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#### GEPPO EDITORIAL

We are very sorry for omitting the Editorial Commentary last month due to my hospitalization. I had a kidney stone and was hospitalized nealy one week. The tiny stone caused a lot of pain but it is over now and I am fine. Thank you for your many thoughtful letters, cards, and phone calls. Your thoughtfulness surely encouraged me a great deal.

As we announced in our previous GEPPO, we are working on the SAIJIKI 歲時記 The most important part of it is to collect as many example YUKI TEIKEI haiku as possible for each KIGO. We sincerely request that each of our members send any haiku, previously written (limited only to 5-7-5 syllable count with KIGO) to the SAIJIKI COMMITTEE, Yuki Teikei Haiku Society, 1020 So. 8th St., San Jose, CA 95112.

We might ask for a slight change of your haiku. In such case we will have your permission before we publish it. We cannot guarantee that we will use all of the haiku sent in but we will review them very carefully. We also cannot pay you for this. If you agree, please list up to ten haiku on the standard typewriting paper  $(8\frac{1}{2} \times 11)$  - white - with your name and address on the bottom center of each paper, or send us a copy of your Haiku Anthology if you have ever published one.

If you know the names of the books, magazines, or private anthologies which might be helpful to us, we would appreciate your information.

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Kiyoshi & Kiyoko Tokutomi

# THE PRESIDENT COLUMN

### Patricia Machmiller -

Some of the time it rained, some of the time the sun shone during the haiku poets' November GINKO at the Pacific Ocean. There was a stubborn fire in the fireplace and lasagne, ham, and herring among other good things to share with friends. The flavor of the day is best captured in these haiku - the first choice of those present:

> In from Ginko walk Smell of salt spray in her hair This November Day

> > Bohumila Falkowski

Haiku Journal

PIRST CLASS

Patricia Machmiller

Kelp roots and debris Framed by hoof tracks in the sand Trailing into fog

Edwin A. Falkowski

After drenching rain a pile of driftwood smoking in heat of the sun

Edwin A. Falkowski

The winter raindrops shut out of the beach cottage strike at the window

Kiyoshi Tokutomi

The group's second-choice haiku were:

Great seaweed columns abandoned high on the beach — the winter ocean

Patricia Machmiller

The five-foot woman shoulders driftwood eight-foot long through autumn sand dunes

Bohumila Falkowski

Autumn seaweed pods popping beneath each footstep — smelling of the sea

Ben Sweeney

Hard November rain.
so few friends have yet arrived but oh! ... those that have!

Gerald Ball

# Our Appreciation\_

As we announced in our last month's GEPPO, we held our GINKO at the beach house of Mrs. Patricia Machmiller, Monterey Dunes Colony, 112 Monterey Dunes Way on Monterey Bay. Fourteen members attended this GINKO, and we had a wonderful time together. Thank you, Mrs. Machmiller, for offering your beach house for us.

Ms. Jinx Walker always sends us 10 extra stamps with her monthly haiku. It is a significant help for us. We also receive a little donation and a few extra stamps from some of our members for our GEPPO each month. Thank you for your kind help.

## A New Publication

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO MEMBERS

- 1. Please submit only YUKI TEIKEI form haiku (17 syllable count with KIGO) using a standard typewriting paper with your name and address on the bottom center of it.
- 2. Choose 13 haiku and identify 3 best haiku by circling the number of the haiku.
- 3. Please write three haiku for December and submit them to us by the end of November, 1979. KIGO: Frost nipped and others --- use only winter KIGO.

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#### - JUICHIGATSU -

#### November KUKO

KIGO: Early Winter - HATSUFUU or SHOTO - and others

- 1. Tornado like wind rushes through empty, dry field strange whirlpool of life. \*\*\(\sigma^{\infty}\)
- Early winter rains pour down so heavily like... tears of mind and soul.
- First snowfall covers coarse, hard ground while holiday preparations start.
- in the winter's heavy breeze,
  The old barn's outline.
- Winter season change --Chickadee on holly tree.
  Snow forms the background.
- 6. Snow falling all night covered the gravestone up to "In Memorium".
  - 7. Wet Early Winter wood thrush fluffs out its feathers and pulls in its neck
  - 8. He skirts the barrel to avoid jarring the nut in the squirrel's mouth
- 9. Castle Air Force Base:

