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festival

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entries

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ukiahaiiku
festival

We wish to acknowledge the response of this year's authors: 1,175 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 Prize category, entries were received from eight countries and twelve states.

Children, K - 3 Grade, General Topics

FIRST PLACE

*shiny blue-green skin
creature crawling near my house
searching for small bugs*

Amber Carlson
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

*a wet road
a dead ant
a flooded ant hole*

Benjamin Geng
Ukiah, CA

THIRD PLACE

*in my bed one night
noisy owl in the darkness
I get up and see*

Ethan Caputo
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*the wind blows fiercely
rain falls on mountains and me
lightning cracks bright*

Faith Burns
Redwood Valley, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*light soft fur
touches my fingertips
found a turkey feather*

Josephine Steinbuck
Mendocino, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*smiling coach
cones on the soccer field
flip! dead gopher*

Kieran Kellett
Fort Bragg, CA

Children, 4 - 6 Grade, General Topics

FIRST PLACE

old train cars
blackberry vines grow
through moldy wood platforms
Miguel Gracia
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

old gravel road
through a redwood grove
lone street sign
Alan Truong
Ukiah, CA

THIRD PLACE

in one straight line
a group of birds fly south
sunset
Kusali Kandahsari
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

blossoming cherry tree
a rusting fence
big burn pile
Ethan Alexander Ramsay
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

a small meadow
surrounded by redwoods
broken shack
Anand Shatdal
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

miner's lettuce
sprouting
white flower in middle
Alejandro Rodarte
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

tree split
struck by lightning
new tree sprouting
Ricardo Haschak
Ukiah, CA

Youth 7 - 9 Grade, General Topics

FIRST PLACE

*frogs in the river –
blooming hydrangeas under
the sparkling sun*

Taylor Nava
Fort Bragg, CA

SECOND PLACE

*right before my eyes
a blue jay's bluest feather
drifts softly downward*

Morgan Margerison
Mendocino, CA

THIRD PLACE

*icy birdbath shines
sunlight dancing gracefully
shattered by a finch*

Rhianna Hackley
Fort Bragg, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*the cold mountain stream
roaring downhill
after the first rain*

Nicholas Rescina
Willits, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*on the beach
the smell of sea salt
waves tumbling over each other*

Joshua Nowlin
Willits, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*moonlight bouncing off the water
ripples grow in size
glitters on a quiet night*

Trysten Siddons
Willits, CA

Youth, 10 - 12 Grade, All Topics

FIRST PLACE

*storming droplets
the flooded river
under the bridge.*

Hong Fei Bai
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

*alone
the water falls from each petal
glistening in the warm sun*

Crystina Matlick
Fort Bragg, CA

THIRD PLACE

*dark and clear night sky
people surround the fire pit
watching the flying stars*

Emory Jiang
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*the game ends hectic
while silence rules the locker room
pungent smells of sweat*

Xavier Kouoi
Talmage, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*sand beneath my feet
an ocean smell fills the air
softball on the beach*

Madison Klee
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*Chey doing my hair
waterfall braid, that's what's up
I'm so beautiful*

Taylor Morris
Ukiah, CA

Children, K - 6 Grade, About Ukiah

FIRST PLACE

*on rainy day
all soaking wet and cold
forgot my umbrella*

Emily Van
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

*look! a frisbee flies
do the dogs like to catch it?
springtime at Low Gap*

Mason Baarts
Ukiah, CA

THIRD PLACE

*driving down the road
see a blanket of yellow
mustard flowers*

Oceanna Ackley
Potter Valley, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*when you rain
you're a little flooded
you're Ukiah*

Joy Sun
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*watching cars fly past
puddles bursting evrywhere
water in face*

Kusali Kandahsari
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*peacocks dance around
they're free in CTTB
Ugh! Stepped in their poop*

Ayled Alfaro
Lower Lake, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*a foggy morning
light splashes my face
walking to school*

Kusali Kandahsari
Ukiah, CA

Youth, 7-12 Grade, About Ukiah

FIRST PLACE

*valley of mountains
rows of vineyards, no more pears
but we are all here*

Raquel Contreras
Calpella, CA

SECOND PLACE

*neck brace guy is missed
the great Emperor Norton
of our Ukiah*

Brandon Hennessy
Ukiah, CA

THIRD PLACE

*Low Gap Park's green grass
swaying in the nightly breeze
dancing with the wind*

Cinthya Madrigal
Lower Lake, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*rough hands rich land
delicate touch harvesting plenty
Ukiah's rugged beauty*

