GEPPO the haiku study-work journal of the

Yukí Teíkeí Haíku Socíety

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Members' Haiku for Study and Appreciation – Jean Hale, Editor					
7226	abalone shells	7233	wood smoke		
	in graduated sizes		on the breeze		
	on shelf over desk		a lone eagle's cry		
7227	man with garden hose	7234	a country song booming		
	uses his thumb for nozzle		from the ice-rink rafters—		
	making rainbow sky		church elders holding hands		
7228	alone in my bed	7235	the cherry tree bare		
	rain returns without warning		with blossoms by its trunk—		
	outside my sea shack		an empty stroller		
7229	spring rain	7236	its widened brown eyes—		
	a small hole	•	the fawn's lip		
	in the box turtle's shell		caught on barbed wire		
7230	first aftershock	7237	Shadowy Ninja		
	the june bug		suddenly, I am captured		
	out before june		only, a spider web		
7231	sudden shower	7238	a few seconds later		
	the voice of the rain changes		after we have passed each other		
	under a covered bridge		the scent of her perfume		
7232	one bee		-		
	everywhere	7239	at the bus stop		
	the flowers		leaving me behind		
			a grasshopper		

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7240	woodcarver's shed - the swallows' return to last year's nest	7250	April Fool! sixteen years in a row wife walks away cackling
7241	spring cleaning I store her unwanted clothes in my wardrobe	7251	one jump stag gone
7242	flooded river a cow up to its hocks bellows to the farmer	7252	silence ready to unfold a peony bud
7243	the baby's carriage parked beneath a tree - beginning of summer	7253	farm pond the sudden jiggle of a corncob bobber
7 244	summer concert ten thousand people in candle glow	7254	Oslo fjord the rhythm of Grieg in the summer rain
7245	at the tip of a stem the summer butterfly dries its wings	7255	kicking up sand a cranky child says, fix it!
7246	outdoor cafe public space private world	7256	ancient wildwoods chattering crows scattering seeds
7247	outdoor cafe sharing a profound thought she twirls her hair	7257	all the fine pines a howling coyote marks its path
7248	by your picture these red geraniums and a songbird	7258	tent caterpillar crawling up the decrepit house
7249	leaves raked into neat piles quite nicely as the wind rises	7259	a minute ago alive in the shower— silverfish

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- 7260 the work unfinished stopping anyway fireflies
- 7261 empty next door house the chairs left beneath the trees hold only shade now
- 7262 spring's fragile flowers blown apart by fierce winds, pouring rain beats down
- 7263 old widow's house for sale sign on the lawn ivy holding the gate
- 7264 waning behind flowering dogwoods a poet's moon
- 7265 quiet day tranquili-tea etched across her cup
- 7266 untouched by words the spring moon pauses between pines
- 7267 at my approach a tiny frog settles deeper into the rainwater bowl
- 7268 distant summer lightning the slow drip of a tap invades my dreams
- 7269 even in the drizzle under distant lampposts incandescent moths

- 7270 for Issa: the swaying black spider I didn't squash
- 7271 wild mustard spilling into spring I will water my bonsai
- 7272 cactus flower the tortoise slows to look
- 7273 spring growth spurt in my niece's thick hair three lice
- 7274 Waiting for nightfall her first sea star lights up ebb-tide
- 7275 coastal swallows returning to the same cliffs wind, rain, fog
- 7276 hours of driving and wishing to be somewhere else
- 7277 hot and humid the subtle softness of her note paper
- 7278 heat wave my struggle against waking
- 7279 spring breeze cloud after cloud flows under the bridge
- 7280 crocus tips little tugs of wind lift my umbrella

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7281	stepping stones the wandering pace of another mind	CHALLENGE KIGO Sunburn by Ebba Story
7282	our wounded soldiers _. return without peacesome have less than a fledgling	vacation's end— the border collie's sunburned nose Michael Dylan Welch
7283	nowtoothpaste halos decorate the bath towels- a bright summer moon	sunburned shoulders it's too lațe for kind words Cindy Tebo
7284	summer house sitting stepping over the threshold into their bouquet	aloe vera rub the heat of the child's sunburn lessens
7285	first day of summer the crackling sound of dry leaves under my feet	Patricia Prime spreading soothing lotion contrast between sunburn
7286	late spring — black sparrows still hang around the chopped tree	and what the bra covered Dave Bachelor hearing Swedish – northerners in Italy
7287	firestorm — the crackling sound of burning trees in my TV set	for a sunburn Barbara Campitelli summer car trip
7288	morning overcast yet sunflowers turn their heads to the east only	his left shoulder, her right sunburned Elinor Huggett
7289	incessant crickets on the mosque's marble wash basin ancient Greek letters	unexpected sunburn where we kissed [.] Gloria Procsal
7290	spring melancholy: two hands on grandfather's clock merge into one	the Jersey Shore— lemon snow cones and sunburnt nose Ruth Holzer

