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To vote, write the numbers of the ten haiku you find the best on a sheet of paper. Three of those may be circled indicating they receive five points each. The other seven are given one point each. Write your haiku—up to three—using kigo for May - June on the same piece of paper as your votes. Send your three haiku and votes to: GEPPPO, Jane Reichhold, Editor, so they arrive before June 15th.

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Welcome home, lady bird

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Rising from warm fields and groves —
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sere August's wild fires

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Just the mockingbird

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in the bird's nest

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bent down by snow
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outside the sleazy bar
a few blossoms

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to flag the wind

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Basho's soul still sings

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have I heard the nightingale
sing in Barkley Square

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mother sews the colour
into a carp flag

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passing the peanut butter
our fingers touch

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the warmth
of your hand

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Sleeping buddha
Composure from within
Butterfly pauses

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Ghostly moonlight through mist
One drop falls

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Wild geese
Mist rises from the marsh
Morning flight

✓ P188

short slices of light
hash mark the bay-side window
— spit of spring rain

✓ P189

the roar of the ocean
the roar of kite — in between
we, two, talking

Ⓝ P190

like care-free children
my son and his bride-to-be
blowing soap bubbles

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Promised rain and wind

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Warming from my touch

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Hair pasted on wet cheeks
Crocus at my feet

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Ice shards glinting —
In morning sun lucent gems
By noon melt unnoted

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Grackles swarming splash
In puddles of sun warmed slush
Raising chill rainbows

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Morning, thin mist.
Crows slowly foraging a field —
Onyx on emerald

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a gust of wind
eyes slightly open
sleeping Buddha

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passed events
still on notice board
April Fool's Day

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still unaware of
naughty boy holding stone
cats in love

✓ P200

Feign indifference ...
I know you know I'm watching,
busy Mr. Wren.

P201

Spring warms all the fields,
and where orchards range the hills ...
coronets of bloom.

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Braving wind and chill
and parting winter's doldrums,
a song sparrow sings

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Willows bound with bow
cut before sudden snowfall
buds like pussy paws.

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Hot mineral bath
new life to winter-worn limbs
vernal equinox.

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Flying squirrel lands
birdseed scatters from feeder
king in residence.

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Confettied foothills
Mecca for nature lovers
window washing time

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into one fast spreading lake
barn roofs for life rafts

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Hazy quarter moon
at rest on trembling tree top
startled night birds fly

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Spring day
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Leads the pack

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Why does this pretty girl
Hold the door for me?

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Chilly morning
The stack of stovewood is low
Plumtree blossoms

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disappointed
child out to play
melting snow

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patchwork snow
lights reflect the night
car tires splashing

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in my stew
an oyster floating
belly up

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ironing out the wrinkles
on her old face
a warm smile

P216

spring skies
skating on a cloud
water bug

P217

in a twilit room —
telling me how his wife died
deeper in darkness

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high tide:
over and over
the shifting shingle

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in darkness
after the shooting star —
the silent wish

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THE END OF WINTER
STRANGE FACE PEERS FROM OLD BIRDHOUSE
TREE TOAD BLINKS AT SUN

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LATE SPRING STORM AT NIGHT
NEW STORIES WRITTEN IN SNOW
RABBITS TWO OR THREE

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HIGH OVER THE DUNES
WEDGE OF SANDHILL CRANES BUGLE
BELOW LONE DOG BARKS

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faraway birdsong
yet my closest companion
this spring morning

P224

withered *hagi* flower
dangles from its branch
gentle spring breeze

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✓ my mother
writing on old stationary
to an old friend

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Beijing pharmacy
among piles of dried herbs
a butterflyed gecko

P227

grandson
folds a crane from memory
my lopsided hen

P228

in the old ab shell
under a layer of dust
the same rainbow

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leftover snow —
paying the last 'budget bill'
on the heat

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tonight's moon
growing toward fullness
this Passion Week

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the biopsy report —
negative

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Robert Major: P99 - 5, P100 - 25*, P101 - 3
Michael D. Welch: P102 - 2, P103 - 10, P104 - 12*
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Margaret Chula: P114 - 6, P115 - 5, P116 - 4

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News and Notes

Haiku in the Teahouse

The combined meeting of the Yuki Teikei Haiku Society and the Haiku Poets of Northern California in association with the San Jose Center for Poetry and Literature was held in the Japanese Friendship Garden in Kelley Park in San Jose on Saturday, April 3rd. About 35 people met Park Ranger Abe at the main entrance for a guided tour of the cherry trees at their peak. The walk ended at the teahouse where haiku were read by Pat Shelley, June Hymas, Paul O. Williams, Michael Dylan Welch, Christopher Herold, and others who had brought along their haiku or tanka. Many persons were inspired from the combination of walking through the gardens and sharing selections of spring haiku to write new poems on the spot.

Haiku North America 1993

The brochures have been mailed for the Haiku North America 1993 Meeting scheduled for July 15 - 18 at Los Positas College in Livermore, California. This event has been planned by Yuki Teikei Haiku Society members David Wright, Jerry Ball, Ebba Story, and Michael Dylan Welch in conjunction with Haiku Poets of Northern California. This year's meeting will be bigger than ever with, in addition to opening events on Thursday and opportunities for socializing on Sunday, two full days of lectures and workshops which have been planned with speakers coming from across the U.S.A., Canada, Japan, and Mexico as well as a book fair, banquet, readings and anthology.

