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## Children, K-3 Grade, All Topics

### FIRST PLACE

the middle schoolers  
come through the quad  
in loudness

Henry Rice  
Mendocino

### SECOND PLACE

keys clicking  
while we are typing  
our haiku

Sawyer Schlafer  
Mendocino

### THIRD PLACE

electric zigzag  
flashes through the night  
quick glimpse

Yukedi Zou  
Talmage

### HONORABLE MENTION

eagerly swimming  
tadpoles waiting to be  
frogs

Leo Wang  
Talmage

### HONORABLE MENTION

little dog  
sitting on the rug staring  
at his dinner

Mirabai Anderson  
Mendocino

### HONORABLE MENTION

birds fly  
I watch them make shapes  
with each other

Kamila Hopkins  
Ukiah



## Children, 4-6 Grade, All Topics

### FIRST PLACE

cool spring day  
picnic under the plum blossoms  
sprinklers kick on

Amelia Adams  
Ukiah

### SECOND PLACE

large flowers  
lining the edge of the woods  
buzzing

Yifan Chan  
Ukiah

### THIRD PLACE

downtown driving  
blossoms all around  
falling slowly

Willow Douglass-Thomas  
Boonville

### HONORABLE MENTION

big storm  
trees swaying  
snap

Malachi Hopkins Marquez  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

sitting on a swing  
best friend by your side  
memories

Reina Pittman  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

rainbow in the sky  
as you walk  
I disappear

Emi Nguyen  
Ukiah

## Youth, 7-9 Grade, All Topics

### FIRST PLACE

moon gleaming  
pond reflects  
bowl of milk

Wesley Duong  
Ukiah

### SECOND PLACE

sunlight seeps  
into cracks and crevices  
dusty road

Sophia Liu  
Talmage

### THIRD PLACE

hot sand on your feet  
the sound of the ocean  
hitting the rocks

Samantha Sipila  
Fort Bragg

### HONORABLE MENTION

cherry blossoms bloom in spring  
a heavy wind goes by this night  
one is left behind

Joel Vidal  
Fort Bragg

### HONORABLE MENTION

balmy breeze blows my hair  
as I look over the fields  
I can almost see the moon

Jeff Shaw  
Fort Bragg

### HONORABLE MENTION

dark misty road  
red and blue  
lights flashing

Sebastian Felix  
Ukiah

## Youth, 10-12 Grade, All Topics

### FIRST PLACE

from my cell  
I hear my mother's voice  
the wind in the trees

Michael S.  
Ukiah

### SECOND PLACE

old bones  
beneath  
the lilies

Presley Nelsen  
Ukiah

### THIRD PLACE

leaping –  
the little lizard  
escapes me

Samuel Duval  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

drifting slowly past  
abandoned dirt roads  
winter waits patiently

Kusali Kandahsari  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

silent silk-spun wings  
whisk the air gently  
as if to bring a hurricane

Leanna Duong  
Ukiah

## Children, K-6 Grade, About Ukiah

### FIRST PLACE

walk past wet cement  
as it bakes in the summer heat  
I leave my foot print

Amelia Adams  
Ukiah

### SECOND PLACE

cool breeze  
making chimes tingle  
sounds of dawn

Amy Liu  
Talmage

### THIRD PLACE

high trees  
in the mountains  
twig houses

Yukedi Zou  
Talmage

### HONORABLE MENTION

rain falling  
puddles along State Street  
depression

Aidan Martin  
Sonoma

### HONORABLE MENTION

sunshine beats down  
twirling a poppy with my  
fingers  
hands wet with dew

Sophia Zhao  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

eating dumplings  
lighting firecrackers  
Chinese New Year

Matthew Wong  
Talmage

## Youth, 7-12 Grade, About Ukiah

### FIRST PLACE

after the rain  
blades of wet grass stick  
to shoes

Sophia Liu  
Talmage

### SECOND PLACE

Ukiah  
where all streets  
end in mountains

Dax LeBlanc  
Ukiah

### THIRD PLACE

old desolate windmill  
in the pear fields –  
waiting for a breeze

Wesley Duong  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

the rustle of leaves  
a stick cracks under my feet  
hiking at Low Gap

Rylie Barber  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

blooming cherry trees  
pink flower petals falling  
on dusty road

Jocelyn Mora Ramirez  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

the melting popsicle  
stuck to her arm  
a sweet memory

Jazmin Ramirez  
Ukiah



# Para Menores de 18 años, en Español

FIRST PLACE

mi puedes llamar lluvia  
porque todo lo que trato de hacer  
siempre cae sobre ti

