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winning entries

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## Children, K-3 Grade, All Topics

### FIRST PLACE

gray possum  
lapping water from a lake  
sudden splash

Abhimanyu Hertz  
Ukiah

### SECOND PLACE

one poppy  
sprouting from a brick pile  
how many more

Yi Fan Chan  
Ukiah

### THIRD PLACE

boars in a line  
crossing road in dark night  
family

Malachi Marquez-Hopkins  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

white rabbit  
on snowy field in the sun  
blends in

Aidan Martin  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

drinking tea  
cozily sitting in bed  
fire crackles

D'Art McCluskey  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

Mom and Dad fell down  
ice skating with my sister  
dog waiting outside

Hildanna Zenteno  
Boonville

### HONORABLE MENTION

I am splashing in  
the puddle with my little  
brother at my side

Elias Smith

## Children, 4-6 Grade, All Topics

### FIRST PLACE

old garbage dump  
broken rusty machines  
peacock passes by

Abraham Batres Wang  
Ukiah

### SECOND PLACE

boys skipping rocks  
water splashes  
on my face

Wesley Duong  
Ukiah

### THIRD PLACE

rotten driftwood  
breaks when I touch it  
bird pops out

Aidan Ramsay  
Potter Valley

### HONORABLE MENTION

like a tilted moon  
like a shadow  
juncos cross the snow

Reina Pittman  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

broken log  
near the creek  
I sit alone

Francis Lo  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

moon down  
sun comes up  
big red sky

Aaron Gherkin  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

rusty junk  
squirrel leaps  
into a steel vent

Daniel Au  
Ukiah



## Youth, 7-9 Grade, All Topics

### FIRST PLACE

garden snail  
under the deep tree shade –  
where the weeds grow

Moises Flores  
Fort Bragg

### SECOND PLACE

bare feet  
close to crushing  
a butterfly

Mahealani LaRosa  
Ukiah

### THIRD PLACE

by the pagoda –  
crippled gray and leaning low  
my old friend the tree

Angelicia Hercules  
Fort Bragg

### HONORABLE MENTION

riding fast dirt bikes  
going through the cool crisp woods  
no destination

Sheldon Whitaker  
Fort Bragg

### HONORABLE MENTION

birds chirping  
smells like coffee  
after my Dad goes to work

Christian Hernanda  
Anderson Valley

### HONORABLE MENTION

a rooster  
I wake up  
to the morning sunlight

Alondra Mendoza  
Anderson Valley

## Youth, 10-12 Grade, All Topics

### FIRST PLACE

in the sunlight now  
dirt flying through kicks  
the base path is clear

Delany Kindopp  
Ukiah

### SECOND PLACE

blue, effervescent blue  
no clouds to hide the grass  
only my shadow

Susan Tognoli  
Ukiah

### THIRD PLACE

green grass and bare feet  
blur and interlace freely  
twirling beneath stars

Maggie Flaherty  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

late afternoon  
a long way ahead of me  
I keep running

Naomi Brown  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

winter wind whistles  
cherry blossoms hovering  
daylight fades to black

Kris Kalman  
Fort Bragg

### HONORABLE MENTION

blackberry bushes  
overflowing in the road  
past the white fence

Kaylah Pardini  
Ukiah

## Children, K-6 Grade, About Ukiah

### FIRST PLACE

fans in the air  
different colors moving with the wind  
butterflies

Hailey Luong  
Ukiah

### SECOND PLACE

the engine roars  
a road trip through the country  
grinning in the summer air

Madelynne Karpov-Kinrade  
Ukiah

### THIRD PLACE

little drops of snow  
lightly floating in the wind  
Oh! just plum blossoms

Trinity Spencer  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

shallow creek  
skipping rocks  
boys laugh

Francis Lo  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

walking down the road  
pink *sakuras* (cherry blossoms)  
remind me of Japan

Abraham Batres Wang  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

old building  
grass grows off the roof  
vines climb the fence

Daniel Au  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

coming home from school  
raindrops drizzling down  
I see the first poppy

Yee Kit Chan  
Ukiah

## Youth, 10-12 Grade, About Ukiah

### FIRST PLACE

the lake is dry  
car tracks  
on the sand

Miguel Gracia  
Ukiah

### SECOND PLACE

here in Ukiah  
not much to be heard at night  
except the crickets

Tzu Heng Sun  
Ukiah

### THIRD PLACE

a falling leaf  
dropped on Russian River  
ripples

Aaron So  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

dead empty vineyards  
an old rusted water tank  
stands tall

Ryan Liu  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

white sky  
silhouettes of grapevines  
lost in mist

Amelia Robinson  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

staring eyes  
looking into the woods  
spider webs

Jensen Tan  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

swift spring breeze  
leaves shuffle, branches rattle  
interwoven shadows

Jerry Huang (Tien-Ju)  
Ukiah