  The trainees flying their course straight toward the noonday moon well-
- 10. the family takes
  his defeat into themselves —
  the smell of lemon
- 11. the red road, (a) slash
  in the side of the mountain —
  the hunting season
  - 12. Flurry of brown leaves crackle under foot as child chases chipmunk home.
  - 13. Is this early chill winter coming on or just love's final spasm?
  - 14. Loading coal scuttle laying in supply of wood winter lurks around.
  - 15. Dawn light November, the deserted football field. a team of seagulls.
  - 16. Canal path joggers, misty breath preceding them, early winter dawn.
  - 17. November sunrise, bathing in red reflection, whole family swans.
  - 18. An end of the hymn.
    Beyond the arch of wide doors:
    hint of winter sky.
  - 19. early winter's dawn
    I cram into makeshift tubs
    the near-frozen blooms
  - 20. homing flawlessly
    a squadron of geese skids wild
    on the firming pond

- 21. bird tracks up the drift -the seeds of the dry goose foot
  scatter on the snow
- 22. In the empty nest fragments of brown speckled eggs, the first snow falling.
- 23. a morning puddle -the bare maple reflected, constricted by ice.
- 24. After the first frost, lining the dusty dirt road fiery red sumac
- 25. Cold winter morning; chirping on the bare branches Six sooty sparrows
- 26. On the first light snow -- black seeds sprinkled by the wind from the lettuce stalks
- 27. Audrey's bright Kerchief!
  Vermillion butterflies!
  Ah, Rio's sunshine!
- 28. "Rain doth slap, snow slop" -Elizabeth's technicolor youth
  & Acapulco!
- 29. In my neighbor's garden:
  On the late blooming roses
  Early snowflakes fall
- 30. Down from the rafters Children pull their dusty sleds; Overnight the snow
- One mellow apple dangles Tufted high with snow
  - 32. Early winter storm frozen birdbath no longer reflects birds and clouds
  - 33. Between two poles, birds and snow perch on swaying wires above white sidewalk.
  - 34. Distant hills cacooned heavy rolling winter fog horse's neigh echoes
- in the crescent of the moon a glittering star.
  - 36. Hardy marigolds blossom where the fresh snow lies in my neighbor's yard.
  - 37. The snowdrifts deepen in the Qu'Appelle valley where the birds have fled.
  - 38. A gray afternoon...
    the electric blanket cheers
    my November bones.
  - 39. Birds traveling South... one perched on the cold street sign; memorizing it?
- of a leafless apple tree... pale face twig-dappled.

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41. <u>Dewdrops</u> glittering the hues of <u>November</u> sun... frost in the shadows

42. Trying not to breathe upon the sleeve that catches first falling snowflakes

43. The power gone off all over the neighborhood...
Orion ascending

- 44. Old woman hugs shawl closely around frail body early winter day
- 45. Brimmed hat, mitts, muffler fisherman on snowy day silk screen scroll painting
- 46. Sleet sparkles on grass evergreens wear tiaras sunlit illusion
- 47. At the clearing's edge suddenly, a winter deer and as quickly gone!
  - 48. Toot! Toot! in light snow boy running between the tracks left by the wheel chair
- beats on the kitchen window; smell of bread baking
- of this early winter night the retriever's trail
- 51. This early winter arrives before the firewood only the cat purrs
- 52. Sunrise on hill top lights brown leaves of my maple Early winter gold.
- 53. Chill wind sweeps prairie creeping into my cabin howl of the wolf pack.
- 54. Tiny faces gleam as wheeling carousel threads brisk November winds.
- 55. Dead leaves crunch... school lad's reluctant footsteps falter... late for school again.
- 56. Hanging waterfall slender as a crystal thread siphons winter rain.
- 57. Early winter rain in the stone water vessel of the mission yard
- 58. The drone of the tide, autumn sea drifts to and fro and time on my mind
- 59. In the autumn smog a pink aureola crowns the old mission cross
  - 60. Below lookout point a car winding down the road crows ride air currents.
  - 61. Scarecrow stands alone in muddy field, clothes dripping rice shocks dripping too.

