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## GE P P O EDITORIAL

### Greetings:

February is the month for valentines and the mail this month has included so many responses about the new system for evaluating KUKO 季語, that they could almost be thought of a "Haiku Valentines". Certainly members comments have been most encouraging. For those of us who have had to work 'overtime', the effort seems to have resulted in improved submissions with revisions which have given us pleasure.

Our apologies... if you are among those who have not received your evaluation, please excuse us. One of our team members misunderstand the deadline date for reviewing.

### Future Submissions:

1. Submit a maximum of three haiku for the month. Keep a copy.
2. All submissions in a white, 8½ X 11 paper with your name and address at the bottom center of the sheet.
3. Enclose SASE with all submissions if you wish to receive evaluation of your haiku.
4. If your haiku missed the deadline for the month, they may be submitted the following month.
5. When voting: Please do not vote for your own haiku.
6. DEADLINE: All submissions must be received by your editors NO LATER THAN THE LAST DAY of each month.

### Revised Haiku:

Record all your revisions on the BACK OF THE ORIGINAL SHEET BEARING THE EVALUATOR'S COMMENTS and return to your editors as soon as possible.

KIGO 季語 for March 1980: Peach Blossoms 桃の花 and other spring KIGO.

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Haiku Journal



FIRST CLASS

Patricia Machmiller

Membership renewal

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

- By Patricia Machmiller -

I am very happy to report that we have received an overwhelming positive response to the change we instituted last month. As in any new system, there will probably be some flaws. We hope you will bear with us we try to fine-tune the process.

Mr. Teruo Yamagata, our consultant from Japan, was here to visit on the week-end of February 16, 1980. He brought a list of four hundred KIGO and sample haiku taken from the Yukuharu Haiku Magazine. This work will contribute substantially to our efforts to produce a SAIJIKI.

Patricia Machmiller

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Carolyn Brower

Lew Gronich

Ruth Morris Yarrow

OUR APPRECIATION

To those of you who have been kind enough to send additional postage...  
Thank you! Your stamps have been a significant help to us.

Special donation from Mr. Ian Wolfe for SAIJIKI: \$75.00

125. Couple growing old  
youth return to their faces  
this Valentine's Day

127. All alone under  
the Northern Lights, I become  
a ballerina

126. Valentine luncheon-  
behind pink ladyfingers  
afternoon gossip

128. October snowstorm  
buffalo grass stands rigid  
in alien white

INSTRUCTIONS TO MEMBERS

1. Choose ~~13~~ haiku and identify the 3 best haiku by circling the number of the haiku.
2. Please write three YUKI TEIKI Haiku only as is indicated in November GEPPU.

KIGO: Valentine and other winter KIGO

- 1. In a book of Keats  
this yellowing valentine  
from my young father
- 2. Leaning on his cane,  
he broods over his white beard  
in the melting ice
- 3. The sparrow pecking  
at the frozen waterfall--  
I blow my coffee
- 4. Saint Valentine's Day--  
fondling old, scented love notes;  
youngest grandson cries
- 5. old abandoned mine  
a straight line of icicles  
guarding the entrance
- 6. Hand-in-hand, walking  
down the lane--his face as red  
as her Valentine!
- 7. Cold to the marrow;  
Unkind truth about that one--  
No more, wagging tongue!
- 8. New wine to be shared  
as the dry firewood crackles--  
the old foreign friends.
- 9. That noisy snowplow!  
Clearing the city streets, but  
clogging up driveways.
- 10. Now pounding sharply  
against my dark window pane--  
the pellets of snow.
- 11. This Valentine's day:  
When eyes exchange love's message  
to kindle the heart
- 12. One Valentine rose  
still hanging on the rosebush  
...here comes the mailman!
- 13. The crabapple tree  
alive with chirping robins  
feasting in the snow
- 14. How dark the pine trees,  
washed by February rain,  
black against the hill
- 15. On this red heart Day  
all I had for my young friend  
these old white ear-rings
- 16. A fat woman here  
and the melting icicles;  
early Valentine's
- 17. Sun-bright morning shade --  
slivers of ice on twig tips  
remain crystalline
- 18. Memorable gift  
Handmade Valentine card with  
printed signature.
- 19. Oak tree silhouette  
Falling snow covers branches  
and a lone blackbird.
- 20. White rosebud blossoms  
out of season, I blossom  
in my golden years.

Rosekeep

Stuck Rosekeep

Rosekeep

L. Kinder

X  
K10

K8  
K10

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K10

X  
K10

X

X

4(10(3)) X

K113(4) X

K18

Lucy

40.

