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Yuki Teikei Haiku Society

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Members' Haiku for Study and Appreciation – Jean Hale, Editor

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| 5531 | scant desert finally finding a cactus in the park display | 5539 | behind kneeling woman blooms a wondrous garden - river laundering |
| 5532 | a new leaf glistens in the fire scarred earth spring sun | 5540 | early spring neighbor's Open House banner snapping in the breeze |
| 5533 | spring puddle the cloud mirrors itself | 5541 | cherry blossoms! and what about the red moon rising? |
| 5534 | leaving to answer the phone the oatmeal stirring itself | 5542 | re-enactment Yankee fife and drum on request plays "Dixie" |
| 5535 | sidewalk café— a cherry blossom floats in my iced tea | 5543 | his spring letter within sharp angles of origami |
| 5536 | a swallowtail butterfly deeper and deeper into the woods | 5544 | young girl's slicker the color of daffodils |
| 5537 | lining the fence eager-eyed colts watch — saddle polishing | 5545 | deep in redwoods the silence of spring rain |
| 5538 | cool spring water springs from tall cliffs spring on the mountain | 5546 | the wood thrush pours out his song through new leaves— spring evening |

| 5547 | the garbage can lid lined with young snails stuck fast | 5558 | even the puddles quiver green in the sunlight shining wind |
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| 5548 | once again the call of the white-throated sparrow embroidering noon | 5559 | Mother, may I take giant steps—heat waves on the sidewalk |
| 5549 | wholly unaware at the memorial service spring thunder | 5560 | sunlight flashing on the small waves—slap of the tug's wake |
| 5550 | silver-haired by age they now and then brighten spring breeze | 5561 | news of the war spring cleaning spring cleaning again |
| 5551 | she is muttering to herself at intervals spring melancholy | 5562 | in a half dream the scent of bloomed lilacs |
| 5552 | sleeping Buddha on its cold stone face a contented smile | 5563 | after the storm the forsythias full of sparrows |
| 5553 | caught in a tilted bottle a cherry blossom | 5564 | this March wind blowing up a gale today there goes my garbage can |
| 5554 | lengthening days a game of knuckle-bones rattles on the path | 5565 | flooded streams overrunning the road way, still cars speed past |
| 5555 | the soldier binds a nosegay of buttercups on her helmet | 5566 | thanks to Mother Nature the windows are washed clean today – spring cleaning time |
| 5556 | enjoying this last bowl of rice before Passover | 5567 | vernal equinox a rake in the shadows |
| 5557 | Egg Moon — setting out on a journey | 5568 | coo-ah, coo, coo, coo eye of a nestling |

| 5569 | Buddha's death day – the trees brimming with more bloom than last year | 5580 | mystical eggs hatched hen and brood find barnyard pond they swim? April fool! |
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| 5570 | I wanted to help then she called me "stupid" – cold crows cawing | 5581 | spring flooding new damage to the usual houses |
| 5571 | the altar candle extinguishes itself - first plum blossom | 5582 | Easter snow one can see she was a great beauty |
| 5572 | afternoon loneliness — March wind gusting raindrops off bare branches | 5583 | damp tea bag wrapped in a muffin paper March morning |
| 5573 | farmhouse porch — the sleeping cat stirs corn planting | 5584 | spring storm only the tulip's yellow anthers |
| 5574 | therapist's office — branches of the potted tree bent down by their weight | 5585 | fireworks the child's face awash with gold |
| 5575 | with cupped hands smiling child reaches the green daffodil | 5586 | evening mist the shadow of a moose in the willows |
| 5576 | out on the trail clinging to boots the welcome mud | 5587 | January again now the Temple of the Sun is the River God's |
| 5577 | mercury rises sheltered butterfly wings to daffodil | 5588 | day before surgery sink full of grease-stained dishes February sky |
| 5578 | coed's early spring mood "to be alone" set off just the opposite | 5589 | Ferdinand's iris fills the hillside wood beyond chattering gunshot |
| 5579 | art student copies Vermeer's "Girl with Pearl Earring" spring tranquility | 5590 | driving over spring hill violin tune gets submerged in the pop song |