*you can call me rain  
because everything I try to do  
always falls on you*

Odalys Mendoza  
Ukiah

## Para Mayores de 18 años, en Español

### FIRST PLACE

en la sombra de  
este roble viejo  
un mundo en paz

*in the shadow  
of this old oak tree  
a world in peace*

Christina Kelly  
Potter Valley

### SECOND PLACE

la sequía  
ahogada por las lluvias  
ya florece

*the drought  
drowned by the rains  
already blooms*

Sharon Donovan  
Petaluma

### THIRD PLACE

esperando  
por los muertos morir y  
el pasado pasar

*waiting  
for the dead to die  
and the past to pass*

Benjamin Strasser  
Willits

## Dori Anderson Prize, Adult, About Ukiah

### FIRST PLACE

Leap Day  
a raccoon slips through  
the cat flap

Annette Makino  
Arcata

### SECOND PLACE

betraying  
the winter  
Judas tree

Bill Gottlieb  
Middletown

### THIRD PLACE

wild blue irises  
cat covers poop with oak leaves  
unsuccessfully

Colter Jacobsen  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

on crowded street  
many thoughts  
pass by me

Chuck Doty  
Lower Lake

### HONORABLE MENTION

skeleton pines  
over ashen remains  
frame the stars

Kelly Anderson  
Lower Lake

### HONORABLE MENTION

rain soaked  
wing spread to dry  
vultures pose

Laura Leigh  
Point Arena

# Jane Reichhold Prize, International

## FIRST PLACE

rumors of war  
I pull the dandelions  
more gently

Cherese Cobb  
Maryville, Tennessee, USA

## SECOND PLACE

Easter weekend  
zeros roll on and off  
the odometer

Scott Mason  
Chappaqua, New York, USA

## THIRD PLACE

spring sunshine  
I add a stick-figure son  
to our minivan

Susan Burch  
Hagerstown, Maryland, USA

## HONORABLE MENTION

winter commute  
where the sound wall ends  
Mt. Rainier

Richard Tice  
Kent, Washington, USA

## HONORABLE MENTION

summer night . . .  
all the stars  
I could wish for

Annette Makino  
Arcata, California, USA

## HONORABLE MENTION

so many ways  
to be alone  
oak leaves

Malintha Perera  
Colombo, Sri Lanka



HONORABLE MENTION

atlas moth  
the places I thought  
we'd go

Debbie Strange  
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

HONORABLE MENTION

children's story –  
in the old man's eyes  
patch of blue sky

Nicole Pottier  
Grosley Sur Risle, France

## Judges & Committee Members

soft rain  
dandelions, daisies –  
petrichor!

Dan Barth  
Talmage

in the distance  
blue smoke of a burn pile  
end of winter

Armand Brint  
Ukiah

las alas se llenar  
de ecos de haiku  
los muertos no leer

*the wings are filled  
with echoes of haiku  
the dead do not read*

Bill "Jabez" Churchill  
Ukiah

## Judges & Committee Members

the street a soundless pitch  
a buck's eyes light the dark  
into the mouth I go

Melissa Eleftherion Carr  
Ukiah

mist between the folds  
drops of wind-swept water  
from mountain ridges

Don Gaston  
Ukiah

hummingbird dipping  
into each gold disk flower  
circling the zinnia

Cathy Monroe  
Redwood Valley

## Judges & Committee Members

airport bustle –  
a tiny bug passes  
through customs

Michael Riedell  
Ukiah

death –  
the sea in me  
goes home

Jane Reichhold  
Gualala

news of her death ...  
this year's falling leaves  
a little more lonely

(for Jane Reichhold)

Michael Dylan Welch  
Redmond, Washington, USA

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