- 21. Living valentine  
two doves on an olive branch -  
under soft sunlight
- 22. giant red candle  
bright-beaming for all to see -  
the harbor lighthouse
- 23. Postman does not stop  
and February fourteenth  
now a common day.
- 24. "To my valentine"  
under his pile of clean socks...  
this strange handwriting.
- 25. "I love you, Curly,"  
printed on a crooked heart  
beside the pup's dish.
- 26. For Valentine's Day,  
around the mountain's shoulders  
a white chiffon scarf
- 27. Breaking through wet void  
a flue flag of sky colors  
the melting snow
- 28. Out of swampy air,  
perky on their bare branches  
the pussy willows
- 29. rainy afternoon;  
in grandma's cedar chest  
scented valentines
- 30. On Valentine's Day  
remembering the first love;  
a mourning dove calls...
- 31. The passing wind stirs  
leaves caught in a spider-web;  
network of branches...
- 32. A car stalled at dusk;  
Headlights shining across snow  
reach an unlit shack...
- 33. In mother's scrapbook  
A lop-sided, crayoned heart  
Glued on yellowed lace
- 34. On a dusty shelf  
In the dead letter office  
Unclaimed Valentine
- 35. Among Valentines  
In the candy store window  
A tiny white mouse
- 36. One small Valentine  
inside a king-size mailbox  
the red-flag lifted
- 37. Father inquires why  
an axe to prune cherry trees  
blushing boy stammers
- 38. Twelve clay pots in rows  
beside loamy starter-frames  
farmer transplants sprouts
- 39. sun diamonds dancing  
on dirty pitted snow crusts  
the sound of a disc
- 40. above the dry pasture  
descending buzzards drawing  
closer together

M. Elliott

K100?

T. Fowler  
K100?

T. Fowler

C. Dumb

M. McClay

H. Dalton

D. Greenlee

K160?

- 41. turbulent cold sea:  
tamed by a noon sun... sends soft spray  
to woo a lover
- 42. Pink baby mice stir  
lacy paper nest made  
from old valentines
- 43. From icicles, drops  
trickle down the inner side  
of locked garden gate
- 44. Three bluejays battle  
loudly on slender branches -  
graceful cherry
- 45. The wobbling colt  
wears a small white Valentine -  
between his brown ears
- 46. On this lonesome night  
the wind parts the draperies -  
at once - winter moon
- 47. Kindergarten class,  
hand-made Valentine pile up  
on the teacher's desk
- 48. The firelight glowing  
over the hickory logs--  
sound of the snowplow
- 49. The roar of the buck  
lingers in the mountain pines;  
dark forest stillness
- 50. Deeply sleeping carps  
through the sounds of the rain drops  
and the thunderstorm
- 51. Time keeps going on  
with many wars and peaces  
Washington's Birthday
- 52. At the Shinto Shrine  
bringing West and East in vow,  
day of winter warmth
- 53. From behind her back  
smiling, she gives her daddy  
a hand-made valentine
- 54. Secretly I love  
Alas, no valentine sent  
nor any received
- 55. Greeting from L.A. -  
wishing you a cloudy sky  
on this Groundhog Day
- 56. Living Valentine...  
Purring tortoise shell kitten,  
Dolly. Just right name!
- 57. Suet in winter...  
Hungry birds flock in agree.  
Good as any worm!
- 58. Holding precious card...  
Valentine from son, daughter,  
Many years ago.
- 59. On the clothesline sheets  
and a single cardinal:  
Valentine moment
- 60. The discarded doll  
lies naked in the rubbish  
covered with new snow
- 61. In the flying snow  
the revving of his motor  
and click clack of teeth

K160?

E. Davenport

- 62. Looking into my  
living valentine's eyes, I  
see hidden wisdom
- 63. One February  
while gazing at fresh planked  
field - on life new lease
- 64. Walking hand in hand  
through cold, deep snow my friend, I  
delight in life's warmth.
- 65. the valentine scarred  
in the cancelling machine }  
opens without catch
- 66. my frost nipped car grinds,  
coughs, chugs down the street at dawn...  
the neighbors' first lights
- 67. Cat puff on baled straw  
planted against this old house,  
share your winter warmth.
- 68. From Gran's treasure box;  
scene in lace-edged Valentine  
-- rose-bowered lovers
- 69. Spiraling starlings;  
dark funnel-cone sucks down rain  
from storm-clouded skies
- 70. From out the darkness--  
snowy owl strikes down his prey  
-- and my twilight thoughts
- 71. Said card speaks for him;  
"Sonnet from the Portuguese"  
-- husband's Valentine
- 72. Bright blue denim patch  
wind-stitched on grey flannel sky  
-- ragged winterwear
- 73. "My heart pants for you";  
homemade, paste-edged Valentine  
First Love -- Second Grade
- 74. From outer space came  
a Valentine card spilling  
flowering heart's case
- 75. I am a forlorn  
passenger from a wrecked ship  
on a chopping sea
- 76. The wind and the rain  
team up in jousting matches.  
Spring dances new steps.
- 77. Charred, and still aglow  
In the winter's heavy breeze,  
The old barn's outline.
- 78. Beside frozen pond  
Mallards waddling in the snow -  
Clump of weeds their food
- 79. A poinsettia,  
Spreading its bright red petals,  
Tells us the season.
- 80. Fine venetian lace  
edges crimson valentine  
inside words of love.
- 81. Hanging icicles  
adorn twirling bare branches  
ballet of the trees.
- 82. Fast melting soft snow  
leaves pockmarks on uneven ground  
the birds play hopscotch.