| 5591 | Judean Desert on a huge water cistern a drop of dew | 5602 | spring mist steam rising from the hay and a newborn foal | |
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| 5592 | hangnail – on its detached end my pain glistens | 5603 | a brown-and-white stork on one leg gleaning in the stubble field | |
| 5593 | fifth day of rain jasmine tea served in heavy crockery | 5604 | spring frost a sliver of wild purple breaking the ice | |
| 5594 | towering redwoods my daughter and I share a peach | 5605 | hanging up the phone echoes of dial tone tangerine | |
| 5595 | roots reaching for the sky the toppled pine | | CHALLENGE KIGO Cats in Love by Ebba Story | |
| 5596 | twitch of the flycatcher's tail I recall the waitress | out in | cats—under the awning, out in the trees, by the hedge — in love | |
| 5597 | while regarding my cookie | on the fence frightening the dogs | | |
| | fly dances toward | | | |
| | the swatter | | | |
| 5598 | sunrise | cats ir | cats in love | |
| 3370 | crows on fenceposts | Laura salmon diversion | | |
| | facing the light | | | |
| | | wi | wire cage and mercurochrome | |
| 5599 | spring breeze – | | feral cats in love | |
| | shadows moving | | Ross Figgins | |
| | with the sunlight | cats ir | n love | |
| 5600 | Palm Sunday – | one w | ants in | |
| | even the sun not sure | the ot | her, out | |
| | about the weather | | Yvonne Hardenbrook | |
| 5 / 01 | April Fool/o Day | ca | ats in love | |
| 5601 | April Fool's Day jigsaw puzzle done | | ce papers thrust | |
| | undone | un | der the door Gloria Procsal | |

two distinct voices

one new and high, one practiced:

cats in love

Patricia Prime

same sex couple all night long cats in love

Zinovy Vayman

fangs in her neck

he calls this making love the tom cat in spring

Paul O. Williams

Ruth Holzer

rain

coming down in buckets

cats in love

Carolyn Hall

one boot

then the other cats in love

feral cats in love celebrating New Year's Eve yes, without champagne

Barbara Campitelli

through the dark night

the insistent long meowsss

cats in love

Joan C. Sauer

a cry

torn from the throat

cat in love

Janeth H. Ewald

running outside

with broom in hand-

cats in love!

joan iversen goswell

Christine Doreian-Michaels

cats in love petals everywhere the morning after

PIM

one-eyed pirate

black cat sharpens claws

all for love

shatter the night

reading Ginsberg cats in love

PJM

we listen to amorous cats

sigh, return to sleep

Dave Bachelor

cats in love

hissing at passers-by,

at each other

Richard St. Clair

cats in love reminds me of a certain someone

John Stevenson

Submission Guidelines for GEPPO

Deadline for the next issue is June 10!

- Print your name, address and all poems and votes on a single, full size sheet of paper. You can include:
- Haiku up to three haiku appropriate to the season. Poems must be in three lines.
- Challenge Kigo Haiku one 3-line haiku that uses the current issue's Challenge Kigo. Try to use just the one season word. The poem will be printed with your name.
- Votes Write numbers of up to ten poems from the current issue that you especially appreciate. Each poem will receive 1 point.. Poems with the top number of votes are

reprinted with the author's name in the next issue.

Send to: Jean Hale

SEASON WORDS for late spring /early summer

selected from the lists In the Members' Anthology

Season: May, June: spring dream, spring dusk, ~ melancholy, tranquility, beginning of summer, long day, slow day, short night.

Sky and Elements: bright, haze or thin mist, spring rain, spring rainbow, spring sunbeam, summer dew,calm morning/evening, cumulus/billowing cloud, cloud peaks, sea of clouds, ocean fog, thunder, lightning, sudden shower, rainbow, heat, coolness.

Landscape: spring or summer hills, lake, sea, or river, waterfall, clear water, summer grove, deep tree shade.

