fogs up

Armand Brint

Ukiah, CA

ciervos forajean en

el campo santo

los muertos

dan de comer a los vivos

deer graze in the cemetery

the dead

are feeding the living

Bill Churchill

Ukiah, CA

Judges & Committee Members

siempre cambiante

tu arenoso escenario

Navarro enamoras

always different

sandy scenario

enchanted Navarro

Lorena Calvo Evans

Ukiah, CA

hear with the mind's eye

Postit on virtual 'fridge

see with the mind's ear

Jonathan Middlebrook

Redwood Valley, CA

pink pool

under the camellia

after the rain

Cathy Monroe

Redwood Valley, CA

**folding paper**

**the faded iris**

**withers**

Jane Reichhold  
Gualala, CA

**our chopsticks**

**they also spent the night**

**side by side**

Michael Riedell  
Ukiah, CA

**dawn's etched shadows**

**a dog a man and a leash between**

**shrink in the rising sun**

Benj Thomas  
Ukiah, CA

The Ukiah Poet Laureate Committee wishes thank all those authors who responded so overwhelmingly by entering this year's ukiHaiku competition – a recordbreaking 2,149 entries. Per our competition guidelines, the majority of entries were from poets in Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt and Sonoma Counties, but in the Jane Reichhold International division, entries were received from fifteen states, twenty-three countries and four continents.



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