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Ruth Holzer

on the boardwalk stopping a red sunburned girl, "try Vitamin E Capsules"

Joan C. Sauer

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MEMBERS' VOTES FOR MARCH-APRIL Majo Leavick - 7177-1 7178-0 7179-1 Janeth Hackett Ewald Teruo Yamagata - 7180-0 7181-0 7182-0 Ruth Holzer - 7183-7 7184-3 7185-3 Janeth Ewald - 7186-2 7187-3 7188-1 **Carolyn Thomas** Desiree McMurry -7189-10 7190-6 7191-2 J. Schallberger - 7192-4 7193-0 7194-6 John Stevenson - 7195-1 7196-1 7197-2 Joan Sauer - 7198-2 7199-1 7200-1 **Renee Owen** Gloria Jaguden - 7201-2 Carolyn Thomas – 7202-5 7203-1 7204-5 Joan Zimmerman – 7205-4 7206-2 7207-1 Majo Leavick C. Doreian-Michaels -7208-5 7209-1 7210-0 B. Campitelli – 7211-12 7212-2 7213-5 M. Root-Bernstein -7214-2 7215-8 7216-1 John Stevenson Zinovy Vayman – 7217-1 7218-3 7219-2 Michael Welch - 7220-4 7221-2 7222-1 Angelee Deodhar – 7223-1 7224-6 7225-8

MAR-APR HAIKU VOTED BEST BY READERS OF GEPPO

scattered blossomshis words fall by the wayside

Barbara Campitelli

lengthening days the baby's foot brushes my ribcage

spring melancholy beach stones in my pocket

Desiree McMurry

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Michele Root-Bernstein

sunburn

the beach life of my youth betrays me today

walking in cool grass sandal-lines crossing over her bare sunburned feet

underneath the baby oil with iodine my sunburn

his sunburned nose pointing up the sky ... first day of summer

Indian summer a reprise of sunburn

lingering too long on the beach blanketsunburned backside

Judith Schallberger

Palestine of mine: from the sunburnt hills of yore to the warm Greek sea

Zinovy Vayman

Note from your Editor.

I received these welcome words from new Yuki Teikei member, Elinor Huggett, "...I was attracted to your publication because you send out a study and all the members vote and critique. "

So....join the fun ... and ... remember to vote!

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after the rain		Cherry-blossom lips
a cloud shapes itself		laughing behind the thin skin
into a butterfly		on the back of her hand
5	Angelee Deodhar	Joan Zimmerman
spring frost—	•	retrieving
all the tulips		the neighbour boy's baseball
in a white vase		ice in the rain gutter
	Ruth Holzer	Michael Dylan Welch
my thoughts		SEASON WORDS
caught in an eddy		for summer
spring brook		selected from the lists in the 1994 Members' Anthology
	Desiree McMurry	Season: June, July, August: beginning of summer,
spring peace garden –		midsummer, end of summer, summer solstice, long day,
spending some time		slow day, short night. Sky and Elements: summer dew, ~ fog, ~ rain, ~ sky, ~
with the stones		sun, ~ wind, south wind, scented breeze,
	J. Schallberger	scorching/blazing sun, calm morning/evening, cumulus/billowing cloud, cloud peaks, sea of clouds,
from the other train		ocean fog, thunder, lightning, sudden shower, rainbow,
		heat, hot, drought, coolness. Landscape: summer hills, ~ lake, ~ moor, ~ mountains,
an old man gazes out		~ sea, ~ river, waterfall, clear water, summer grove, deep
- spring melancholy	Angelee Deodhar	tree shade.
		Human Affairs: awning, fan, beach umbrella, parasol, perfume, camp, fly swatter, fireworks, fountain, summer
hazy moon —		hat, summer house, summer vacation, summer
the guitarist		concert/opera, ice house, ice water, iced tea, nakedness, bare feet, mosquito net, midday nap, swimming,
tests his mike	Caralum Thomas	swimming pool, sunburn, sweat, sunglasses, sundress,
	Carolyn Thomas	rattan chair, reed, wind chimes, prayers for rain, cooling
this night too		oneself, mowing grass, weading, Fathers' day, Fourth of July (Independence Day), Armed Forces Day, Tanabata
the frog sings		(Festival of the Weaver, or Star festival - traditionally, an
to itself		autumn kigo). Animals: ant, bat, caterpillar, cicada, crab, cormorant,
	Carolyn Thomas	firefly, flea, louse, house fly, goldfish, blue/white/grey
waiting for dawn		heron, kingfisher, moor hen or coot, mosquito, mosquito laroae, moth, silverfish, slug, (garden) snail, snake,
no longer alone		spider, summer butterfly, termite, toad, tree frog, trout,
the mocking bird's return	n	silkworm, water beetle. Plants: amaryllis, barley, summer bracken, bamboo
Christi	ne Doreian-Michaels	sprouts, carnation, cactus flower, dahlia, dill flower,
scent of jasmine-		foxglove, fuchsia, gardenia, geranium, gladiolus, summer
at the door she adjusts		or rank grasses, summer weeds, hibiscus, hollyhock, honeysuckle, hydrangea, iris, calla lily, daylily, lotus,
her straw hat		marguerite, marigold, mold (mildew), moss grown
	Barbara Campitelli	(mossy), oxalis, peony, phlox, pinks, rose, salvia, silk tree (mimosa), snapdragon, sunflower, summer thistle, leafy
first spring dream		willow, yucca, zinnia, summer fruits and vegetables
first spring dream my mother's spirit		(banana, blackberry, cucumber, cherry, eggplant, green grapes, green(unripe) apple, green walnut, green peas,
• • • •		apricot, melon (honeydew, cantaloupe, watermelon, etc), 👔
climbs into my body	Judith Schallberger	pineapple, potato, raspberry, strawberry, tomato,
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Submission Guidelines for GEPPO