Human Affairs: awning, parasol, perfume, summer concert, ice water, iced tea, nakedness, bare feet, swimming, sunglasses, wind chimes, mowing grass, weeding, Mothers' day, Memorial Day

Animals: abalone, bee, baby animals (nestlings, fledglings, calf, colt, kitten, puppy, fawn, lamb, etc.), cats in love, crane, flying squirrel, frog, izard, pheasant, robin, mud snail, soaring skylark, stork, swallow, tadpole, nightingale, ant, bat, caterpillar, cicada, crab, cormorant, firefly, flea, louse, house fly, goldfish, bluelwhite/grey heron, kingfisher, moor hen or coot, mosquito, mosquito larvae, moth, silverfish, slug, (garden) snail, snake, spider, summer butterfly, termite, toad, tree frog, trout, water beetle.

Plants: blossoms or leaf buds of trees and shrubs (almond, apple, apricot, cherry, plum, etc.), forget-me-not, grass sprouts, hyacinth, mustard, parsley, California poppy, primrose, seaweed, violet, amaryllis, bamboo sprouts, carnation, cactus flower, dahlia, dill flower, foxglove, fuchsia, gardenia, geranium, gladiolus, summer or rank grasses, hibiscus, hollyhock, honeysuckle, hydrangea, iris, lily, lotus, marigold, mold (mildew), moss grown (mossy), oxali, peony, rose, salvia, sunflower, summer thistle, leafy willow, yucca



Membership in the Yuki Teikei Haiku Society is \$20 U.S. and \$25 International per year. Fee includes six issues of *Geppo*.

Members' Votes for January-February

Una Gast - 5463-1 5464-0 Joan Sauer - 5465-2 5466-2 5467-4 Graham High - 5469-6 5470-8 5471-0 Roger Abe - 5472-1 5473-5 Naomi Brown - 5474-0 5475-0 5476-2 Richard St. Clair - 5477-0 5478-2 5479-6 Ioan Zimmerman - 5480-8 5481-1 5482-1 Ross Figgins – 5483-0 5484-4 5485-5 Janeth Ewald - 5486-2 5487-3 5488-3 Gloria Procsal – 5489-3 5490-7 5491-2 Anne Homan - 5492-2 5493-3 5494-0 Teruo Yamagata - 5495-0 5496-0 5497-0 Barbara Campitelli - 5498-2 5499-3 5500-6 Patricia Prime - 5501-3 5502-0 5503-11 C. Doreian-Michaels -5504-10 5505-0 5506-0 Iohn Stevenson – 5507-1 5508-4 5509-10 Cindy Tebo – 5510-0 5511-0 5512-1 Dave Bachelor - 5513-1 5514-5 5515-0 Ruth Holzer - 5516-1 5517-7 5518-5 Laura Bell - 5519-2 5520-6 5521-4 Kay Grimnes - 5522-0 5523-3 5524-2 Yvonne Hardenbrook -5525-1 5526-5 5527-1 Zinovy Vayman - 5528-2 5529-3 5530-4

JANUARY-FEBRUARY HAIKU VOTED BEST BY READERS OF GEPPO

winter day the slow movement of chess pieces

Patricia Prime

soaking beans for soup
I notice my hands
dry and wrinkled

Christine Doreian-Mihaels

Oscar night adjusting the cuffs of my pajamas

John Stevenson

grey winter day my extended face mirrored in the kettle

Graham High

horned orange in the Buddha's hand the Buddha's hand

RossFiggins

brisk clatter of hail on the pool-hall windows – the hustler's white teeth

Ioan Zimmerman

old elm shaping the sky just beyond

Dave Bachelor

having settled things the moonlight in his open shirt

Gloria Procsal

quarter moon the ice

creaks

Ruth Holzer

the bamboo fence fallen to pieces withered field

Ruth Holzer

after the rain

fog fragments on the meadow

become sheep

Yvonne Hardenbrook

in the harsh wind the sound of winter grasses all rustling at once

Graham High

the neighbor's cough heard through the wall ice on the window

Richard St. Clair

winter day wind wrapping itself around the house

Barbara Campitelli

nursing home she rereads the final chapter

Laura Bell

they ask the soldier for his stories of Iraq goldfinches return

Roger Abe

Challenge Kigo for Next Issue

Scented Breeze by Ebba Story

Fragrances that waft to us from either seen or unseen sources are so very evocative. The parts of our brain that process scent and memory are physically close and neurologically related. Studies now show that smells (lemon for example) can be used as a study aid to simulate memory. Take a sniff while studying and another while taking the test to enhance your mental performance.

