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**Editor's Note:**

How is everyone this fine day? After a period of relative leisure, I have gone back to work. I hope this won't have a negative affect on the Geppo; it does mean my time is at a premium.

To help me maintain efficiency, a few requests/ comments, etc.

- Please put your full name on the each sheet of paper you send. (This is because I sometimes throw away the envelopes.)
- Check your copy carefully for spelling errors, etc.
- You may send three regular haiku and one to respond to challenge kigo, if we have one.

Please mark which is which.

- The voting system is as follows:

Select no more than ten haiku , indicating the three top selections. Top choices get five points and the others one point.

I think that's all for the moment. Continued thanks for the postage and self addressed envelopes.

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**Grinding my ink** is the title of a new book of haiku by Yuki Teikei member, Maggie Chula.

About Maggie's book, Cor van den Huevel, Editor of the Haiku Anthology, writes:

"From deep within the haiku of Margaret Chula the mystery of life and death rings like a small chime. It sounds a sad note of quiet joy from the shadows in the fish pond, echoes faintly from the suicide's night light on the second floor, and trembles into nothingness outside the hermit's hut on New Year's day."

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Maggie Chula will share her twelve years of experience living in Japan with the Yuki Teikei Society at the Asilomar Retreat September 8 to 11, 1994.

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The 1994 Paintbrush Poetry & Fiction Competition offers the chance to participate in five different categories.

One of them, in honor of Basho's birthday , is Basho's 300th. Competitors may submit linked haiku/senryu up to 30 lines by June 15, 1994. You may send in three entries per category. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Fur further information contact:

Paintbrush Awards/KO1  
c/o Painted Hills Review  
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Davis, CA 95616

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harsh silence

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All going slow

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recalling his smile  
long after his death  
watching snowflakes fall.....

Patti Emmett

deep winter moonrise —  
the pony's whinny drifts  
white from the paddock

Christopher Herold

my white breath  
vanishes into the stars  
— midnight walk

Hank Dunlap

On the window pane,  
here and there two raindrops touch;  
run off together.

Robert Major

crocus in bloom  
one thin shadow  
leaning

Pat Shelley

a sliver of moon  
before dawn  
frost on the compost

Tom Clausen

water from a well —  
the refreshment  
of an icy kiss

Nasira Alma

Sedona morning  
the hawk follows his shadow  
across the red rocks

Maggie Chula

Talking to my mother  
on the telephone -  
winter mountain.

Alexis Rotella

winter stroll  
old man  
going down hill

Laura Bell

late winter evening,  
my tipsy friend departs  
distant fog horn

Gloria Procsal

In bitter cold night —  
a steaming tongue warms new birth;  
mother with her colt

Robert Poulin

hunger moon  
a few brown leaves still clinging  
to the topmost bough

Tom Smith

## Challenge Kigo: Spring Mountain

spring mountain;  
from our ripped tent. . .  
the ruffled moon

Gloria Procsal

spring mountain music  
trickles under melting snow...  
surfaces in sunlight

George Knox

spring mountain  
overnight clouds of palo verde  
yellow the slopes

Lesley Einer

The sun grows warmer;  
mists of green ascend its slopes . . .  
Our mountain in spring.

Robert Major

Spring mountain  
tiny green buds  
become summer's leaves

Eve Jeanette Blohm

spring mountain ---  
frog in my flower pot,  
I water them both

Robert Henry Poulin

behind the light spray  
of rainbow falls ---  
spring mountain

Kat Avila

Unapproachable ---  
finally the spring mountain  
reveals her violets

Maggie Chula

Spring mountain ---  
we came to pick daisies but  
no, they belong here.

Dorothy Greenlee

Spring mountain springing,  
young and green, into the sky,  
back again for more

Neill Megaw

starting as a spring  
mountain creeks merge-converge-surge  
to a dam ending

Thomas John Ingalz

Spring blossoms  
pouring over mountainside  
an old chameleon

JoAnn Soileau

greenish tints of dawn  
wash the eastern horizon  
--- spring mountains

Hank Dunlap

climbing the mountain  
the moon still no closer  
this spring

Laura Bell

old friend recalling  
names of flowers and insects  
--- spring mountain

Alice Benedict

pulling the blinds high -  
far beyond the roof tops  
that spring-green hill

Ebba Story

with paintbrush in hand  
I wait for daybreak  
on this Spring Mountain

Kate Walters

green mountains  
rise a little earlier  
each morning

Tom Smith

a great blue mountain  
above the river city  
pine trees grass stems

Robert Gibson

small child  
buying a large cone of ice  
called "Spring Mountain"

George Ralph

Every cool morning  
A little less white on top  
Spring mountain

Dara McLaughlin

**By popular request, the kigo lists are back. Here's one for May/June:**

**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, fledglings, 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, 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 leave, 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, cactus flower, darkness under the tree, dill, foxglove, fuchsia, mildew, gardenia, geranium, gerbera, gladiolus, green grapes, summer grove, hibiscus, hollyhocks, honeysuckle, pineapple potatoes, rhododendron, salvia, strawberry.

**Challenge Kigo for Next Issue - Spring Sky**

The air at this time is warm and mild and even when the sky is clear, it has a powdery look to it, the color of baby blue. Clouds in the Spring are high cirrostratus.

from a Buddhist monastery  
pigeons take off  
into the spring sky —————Bosha

as if to treat us tenderly  
it spreads itself over us  
the spring sky —————Kyoshi

the spring sky —  
shadow of the hot-air balloon  
flows along the ground —————Hanamino



Tanka by Thomas John Ingalz

(Presented in Open Reading before the Yuki Teikei Haiku Society at Villa Montalvo, Saratoga, CA.)

dai: spousal separation

hara-kiri<sup>1</sup>

This life, ironic.  
Now a meaningless wasteland,  
Disillusionment.  
All healing efforts, failed.  
This life, to end, now ready.

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Spring mountains fuel this  
Soul with contentment, insight,  
Harmony, and truth.  
Wish we could share this hike-u,<sup>2</sup>  
The lyric she sings for us.

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Will you cruise with us,  
Sail on the Chardonnay II?  
I know you'll enjoy.  
Relax, put the junk aside,  
Be one with your family.

<sup>1</sup> Japanese language: (belly + cutting), ritual suicide by disembowelment

<sup>2</sup> Not having a concise icon for the act of undertaking a rigorous walk for exercise and renewal, modern Japanese have adopted our English language term: hike. When pronounced within the domain of Japanese language phonemes, however, hike is voiced the same as the term: Haiku. My Tanka on a mountain hike-u subject exploits this accidental international homonym.

*Haiku Retreat Information*

*Planning for the 1994 Yuki Teikei Retreat at Asilomar is now underway.  
The Retreat is scheduled for Thursday evening, September 8, 1994 through Sunday lunch,  
September 11, 1994*

*\$225 per person covers the Retreat, meals and lodging.  
Contact June Hymas,*