- 62. Early winter storm
  everything is cold and white
  except the blue sky
- 63. Wires "sing" in the clear cold of early winter night my bed warmer still
- 64. hushed house and no eye follows the departing coach winter sun glinting
- 65. hoar-frost on the marsh -pods empty, milkweed stalks
  lean every which way
- 66. Tardy raindrops fall upon dry soil, parched for months. Come out! Let's get wet!
- 67. Walnuts strike the roof; daydreams fade. There's work to do. Ashes on the hearth!
- 68. Leafless, wind-tossed trees!
  Brief days shorten, long nights cool;
  lovers go indoors.
- 69. Early winter nights; remembered children's faces in the fireplace flames
  - 70. November dusk now...
    and colder winds are blowing in far-reaching thoughts
  - 71. No ancestor speaks, yet I know their dust lies deep resolving sorrow
  - 72. Chilly night winds howl wails alternate with silence trees bend under gale
  - 73. Night'chill holds stillness
     a soft shush-shush approaches
     hares seek fallen twigs
  - 74. meant for hidden ears
    a secret chirp-code grates out
    crickets on the hearth
  - 75. The flower-seller on the early <u>winter</u> street strikes a kitchen match
  - 76. A contest of throats, the owl and our train sounding unexpected notes
  - 77. Our evangelist mounting the pulpit stairway, falcon on his wrist
  - 78. Early winter day;
    As first <u>flakes</u> fall, ducks huddle close to the pond's edge.
  - 79. With ice on the pane, small girl studies an orange; no sun this morning.
  - 80. Snowwoman waits half-done-this morning's snow already melting in the sun...
  - 81. These November nights
    Grandma's busy until late -the cookie jar... full
  - 82. Poised on cheeks of friends gathered to share your sorrow -- the first autumn rain...

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104. November seascape: Veering suddenly 83. far out, Old Barnacle rock the crows fly in wide circles -that migrating hawk! rising and falling 45 84. 105. Early winter day My first persimmon gray mist turning to gray fog gray cat on hearth. three days and still not finished K1 XX 1/2° nor are my haiku y. brug 85. 106. Winter creeps closer 'santhemum no more harvesting is now complete slow i turn your stem and count frost on roof shingles your spiraling leaves 107. First snow of winter, In this southern clime 86. wet and heavy, drapes phone poles--the only bitter jakalas --white Arctic Fox furs. clouds tearing the sky 108. Early winter's eve: Early winter winds colors glow in pools of rain... rattling at my windows Day Light Savings ends. the stained glass window Like bundles of sticks 109. 88. From out of the north tossed against the winter sky, an early winter warning, the wild geeese in flight. that high ridge of trees 110. Stillness of first snow, The rescue mission: 4412(2) peering through the front old man in damp overcoat eager children's faces. smelling of mothballs 111. A curved snowy path Harvest violet if it's picked, it will die. bushes full of red berries --Then--give it away Stop! I know this place 112. The cuddly baby A last visitor icy rain ripples the lake tucked inside the shawl with her an early winter early winter wind 114. She peers through the glass... Look, a fat robin! Is he the last bird around? snow is beginning to fall Rainy autumn day. on the windowpane 93. A pale crescent moon The night splits in two... J. Crimana the bells of the cathedral above snow laden branches--(are) covered with ice a vigilant owl On desolate dunes Snow showers today: 116. Do these freighted pine boughs mourn 🗸 frost-nipped grasses clutch the wind... the season of white? the sea fills with night Y. Crucian K 14(3) See the freezing rain 117. Patricia run from my roof, then become Photographic sex Wonder a lone icicle! Warmth in winter ! Early winter snow **118.** Mod slacked Dianne vanishes as sun warms earth Skilled Masseuse wonder manips; squirrels gather food. Oriental hands! Through softly packed snow With friendly voices 119. the little red berry bush father's talking to Bonsai, decorates the ground. sunny autumn day Traces of winter 120. Tankers on the sea are seen on the glass window red flags at the gas station painting by Jack Frost. autumn sunset gleam House full of good smells, The door tightly closed 121. smiles, hugs, kisses, relatives... two young cats try to open Thanksgiving Day cheer the first frosty night 100. No more picnics now, 122. Sons of Italy firm reminder to change plans... raising sprouts in Pajaro First ice in birdbath. large bins on the trucks North side, birdbath ice. Aftermath of rain South side, one late clematis. Winter. Fall. Where? Which? hastily sprouting around autumn 'mushroom' clouds The last maple leaf, 124. Early winter day its color lost in lacework, confined in his study alone sticks to the tree trunk scent of Jasmin tea 103. Chatter of blackbirds Passing many years 125. among the geraniums... on the family rocking chair early winter rain by the old fireside