Hermann Hesse writes in his short story "Iris" that when smelling a flower "my heart feels as though a memory of something completely beautiful and precious were bound up with the fragrance, something that was mine a long time ago..."

The scented breeze brings hints of summer happily unfolding - in the present moment and maybe as well in another time and place.

kunpu ya sakadachi utau sansaiji

Scented breeze! while standing on her head my three-year-old sings

Kiyoko Tokutomi *

sitting in twilight
I reread his letter –
the scented breeze

Ebba Story

* From Kiyoko's Sky: The Haiku of Kiyoko Tokutomi, translations from the Japanese by Patricia J. Machmiller and Fay Aoyagi, Brooks Books, 2002.



Dojins' Corner Jan-Feb 2004

by Jerry and Patricia

First of all, we would like to correct a mistake in our last *GEPPO* column. The first haiku we wrote about, "soft spotted breast," was labeled as haiku number 5410. The correct number for the haiku was 5400. The haiku was also incorrectly reprinted with the first word being capitalized. We apologize to the author, Anne Homan, for the capitalization mistake and to our readers for the confusion.

Now on to the Jan-Feb haiku.

jb: Here is my long list of haiku from the January-February Edition: 5476, 5479, 5481, 5490, 5491, 5493, 5496, 5497, 5498, 5500, 5503, 5507, 5509, 5517, 5518, 5521, 5523, and 5530. My three favorites are: 5490, 5503 and 5509.

pjm: My preferred choices this month are 5480, 5487, 5492, 5495, 5500, 5510, and 5521. The three of these I choose to write about are 5480, 5487, and 5510.

5480 brisk clatter of hail on the pool-hall windows the hustler's white teeth pim: This unusual and charged image derives its energy from the comparison of the sound of hail, its sharp clatter against glass, and the visual perception of teeth, those of a pool-hall hustler. The hustler conjures up the feeling of a hardshelled, opaque personality. This is what ultimately makes the comparison successful—a hard, cold sound and a hard, cold image married together with no mention of either "hard" or "cold," and further, the application of the descriptors "hard" and "cold" having one meaning when applied to hail and teeth, but a second meaning when applied to the hustler. As a minor point I would suggest that the poet look at the word "brisk." While it's meaning seems right to me. I think that another word choice that considers sound (for example, something with a long i sound, like bright, which would echo the long i sound in white) would tighten the whole and give it a final polish.

jb: Quite right! This is a visual haiku, and it has a certain "stone" or "rocky" quality...possibly billiard balls? I also agree with the comment about the word "brisk."

5490 having settled things the moonlight in his open shirt

jb: My take on this haiku, is that it's written by someone just involved in settling an argument, or discussion, or "issue" (I believe that is the term currently in vogue). Something unpleasant has been transformed, or dodged, or negotiated, and the situation has become quite another from what it might have been. Was it Wallace Stegner who said something like, (passim) "after the argument is settled, it's the pampering..."? We are on the fulcrum, and the lever has shifted. The world is quite another. The use of "moonlight" as a kigo says that this takes place in autumn which suggests this is a discussion among two who are mature (though not too mature... what about the open shirt?) I like the craftsmanship of the writer. The sound flows smoothly on both sides of the kireji. This is an enveloping haiku, it flows from "settled things" through "moonlight" to "his open shirt," and ... it settles there.

pjm: Moonlight and romance have been connected by poets for centuries. What saves this haiku from being common is its matter-of-fact tone.

5487 steaming nori cupped between my hands the fog in my heart

pjm: This haiku dares to reveal a bit of the writer's inner landscape. Sadness permeates the haiku. With seaweed, a comfort food in the Japanese tradition, about to be consumed the poet is hoping by this simple act to cure the melancholy of the heart.

jb: I find this haiku appealing. I like every line but, for me, the lines don't work that well together. For me, steaming nori is a positive image, and clear, not one of "fog in my heart."