## Para Menores de 18 años, en Español

### FIRST PLACE

es posible  
que plumas pueden  
capturar sueños

*it is possible  
that feathers  
can capture dreams*

Mahealani LaRosa  
Ukiah

### SECOND PLACE

mar y sol  
agua y fuego combinados  
así me llamo

*mar y sol (sea and sun)  
water and fire combined  
that's my name*

Marisol Anguiano  
Anderson Valley

### THIRD PLACE

si quieres a alguien  
déjalo ir  
siempre fue tuyo

*if you love someone  
let them go  
they were always yours*

Maribel Franco  
Boonville

### HONORABLE MENTION

la vida  
es una bala  
que se evita

*life  
is a bullet  
to be avoided*

Antonio Padilla  
Anderson Valley

### HONORABLE MENTION

somos peces  
no pescados  
seguimos nadando

*we are fish  
not a catch  
we keep swimming*

Mauricio Sanchez  
Boonville

### HONORABLE MENTION

nuestro dorado sol  
que me abraza hoy  
con manos largas

*our golden sun  
that embraces me today  
with long hands*

Brisa Huertero Yopez  
Hopland

HONORABLE MENTION

te guardas cicatrices  
por siempre  
en la noche más oscura

*you keep scars  
forever  
in the darkest night*

Kylia Wolfe  
Boonville

HONORABLE MENTION

una rosado colorada  
el símbolo de la vida  
marchitandose

*a red rose  
symbol of life  
is fading*

Veiven Perez  
Boonville

FIRST PLACE

el otro lado de la frontera  
a ojos cerrados  
pero lo veo

*the other side of the border  
eyes closed  
but I see it*

Juan Orozco  
Ukiah

SECOND PLACE

Paso Doble  
de agua y luna  
en las ondas

*Paso Doble  
water and moon  
in the waves*

Sharon Donovan  
Petaluma

## Dori Anderson Prize, Adult, About Ukiah.

### FIRST PLACE

Mendocino spring  
only ten shades of green  
in my paint set

Annette Makino  
Arcata

### SECOND PLACE

frogs croaking  
in the distance  
a train

Sharon Donovan  
Petaluma

### THIRD PLACE

sticky fibers  
span a gap of weathered fence  
black widow

Madhavi deRooy  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

absorbed gray squirrel  
squats on street's yellow line  
scatters pecan shells

Mary Mack  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

solitary white heron  
at city softball field  
spring training

Karen Rifkin  
Ukiah

### HONORABLE MENTION

sound check one two three  
look at that crazy man dance!  
Sundays In The Park

Stephen Elsemore  
Ukiah

# Jane Reichhold Prize, International .

## FIRST PLACE

distant chanting  
the saffron threads of crocus  
at sunrise

Patricia Daharsh  
Pinellas Park, Florida, USA

## SECOND PLACE

low tide  
the moon stuffed  
among shells

Ailoei Cristina  
Romania

## THIRD PLACE

anniversary –  
under fallen leaves,  
the butterfly

Rita Odeh  
Haifa, Israel

## FIRST HONORABLE MENTION

war memorial  
the black-tipped wings  
of a snow goose

Cynthia Rowe  
Double Bay, New South Wales, Australia

## SECOND HONORABLE MENTION

watching them  
go down the park slide  
raindrops and freckles

Darrell Lindsay  
Nacogdoches, Texas, USA

## THIRD HONORABLE MENTION

after the tempest  
a fishing boat towed  
by the rainbow

Constantin Stroe  
Bucharest, Romania



FOURTH HONORABLE MENTION

empty second chair –  
the entire garden is filled  
with forget-me-nots

Cristina Oprea  
Iasi, Romania

FIFTH HONORABLE MENTION

home alone?  
talking to the snowman  
in my backyard

Archana Kapoor Nagpal  
Bangalore, Karnataka, India

Judges & Committee Members

dirty, crumpled  
haiku contest entry form  
beside a stream

Dan Barth  
Talmage

sudden gust  
pushes the airborne dove  
backwards

Armand Brint  
Ukiah

las constelaciones  
bailan desnudas  
alrededor de luna eclipsada

*constellations dance  
unveiled  
around an eclipsed moon*

Bill "Jabez" Churchill  
Ukiah

## Judges & Committee Members

música de antaño  
calor por manos, brazos, seno y sien  
el abrazo del tango

*music from another age  
heat from hands, arms, chest and temple  
the tango embrace*

Susan Janssen  
Ukiah

snow on Black Bart Trail  
April cloaks the spring today –  
not again this year

Jonathan Middlebrook  
Redwood Valley

gathering windfalls  
swelling sweatshirt pouch  
pregnant with apples

Cathy Monroe  
Redwood Valley

## Judges & Committee Members

mountains  
folding into valleys  
bird wings

Jane Reichhold  
Gualala

she sneezes  
among friends –  
so many blessings

Michael Riedell  
Ukiah

changing morning sun  
my chair moves west in  
silent concert

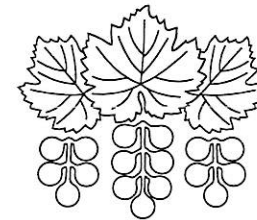
Benj Thomas  
Ukiah

## Entries

The ukiaHaiku Committee and the Ukiah Poet Laureate Committee wish to thank all those authors who responded so enthusiastically by entering this year's ukiaHaiku competition – more than 1750 total entries. Per our competition guidelines, the majority of entries were from poets in California's Mendocino, Humboldt, Sonoma and Lake Counties – more than 26 schools, primarily from Mendocino County, participated. In the festival's Jane Reichhold International division, entries were received from 18 states, 31 countries and 5 continents.

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