In early winter

a blue jay arrives

seeking for a caged bird's seeds

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# Results of October Evaluation

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M. Sinclair	M. Hill @	No Name @	W. Greig @
A1 1	45 4	91 3	Y K 139 6 2
A2 1 K. A3 11		K 92 5	140 0 141 0
A4 0		_	142 0
A5. ' 0	D. Priebe	S. Youngdahl	143 5 1
A6 0	Y K 47 9 1 = 48 11 1	93 0 94 0	144 0
M. Eulberg		Y K 95 2	145 0
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2 0	J. Walker	R. Roseliep	146 1
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D. Greenlee	52 1	98 5 2	K 148 4 1
4 0	-		Mm. Tomas Vomonotola
5 0	I. Edwards 1 53 6 1	E. Dunlop	Mr. Teruo Yamagata's Comments
Y к 6 3	1 53 6 1 54 0	<u>99 5 1</u> K 100 10 1)	
M. Eliott	55 0	<del></del>	I think No. 84 is a good
7 1	56 0	H. Evans	haiku. However, there is an extra unncessary KIGO
8 1	E. Falkowski	101 1 102 0	in this haiku. Once we say
к 9 3	K! 57 8 5	103 4 1	"red leaves", we do not
W. Fitzpatrick	58 3		need the word "autumn".
10 0	59 4 1	B. McCoy Y 104 1	We should avoid this kind
11 3	J. Sauer	Y 104 1 K 105 8	of double KIGO. Instead,
Y K 12 13	3 60 0	106 3 1	I suggest "red maple leaves".
13 0	61 7 2	-	I am also interested in No.
14 5	( K 62 8	K. Hale	52, but "acorn" is an autumn KIGO, while
15 6	P. Scher	107 0 K 108 2	"pool" is a summer KIGO.
V. Chappel	к 63 4	109 0	It might be wise to change
16 0	64 2	•	"pool" to "pond".
17 6	1 65 3 2	J. Walker	Although the editor instruct-
18 0 K 19 7	M. Henn	110 2	ed to choose 15 haiku, I
_		Y! K 112 6) 1)	selected 17 this time, as
R. Spriggs	67 4		I could not exclude 2 from them. For your information
20 5 21 4	1 68 0	H. Poles 113 0	I visited Sacramento at the
Y! K 22 2	L. Winder	`К 114 2	latter part of October and
	69 3	115 2	had a pleasant time talking
D. Rogers K 23 4	2 Y! K! 70 7	L. Cruciana	with Mr. and Mrs. Tokutomi.
24 3	71 1	116 4	m
25 <b></b> 0	T. Murphy	117 2	Thank you Mr. William E.
C. Buckaway	72 2	K 118 4 1	Greig for your suggestion.
26 3	1 73 1	A. Tao	"May I suggest 'Y!' instead
K 27 5	Y K! 74 17	119 2	of (Y) for the 3 best haiku.
28 0	T. Fowler	120 0	Parentheses in English suggest secondary or alter-
J. Youngblood		Y K 121 2	native things. What is the
29 0	K 76 12 3	122 0	column to the <u>left</u> of the
K 30 2	77 3	123 2	"*" column? Perhaps you
31 0	M. Lyon	124 1 1 125 0	could label it "@" and
J. Ball	78 5 1	126 2	explain it in your legend."
32 9	3 K 79 5 1		We Surely need this kind of
K 33 9	80 6	P. Machmiller	advice. Thank you Mr.
<u>34 8</u>	1 J. Hargan	K 127 4 1 128 0	Greig.
H. Lawler	K 81 3		Notes:
35 2	82 0	T. Yamagata	Y indicates selection of Mr.
36 8	83 0	129 9 1) 130 1	Teruo Yamagata.
Y K 37 9	2 H. Halton	131 3	
B. McCord	Y 84 14 4	132 1	Y! indicates Mr. Yamagata's
Y K 38 7	1 <u>(Y K 85 9</u> 86 3	к 133 7	three best choices.
39 4	1	134 1	* column indicates best
40 0	R. Stewart	M. Philips	selections by vote of members
M. Horton	87 5 _88 2	135 0	K and K! indicate editors'
41 0	(K 89 10 2)	R. Scott	selection.
42 4	4	136 0	@ column indicates total
K 43 6	1	137 0	received by a particular
		138 0	haiku.