5503 winter day the slow movement of chess pieces

jb: What does one do on a winter day? How about a game of chess? Does anyone play chess in this era of computer games? Apparently someone does. There is a mentality, and a mood. I'm tempted to say this is a shasei type haiku, but on second thought I think not. One cannot directly see "the slow movement" of the pieces...this is a metaphor for the pace of the game. It is an intuition about time. In winter, everything moves slowly. Did you know that during the middle ages scholarship (the copying of books) would often come to a halt because the ink would freeze? The scholars would wait, then, till mid-day, or warmer times. We are moving slowly, and have no wish to do otherwise.

pjm: The feeling of contemplation and solitude, even while engaging in a game for two, is well-matched with the winter season. The day is slow, the chess game is cerebral, and we feel drawn away from the outside world. We are satisfied to conserve energy, to hibernate

5509 Oscar night adjusting the cuffs on my pajamas

jb: Another winter haiku ... well crafted and well observed. How do you watch the "Oscar" ceremony? Isn't it a ritual for a large part of the American population? Some, like our author, must watch it (in comfort) "in their pajamas." How do you relate to this ritual? Some are intent and focused. Some retire to the next room, and

some...adjust the cuffs ...Forgive me, but I must recall Groucho Marx's, "Did I ever tell you about the time I shot an elephant in my pajamas? How he got in my pajamas I'll never know!"

pjm: I attribute Jerry's recognition of this little gem to his becoming a southern Californian insider. A little humor, a little Hollywood culture. Everybody watches the Oscars—from the glitterati to the pajamaed-going-to-bed-average joe public, and the deftly written middle line with the line break at cuffs connects the two. Good writing here.

5510 evening snow on top of the cedar on top of the lime kiln

pim: Masterful—the use of image and kigo in this haiku. First, the haiku presents an image—just that—so clear. Through the construction of this image the poet has found a way to help us see snow with new eyes. It is evening so the white of the snow is more pronounced. And the snow is given the shape of the objects it covers. The image grows in its appeal as we begin to see these two shapes, the cedar bough and the kiln, as having similar forms: the arc of the cedar branch under its load of snow following the arc of the kiln, the one above the other. On further contemplation we also become aware of the opposition of these two objects—one naturally occurring, one human-made. And out of this awareness comes an observation of relationship of the two—that the kiln when operating consumes the cedar. But all these deeper observations are covered under the layers of snow and we come back to the nature of snow itself—its ability to quiet, to cover, to unify . . . to be. Yes—through all this we come to know snow.

jb: This is one of my choices also. I find that I like this haiku better the more I read it... for me that's a good sign. The repetition of "on top of ..." grows on me like the snow rising. Nice work.

Please write to us with your comments at the *GEPPO* or e-mail us at

HAIKU POETS OF NORTH AMERICA SUMMER MEETING

June 25-27, 2004

Friday, June 25 - Dinner Event - TBA

Saturday, June 26 – Workshop – 10:00 AM at Book Passage, Corte Madera. Pre-register 415 927-0960 or 800 999-7909

Bill Higginson and Penny Harter will be workshop leaders.

Clear Water: Write and Revise Haiku and Nature Poems.

"Clear water" is a summer season word in the haiku tradition. We like it for implying clarity of vision and expression. In this hands-on workshop, we'll all move quickly from examples to exploration to drafting our own haiku or longer poems capturing our experiences of nature.

Some writings will emerge from our memories of special encounters in the past, others from our fantasies, and still others from what meets us at this meeting. Or, we may use all of these in one piece of writing.

After lunch, we'll work together to craft our preliminary writings into finished or nearly finished poems. The workshop leaders' years of practical writing and editing experience and the shared expertise of all participants will help each of us take a draft or drafts to the next step: bringing out the range and depth of our human contact with the natural world in words like clear water.

Participants should bring a pad or notebook and something to write with, and dress for a possible walk outdoors.

Penny Harter is the author of 16 books of poems, including Turtle Blessing,_Lizard Light: Poems from the Earth_, and_Buried in the Sky_. John Murray named her the first winner of the William O. Douglas Nature Writing Award for her contributions to "American Nature Writing 2002.". She has received awards from the Poetry Society of America and

the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, among others.