Deadline for next issue is August 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 you choose will receive one point. Poems with the top number of votes are reprinted with the author's name in the next issue.

Send to: Jean Hale

The annual membership fee for the Yuki Teikei Haiku Society in the U.S. and Canada is \$26.00. For international members the fee is \$31.00. Membership entitles you to six issues of *Geppo* per year and the annual anthology.

Dojins' Corner March-April 2008 by Patricia Machmiller and Jerry Ball

jb: My selections:7180, 81, 83*, 84, 90*, 92, 94, 95, 7202, 7204, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 24*, 25

pjm: and mine: 7181*, 7182, 7186*, 7190, 7192, 7194*, 7195, 7213, 7217, and 7224

7181 without notice make a deep bow amaryllis

pjm: I'm still thinking about this haiku, and I am not able to give an explanation for the effect it has on me. There is a feeling of formality and grace, of reverence and ritual, of deep color, deep respect, deep, yet simple, elegance. I have a kimono that is a purplish gray on the outside and amaryllis red on the inside—within the unremarkable, the remarkable. But there is more here that cannot be explained logically to be able to create such a haiku is remarkable. Congratulations, Poet.

jb: This is a verse about sincerity, ushin. Making a bow, "without notice," is done from sincere feeling. An alternative is a formal bow which is choreographed, and performed for everyone to see. Also, the bow is made in the presence of "amaryllis" which can be taken as a representative of the universe, and it—the amaryllis—is a surprise.

7183 spring frost all the tulips in a white vase

jb: Unexpected, that's the spring frost. A sudden freeze. So what's to be done with the early blooming tulips? Isn't that always the question when we are taken by surprise? The alternatives are to let them fend for themselves or, perhaps, to take charge and try to preserve what we can. So, in this haiku, the tulips end up in a white vase. Simple? Well, yes, but for me, this represents a lot more than tulips, and a lot more than spring frost. Suppose, the tulips had not ended up in a white vase?

pjm: A clear image and a good beginning: the connection of "frost" to "white," as well as the notion of saving the tulips from a late frost. But I think more is needed to take us deeper. The last two lines could be the second line giving the opportunity to write a third line.

7186 blue sky – March morning in the center of a maze a bright blue easy chair pjm: I am interested in how this haiku creates the effect that it does. I was first caught by the blue-chair-in-a-maze image. Then by its echo of the color of the sky. It's as though the whole sky has been transformed, Alice-in-Wonderland-like, into an easy chair. The maze adds to the sense of being thrust into an unconventional world. Where am L the reader, as I peer into the maze. Have I eaten a Mad Hatter biscuit and suddenly grown so big I can see the whole maze at my feet? Or am I flying over in an invisible airplane like Wonder Woman? All seems possible in the strange world of this haiku. The broken syntax of the first line signals that we are entering a strange place. Even the word March on second reading conjures up the March hare. Then there is the very formal form, 17, no—18 syllables (that's in keeping with the strangeness). A maze was often a feature of formal European gardens. So the haiku form here has an extra syllable and its maze has "a bright blue easy chair"!

jb : I like the image, though I wish the language were smoother. For me, this haiku has the feel of someone working to satisfy the formal 5-7-5 requirement. However, knowing how difficult this can be, I can forgive that for the sake of the image.