If you haven't received your HNA 1993 brochure with registration forms, write to David Wright, c/o Las Positas College, . Plan now to attend!

New Book Out

Member Elizabeth M. Gilliam sent a copy of her newest book of poetry, *Traces*. Divided into four parts, the last section contains 20 haiku. Many of the longer poems resound with haiku images and techniques. Highly recommended! *Traces*, spiral-bound, 8.5" x 11", 61 pp., one-color cover. Price not listed. Write to the Pyewacket Press, 208-D South Broadway, Rodondo Beach, CA 90277.

No Yuki Teikei Haiku Retreat

President June Hymas reports that due to extensive construction at Asilomar, it seems, at this point, that we will be unable to hold our annual retreat there this year. Our name is on the list in case there are any cancellations, but now the earliest we could meet there would be in March, 1994. We will keep you informed.

New Members

A heart-felt welcome to new members: Jeffrey F. Schaffer, Patti Emmett, Kenneith Tanemura, Susan Kinney-Riordan, Dave Bachelor, Dara McLaughlin, Kate Walters, Shirley McKee, and Richard Bruckart.

March - April Haiku Voted As Best by the Readers of *Geppo*

trashød
last year's urgent days
the old calendar
Laura Bell Hawbecker

winter night
the mouse in the trap
still warm
Gene Doty

Quaker meeting
silence broken only
by the woodfire
Gene Doty

As I peer inside,
a mirror reflects my face
among the antiques.
Robert Major

the monarch butterfly
follows me
no further than the bridge
Michael Dylan Welch

north wind ...
sailing across the parking lot
the lady's wig
Naomi Y. Brown

grandma's diary
penned ninety years ago now
at long last we meet
Margaret D. Elliott

a dead friend buried
deep within the year's first dream;
my forgotten grief
Brian Tasker

toy fire truck —
hailstones pelt
its tiny brass bell
Christopher Herold

old windowpane
ever so slowly warping
the winter moon
Christopher Herold

late phone call
tossing more chillies
into the bean pot
Gloria H. Procsal

New Year's reunion ...
old friend after stroke searching
my face for a name
George Knox

a raindrop slides
across the leaf, clings ...
then falls again
Hank Dunlap

May-June Kigo

Season or climate: summer morn, summer night, short night, June darkness, coolness, heat, warm, bright, tranquil, long day, day is long, slow day, spring noon, spring dream, spring's end, spring melancholy, summer near.

Astronomy: heat shimmer, heat waves, wind is bright, east wind, fragrant breeze, balmy breeze, cloud peaks, billowing clouds, June rains, evening shower, sudden shower, rainbow, lightning, burning sky, burning sunshine, cool breeze, morning breeze, wind scent, tardy sunset, sunbeams, calm morning, ocean fog, sea of clouds, south wind, thunder.

Geography: green hills, green fields, clear water, clear mountain water, clear waterfall, mountains/hills smile.

Observances: May Day, May baskets, Memorial Day, decorating graves, flags on graves, taps/ gun salute, vacation, school's out, carp flag, Boys' Day, Mothers' Day, sleeping Buddha, Summer Solstice, Fathers' Day.

Livelihood: planting, weeding, grafting, prayers for rain, fan, midday nap, cooling oneself, ice cream, swimming, mosquito smudge, mowing the grass, bug-trap lamp, awning, balcony, barefeet, change to summer clothes, fly swatter, straw hat, ice water, iced tea, lace, nakedness, midday nap, mosquito net, mountain climbing, summer concert/opera, parasols, perfume, swimming pool, rattan chair, reed, sunburn, sundress, sweat, white shoes, windchimes, low tide, gather shells, closing the fireplace, balloon, swing, soap bubbles, windmill, muddy road.

Animals: ants, bats, cicadas, goldfish, herons, slugs, trout, whirligigs, fledgelings, nestlings, nightingale, bush warbler, soaring skylark, ten thousand birds, bird voices, inchworm, tadpoles, frogs, lizard, butterfly, horse-fly, snails, bees, fawn, foal, big cat, cuckoo, water hen, moor hen, kingfisher, blue/white/grey heron, crab, fleas, lice, flies, horseflies, mosquito, larva, summer butterfly, firefly, ants, termites, cicada, snake, spider, slug, moth, water beetle, caterpillar, silkworm, silverfish, cormorant.

Plants: herbs, peony, iris, lily, water lily, rose, hydrangea, hollyhock, bindweed, lotus, poppy, safflower, duckweed flower, crepe myrtle, young leaves, myriad green leaves, under the trees, leafy trees, mulberry leaves, green grass, bamboo, day lily, thistle, azaleas, dandelions, morning glory, lilac, violets, parsley, asparagus sprouts, bracken, seaweed, laver, green apples, bracken, cactus flower, darkness under the tree, dill, foxglove, fuchsia, mildew, gardenia, geranium, gerbera, gladiolus, green grapes, summer grove, hibiscus, hollyhocks, honeysuckle, hydrangea, pineapple, potatoes, rhododendron, salvia, strawberry.

- Kigo list by Kiyoko Tokutomi -