William J. Higginson is a poet, translator, and critic best known for, The Haiku Handbook: How to Write, Share, and Teach Haiku --"The standard work in the field" (Booklist). Bill's recent works include, The Haiku Seasons: Poetry of the Natural World, Haiku World: An International Poetry Almanac, and a suite of poems in progress on the recent Western wildfires.

Both have contributed poems, stories, and essays to many journals and anthologies, as well as articles on writing and the teaching of writing to books from Teachers & Writers Collaborative and the University of Michigan Press. Each has been leading workshops for over 25 years, often working as a husband and wife team.

Sunday, June 27 – Reading 2:00 PM, Kinokuniya's bookstore, HPNA Summer Meeting to follow, location TBA, Dinner - TBA

TheYuki Teikei Haiku Society 2003 Members Anthology

Migrating Mist

including a special section of haiku honoring Kiyoko Tokutomi is available for sale at \$7.00 including postage.

Contact:

Jean Hale

Haiku Publications Available from The Yuki Teikei Haiku Society

Young Leaves; An Old Way of Seeing New - edited by June Hopper Hymas and Patricia Machmiller - Writings on Haiku in English, The 25th Anniversary Special Edition of Haiku Journal. 2000. \$19.50 plus postage. A few with an inscription by Kiyoko Tokutomi are available for \$29.50 plus postage. Postage for U.S. add \$3.95; elsewhere add \$5.00

Kiyoko's Sky; The Haiku of Kiyoko Tokutomi - translations by Patricia Machmiller and Fay Aoyagi - Introduction by June Hopper Hymas - other contributors are Yukiko Tokutomi-Northon and Shugyo Takaha. 2002. Brooks Books. \$16.00*

2001 Members' Anthology; Spring Sky - edited by June Hopper Hymas. \$6.00*

2002 Members' Anthology; The Heron Leans Forward... - edited by Anne M. Homan and donnalynn chase. \$6.00*

2003 Members' Anthology; Migrating Mist - edited by Anne M. Homan and donnalynn chase - includes haiku honoring Kiyoko Tokutomi. \$7.00*

Haiku Live! This performance by Emi Goto and YT members in October, 2003, can be appreciated by a program created by Patrick Gallagher of all the "written words" in both the Japanese and English. It features the lives and poetry of Basho, Santoka, and Hosai & haiku from contemporary poets. \$5.00*

Blush of Winter Moon - haiku by Patricia Machmiller. 2001. Jacaranda Press. \$17.00*

How Fast the Ground Moves - haiku by D. Claire Gallagher. A Virgil Hutton Haiku Memorial Award Chapbook Contest Winner 2001-2002. \$5.00*

Found copies - limited quanities!!!

Haiku Journal, Vol. 1 (1977). \$25.00 plus \$1.00 postage

Haiku Journal, Vol. 2 (1978). \$10.00 plus \$1.00 postage
Haiku Journal, Vol. 3 (1979). \$5.00 plus \$1.00 postage
Haiku Journal, Vol. 4 (1980). \$5.00 plus \$1.00 postage
Haiku Journal, Vol. 5 (1981-82). \$5.00 plus \$1.00 postage
Haiku Journal, Vol. 6 (1986). \$5.00 plus \$1.00 postage
Haiku Journal, Vol. 3 through 6. \$10.00 plus \$2.00 postage
Haiku Journal, a complete set. \$50.00 plus \$3.00 postage

Season Words in English Haiku by Jun-ichi Sakuma and Yuki Teikei Haiku Society (1980). This work lists the results of a survey of all the haiku in English language literary journals to determine what kigo was being used in the United States, Canada, and Australia. \$6.00*

To order any of these publications, make your check out to Yuki Teikei
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Calendar

June 12 130 PM -Meeting & Garden Walk, Hakone Gardens, Route 9, Saratoga

July 10 600 PM - Tanabata Party at home of Anne Homan.
Newcomers welcome.

Aug. 28 600 PM - Moon Viewing celebration at home of Patricia Machmiller,

Newcomers welcome.

Oct. 9 130 PM – Haiku Workshop & Kukai, Markhm House, San Jose History Park, Senter Rd.

Nov. 12-15 Asilomar Retreat

Dec. 11 Christmas Party – TBD

Visit the Yuki Teikei Haiku Society website at youngleaves.org.