7190 my thoughts caught in an eddy spring brook

jb: An "eddy' is a current "at variance with the main stream, frequently in a circular motion." How often is this autobiographical? Especially, my thoughts? Is this a big thing? No, it's just an eddy in a spring brook, but at the right moment it's everything. It's spring, all right. The days are becoming longer...and warmer, and...we're not quite sure just what the beauty of spring will provide. Well, there's the "main stream," and, of course...the eddy.

pjm: A worry like thoughts in an eddy, round and round, going nowhere. But a spring brook has eddies, yet, it is going somewhere. Maybe this is the lesson—don't let a few little eddies keep you from your destination (destiny?).

7194 spring peace garden spending some time with the stones pjm: Ah, when the world is too much—too much turmoil, too many demands, too noisy, too...too..., the stones have the answer. They have the weight of years, the solemnity of the natural, they have solidity and patience. In their quiet, unassuming, unadorned presence, we are reassured and calmed.

jb: Patricia and I agree on this haiku. This is one of my favorites for this *Geppo*. I like the simplicity, hosomi, and the even flow of the language. For me, it's about the image of a "peace garden" and its maintenance. Peace is not easy to maintain. In order to keep the peace one needs spend some time with the stones.

7224 from the other train an old man gazes out - spring melancholy

jb: Gazing from the window of a train, what should be seen but another train? And, there is an old man gazing out of the window looking ... at us? At me? Or perhaps he just "gazes out?" What is his state of mind? We, the readers, are on a train headed toward one destination and "an old man" is on "the other train" toward another. Are we gazing in a mirror?

pjm: A man is on a journey, literal and metaphorical. What is the look that can be seen in his eyes—is it wistful, sad, full of longing, or is it peaceful? Perhaps there is regret or loneliness. This haiku is a reminder that each of us will make this journey on "the other train" What will be the look in our eyes?

Please join the conversation. Jerry and Patricia welcome your comments. Please further the discussion by contacting us at

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CALL FOR HAIKU !!!

Paul Williams will be the editor of this year's Yuki Teikei. Members' Anthology

Send at least five of your best haiku to:

Paul Williams

approximately 2.5 miles and turn left on McKean Rd. Turn right onto Casa Loma Road (where McKean turns into Uvas Road). Follow Casa Loma Road approximately 2 miles to the Open Space Authority parking lot.

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Dear Haiku Friends-

I wanted to let you know that we are being honored by a visit to the Bay Area by Angelee Deodhar, a haiku poet and medical doctor from India. We met her in Matsuyama last year. She is translating haiku from English into Hindi and has plans for a web site. She translated most of the haiku in the last Yuki Teikei Members' Anthology. She plans to celebrate Tanabata with us this coming July 12. It will be a pot luck at Anne Homan's at

Starts at 6:00 pm. If you need directions call Anne at

We are also planning a trip to the redwoods at Mt. Tamalpais on Sunday with Angelee. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know. It would be an afternoon excursion from 1 to 4 with maybe dinner afterward.

I hope that you can join us at one or both of these events. You will enjoy meeting Angelee, and Tanabata at Anne's is always festive. And the redwoods—well, what needs to be said about that. Hoping to see you soon—please share this with other haiku enthusiasts whom you think would be interested.

patricia

THE DEADLINE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO JUNE 30, 2008

If you send haiku that has been previously published, please send the citation with the haiku.

Stargazing at Rancho

When: August 30, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM Where: Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space Reserve

Yuki Teikei plans to join Open Space Authority for night gazing at the stars in a beautiful and wonderfully dark location that promises lots and lots of stars! Learn about the night skies with park staff. A telescope will be provided, but you are more than welcome to bring your own. Dress warmly and bring a blanket or beach chair to recline and observe the night sky.

Directions to Rancho Canada del Oro From 101 South or 85 South Take the Bailey Exit off of Hwy 101 and go West (right). Go

Mary Hill haiku poet, photographer, artist Dec. 14, 1922 - May 23, 2008 by Ted Rose

Mary Louise Ackerson was born in 1922 in Rock Island, IL, the first of five children. Mary grew up in Bedford, Indiana, the daughter of a soil agronomer and a secretary.

setting bean poles shirtless in the spring rain

a change in the wind the pigpen receives a drift of apple blossoms

She went to Indiana University in Bloomington where she met her husband, Robert Hill. They had two children, Susan and Bob. Robert was a Naval physician, and after graduation from medical school he was sent to Long Beach, CA. They also lived in Western Samoa and San Diego before Robert resigned from the Navy. He joined the Palo Alto Medical Clinic and the family moved to Palo Alto, CA.

