

YUKI TEIKEI HAIKU SOCIETY
Policies for GEPP0 1989

The GEPP0 is a monthly Haiku Worksheet. It is intended to serve the interests of haiku by providing a forum for haiku writers. The forum is intended to help members improve the quality of their haiku through feedback of the knowledgeable haiku community. Members may submit haiku each month for reaction from the readers. Reactions consist of votes by the readers of the GEPP0. Also, members who wish may provide their names and addresses so that others can correspond concerning these matters. Here is a summary of procedures for participants:

SUBMITTING HAIKU

1. Submit three haiku each month. Haiku may be either 5-7-5 or 'free style.' Each haiku printed will not be edited. It will be printed as closely as possible to the form in which the author submits it.
2. Haiku submitted MUST contain exactly one KIGO (season word) and this word should be underlined.
3. Haiku should be submitted by the 25th of the month. Geppo will be mailed by the 5th of the month.
4. Haiku appearing in the GEPP0 will appear by NUMBER ONLY. This is done so that readers can vote for a haiku on its own merits and not for the author.

VOTING FOR HAIKU

5. Readers will vote for 10 haiku each month. This is done by sending a list of the numbers of 'successful' haiku to the editor along with the new haiku for the next month. This procedure will be repeated each month. A vote is to signify that the voter believes that a particular haiku has merit, or is a successful haiku.
6. Of the 10 haiku voted for, the reader is to list three as favorites. This is done by circling the numbers of three of the 10. We refer to these as "circled haiku."

FEEDBACK TO MEMBERS

7. Each month the editor will tally the votes and will publish a list of haiku numbers, author, and votes for each haiku. In this way, authors will gain the feedback from Geppo readers.
8. Each month the winning author will be entitled to write a short commentary on the haiku that she/he finds successful and why. The winner will have a chance to comment on the haiku that she/he likes and to state what is valuable about them.

MEMBERS' ANTHOLOGY

9. The top haiku from the monthly votes will be assembled into an anthology which will be published once a year. In this way the authors who produce excellent work will gain recognition. The anthology will be sold to members at a reduced rate and will be available to anyone interested at a higher rate. (In the past we have sold anthologies for \$3 to members, and \$4 to non-members.)

DUES

10. Dues each year are \$15 to help defray printing and mailing costs. Send a check payable to YUKI TEKIEI HAIKU SOCIETY to the editor. Renewal date is March 1st each year. Send dues to: Jerald T. Ball, Editor;

Note: I am repeating this page for the benefit of new readers. Ed.