int 2 lines good!

Renee Biche

10(3)

P. Scher

- 83. Decorated box  
in the top, a single slot---  
contents, billets doux
- 84. Whipping palm tree fronds  
beat in a fine wild frenzy---  
sun dogs in the sky
- 85. Heavy traffic now  
snow birds seek sanctuary---  
watch TV weather
- 86. Recent snow blackens--  
a long expanse of flat green  
gold splinters of wind
- 87. North wind idles in *whistling?*  
cardinal whistling spring  
It is a false thaw
- 88. Snow lies over everything--  
Snow and the moonlight.  
Lacy valentines
- 89. Tear stained, heart shaped card  
found among old love letters -  
happy Valentine?
- 90. Last night's freeze:  
long underwear stiffly walk  
on slippery clothesline
- 91. Fox's furry tail  
swishes footprints from white slopes -  
evades eager dogs
- 92. Opening the mail -  
a red lacy valentine  
with Love from "Guess Who?"
- 93. Vultures in the sky  
circle the brown fields and woods,  
Red cactus blossoms.
- 94. Minnie, where are you?  
I treasure <sup>the</sup> valentine  
received in fourth grade *J. Hargan*  
*(you gave)* *K! 10?*
- 95. Prolonged, dreary nights  
--- what pleasant hours for reading  
forgotten poets.
- 96. Red camellias  
bloom for passersby  
Gaze! Identify!
- 97. My son pastes arrows  
with love and sticky fingers  
on Valentine hearts
- 98. I love you, Not now,  
Maybe tomorrow, Be mine:  
Valentine choices
- 99. Letting the match burn,  
I watch a sooty earwig  
escape the hearth fire
- 100. Ah, Valentine Day --  
Heart on the sleeve, it could be  
crushed before nightfall!
- 101. Too trite to declare:  
"You're my special Valentine" --  
I'll just whisper it
- 102. That rascal Cupid!  
Hearts pierced too soon; hearts worn out --  
some not touched at all
- 103. Valentine in chalk  
drawn for me on my sidewalk..  
and now it's raining! *B. Sweeney*

- 104. Leaving their designs  
on the frozen pond--ice skates  
and sometimes bottoms *B. Sweeney*
- 105. Winter butterflies  
clustered in the tallest trees..  
fragile fluttering
- 106. Retuning each day...  
her gold slippers tread lightly  
on early spring snow
- 107. Below, in the park,  
pigeons peck at melting ice...  
empty benches stare *L. Cruciana*
- 108. More like white parchment...  
windmills whirl across the sky  
with a turbid moon
- 109. Valentine Day's mail  
brings the usual except  
for the telegram...
- 110. In the overcoat  
pocket touching something strange  
furry gloves - too small
- 111. Replanting shallot  
sets near the flower border  
their near-garlic scent
- 112. Touching the child's name  
on this old small valentine;  
now, grown boy sends none *J. Currier*  
*phrasing*  
*awkward*
- 113. Sharp-tuned in the cold-  
I take the cathedral chimes  
along the way home
- 114. The old chimney top;  
generations of sparrows  
still warm on the edge
- 115. Crimson valentines-  
dance hall decorations  
strung on silken threads
- 116. Shovelling snow;  
minus thirty Celsius -  
two thousand windchill.
- 117. A chinook dawn -  
listening to the footsteps  
of my granddaughter.
- 118. Red crayon in hand,  
tongue sticking out of his mouth --  
Valentine maker. *J. Ball*
- 119. New Year's morning sun --  
first caught by a raindrop; then...  
it starts its journey! *J. Ball*
- 120. breeze-rippled puddles --  
after-storm rainbow trembles?  
under dripping trees *E. Botelho*
- 121. young surfer jogs by...  
old man shakes in winter wind  
and rubs aching legs
- 122. small snowdrift shadows --  
leaves twist and turn silently  
around ice-bound stems
- 123. Still on the table  
unopened chocolate box  
Valentine's Day passed
- 124. Younger days return  
lost during the World War Two  
our Valentine's Day

K! 22(6)

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