morning sunlight drifting with the plum petals a green warbler's song

When Mary's children entered high school, she began to take art classes, including photography which she studied with Ansel Adams. When the kids were independent, she explored more of her own potential. In addition to photography, she studied the Russian and Japanese languages; Chinese brush painting with the master, Pei-Jen Hau; calligraphy; and haiku with Kiyoko and Kiyoshi Tokutomi.

a cow meanders along cobblestone streets sampling the roses

Her spiritual path was an eclectic blend of Christianity, Buddhism, Nature, and, overall, Great Spirit – as reflected in her collection of Native American fetishes. She especially related to Bear and to Crow. She also felt a kindred spirit to rocks, to the earth, and to plants – drawing strength and comfort from these.

forgotten fountain a few wishes covered with algae

She will be missed by all who knew her. And her spirit will live on in all who loved her.

sliding into bed butterflies on the ceiling already sleeping

Note: The haiku in this haibun are Mary's. They were first published in *The San Francisco Haiku* Anthology, ed. Jerry Ball, Garry Gay, and Tom Tico, Smythe –Waithe Press (Windsor, CA, 1992) and Young Leaves, Yuki Teikei Haiku Society (San Jose, 2000).

2008 Yuki Teikei Haiku Society Retreat Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, CA September 11-14, 2008

(Thursday-Sunday)

Each year the Yuki Teikei Haiku Society hosts a long weekend haiku poetry retreat at Asilomar Lodge & Conference Center, located along a dramatic section of the Monterey California coastline. The retreat is designed to inspire and nurture the creative spirit of haiku poets near and far. Guest speakers will offer insight into the process of writing haiku. And the program is designed to allow ample time for attendees to wander and write in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Opportunities are also available f^{or} poets to share their work and participate in renku.

Asilomar is a beautiful natural setting near the Pacific Ocean, and the Conference Center is nestled in sand dunes at the edge of a coastal forest. Magic fills the air in this location: paths leading to the beach are shrouded in morning mist, tide pools and shorebirds abound, and the changing tides are graced by spectacular sunsets at dusk. The tranquility and vitality of the area naturally support the creative process.

The theme for our 2008 meeting will be **"Pausing for Peace,"** a topic chosen by our guest speaker **Patricia Donegan**. Ms. Donegan is an exceptional teacher, with master degrees in English and Asian Studies. She has taught abroad in Korea and Japan and in the United States at Naropa Institute, and has authored several books including *Bones, Never Mind, Hot Haiku, Without Warning* and *Asian Arts and Crafts for Creative Kids*.

Other special presentations at this retreat will include: an exquisite tanka performance by our dear friend lariko Kitakubo from Japan accompanied by her accomplished associate Ameilia Fielden from Australia; a traditional Kukai judged by our esteemed guest Emiko Miyashita from Tokyo, Japan; a sunset memorial for past YTHS member Jim "Ouzel" Arnold; plus an art party, evening bonfire and renku party.

Total cost of the retreat is \$450, which includes three nights lodging and meals. To register, please complete the form below and forward with a \$100 deposit to reserve your space. Asilomar is now asking us to commit 3 months in advance! So please note, the deadline for registration is **June 10**, and there is a \$50 discount for early birds paying in full by that time. Otherwise, balance of \$350 will be due on arrival.

Mailing address: Anne Homan,

(Make checks payable to YTHS) For more information, you may contact

Name:______Address:______ Phone:______Email:______ Special Needs (physical & / or dietary):______

Vegetarian meals: Yes No (please circle)

Calendar

July 12

6:00 PM - Tanabata celebration at Ann Homan's house. Call for directions -

Please bring a dish for potluck dinner., Please, no peanuts or peanut content in any dish.

- Aug. 30 Open Space Authority Stargazing. See Page 9.
- Sept. 11 14 Haiku Retreat at Asilomar Conference Center – See article in this Geppo

Oct. 11 6:00 PM – 10:30. Moonviewing at Jean Hale's

> Directions, call Bring a dish for pot luck dinner. No peanuts or peanut content in whatever you bring.

The guard at the gate will give you directions or you can ask him to call Jean and someone will come to the gate to meet you.

Nov. 8 1:30 – 5:00 PM – Haiku Craft Lecture by Pat Gallagher plus haiku writing, Markham House, San Jose. Dec. 13 Holiday Party, 6:00 PM – Patricia Machmiller's home,

> For directions call A pot-luck supper and haiku gift exchange will take place.

With regret, please note that there is no challenge kigo for next issue in this Geppo.