Olivia Cooper
Ukiah, CA

Adult, About Ukiah

FIRST PLACE

*birds flock in fields
out of the ploughed dark soil
the scarecrow rises*

Kelly Anderson
Lower Lake, CA

SECOND PLACE

*quiet warm hills
slope and cradle
seeds and bones*

Emily Inwood
Mendocino, CA

THIRD PLACE

*nearing Ukiah
ten thousand chanting buddhas
calling me om*

Sharon Donovan
Petaluma, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*no pear trees
now row upon row of grapes
waiting the pickers hands*

Chuck Doty
Lower Lake, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*tall grass
a white feather remains
from winter*

Armand Brint
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

*apricot sky
flames behind charcoal hills
Walmart parking lot*

Penny Walker
Ukiah, CA

Adult, General Topics

FIRST PLACE

WASH ME

dissolves

in the rain

Roger Larrison
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

only his sorrow

is silly enough to sit

crying in the rain

Cristie Holliday
Ukiah, CA

THIRD PLACE

rain passes

dark clouds linger

in puddles

Armand Brint
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

right hand in a cast

this idle winter morning

empty fireplace yawns

Lindee Reese
Cotati, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

threading daisies

in the summer sun

bees in clover

Barbara MacKay
Fort Bragg, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

children all in line

for a chance to stand inside

the hollow redwood

Nancy Lockard Gallop
Santa Rosa, CA

Para Menores de 18 Años

FIRST PLACE

un esqueleto
dos esqueletos bailan
tres esqueletos

Caitlin Torres
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

las flores frescas
abuela sonriendo
amor eterno

Frendira Fonseca
Ukiah, CA

THIRD PLACE

sola la luna
bonita como yo
la familia Luna

Ayled Alfaro
Ukiah, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

te quiero mami
mi mami esta feliz
un pajarito

Carlos Lopez Sanchez
Ukiah, CA

Para Mayores

FIRST PLACE

los arboles se mueven
el bosque baila en el viento
el gran salon de la Naturaleza

Belle Hicks
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

ceños fruncidos
lápices moviendo
maestro feliz

James Evans
Ukiah, CA

Jane Reichhold International Prize
Innovative Haiku

FIRST PLACE

*a lingering echo
teases my curiosity
enter*

Olivia Cooper
Ukiah, CA

SECOND PLACE

*no wind
a single leaf falls
catching my breath*

Laura Leigh
Point Arena, CA

THIRD PLACE

*I bury myself
in the patchwork quilt –
birthday coming*

Earl R. Keener
Bethany, WV

HONORABLE MENTION

*back to school
all that honking
overhead*

John Soules
Wingham, Ontario, Canada

HONORABLE MENTION

*pre-season tryouts
a dandelion puff
joins the huddle*

Scott Mason
Chappaqua, NY

HONORABLE MENTION

*vertical peak
an eagle circles
my vertigo*

Ernest J. Berry
Picton, New Zealand

Jane Reichhold International Prize
Traditional Haiku

FIRST PLACE

sickle moon
a canoe's bow
parts the stars

Michele L. Harvey
Hamilton, NY

SECOND PLACE

midday
the sound of sunlight
dripping from icicles

Julie Warther
Dover, OH

THIRD PLACE

awakening –
my nightmares fade
into chickadees

Seren Fargo
Bellingham, WA

HONORABLE MENTION

thick moss
coats the roof of my house
foggy memories

Chen-ou Liu
Ajax, Ontario, Canada

HONORABLE MENTION

song thrush
a wisp of cloud
in its beak

Andre Surridge
Hamilton, New Zealand

HONORABLE MENTION

in love again –
a pair of spoonbills
return to the estuary

Marg Beverland
Katikati, New Zealand

Judges & Ukiah Poet Laureate Committee

*full moon rising
bare branches
a crease in the hills*

Dan Barth
Talmage, CA

*que sigamos los pasos de la lluvia
hacia adentro
debajo del rescate de las superficies*

*let's follow the rain's footsteps
inward beneath the rubble
of superficialities*

Bill Churchill
Ukiah, CA

Judges & Ukiah Poet Laureate Committee

*bucket buzzes
bees emerge from within
fresh cut lavender*

Cathy Monroe
Redwood Valley, CA

*y aqui,
en el portal de tus ojos
noches que le salen a las luces*

Marcos Pereda
Ukiah, CA

*rainbow colors
hiding in dewy grass
Easter eggs*

Jane Reichhold
Gualala, CA

Judges & Ukiah Poet Laureate Committee

*first rain on windshield
uneven smears remind me
forgot to buy blades*

Fran Resendez
Ukiah, CA

*they live so briefly –
all the flowers brought
to bury two teens*

Michael Riedell
Willits, CA

*ruminant council
the sanitary landfill
our Ukiah heap*

Benj Thomas
Ukiah, CA



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