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Members' Haiku for Study and Appreciation - Carol Steele, Editor

- 0307 late spring shadows darkening down the tortoise burrow
- 0308 storm warning the cicadas fall silent one by one
- 0309 heat advisory a wasp's nest builds in the shadow of the eave
- 0310 for letting it live the stinging insect stings me
- 0311 midsummer the flycatcher returns to the same branch
- 0312 a plan for tomorrow fireflies
- 0313 increasing heat boys clean their canoes on the beach
- 0314 midsummer morning in the bright sunshine my shadow lengthens
- 0315 idling in the shade beneath the overgrown hedge a stray cat
- 0316 dawn the chatter of birds exchanging dreams

- 0317 summer rain without a hat bald head gleams
- 0318 sound of water grandparent and child feel urge to pee
- 0319 stained-glass halo watery sunlight mottles the weeping godchild
- 0320 specialization the river valley steepens as we climb the Alps
- 0321 summer solstice the golden bittersweet of limoncello
- 0322 that one turtle on top of the others again today
- 0323 taking over the whole discussion yellow star thistle
- 0324 learning how to listen summer pine
- 0325 blue heron alert! the koi huddle together under the bridge
- 0326 by the little brook in the sheep pasture . . . lamb's ears

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- 0327 rest area... next to the dog run cattails hunker down in a ditch
- 0328 snow falls on trees in the snow globe
- 0329 we stopped and watched cloud formations
- 0330 night sky one turns into a shooting star
- 0331 what jumps out like candlelight in rain cherry sage
- 0332 hemp yarn woven into pieces of cloth became her summer wear
- 0333 when the flea jumps it lands always out of sight
- 0334 Sutter Buttes' surprise still the highest point for miles sandhill cranes return
- 0335 one cocky black crow overflows the full birdbath house wren chirps: the drought!
- 0336 sun earth and rain the lingering fragrance of morning toast
- 0337 at peace though sometimes a little too much to do blowing poppies
- 0338 red camellia tears shed for what it is or that it is
- 0339 summer's end I read a book about Greece

- 0340 wind chimes the floorboards creak in counterpoint
- 0341 street preacher matilija poppies Nodding
- 0342 my lame walk the Harvard Yard lawn reseeded again
- 0343 day's over I enter the slanted sunray filled with swift flies
- 0344 June sunniness the immensely high ceiling of the Grolier bookstore
- 0345 Pattering of rain steadily falls from gray skies rarely heard in June.
- 0346 Sierran forests holding their collective breath, awaiting drought's end.
- 0347 Blackened skies erupt slushy snowballs smack windshield— Carson Pass hailstorm.
- 0348 summer sun the geraniums respond in glory
- 0349 breathing in breathing out forgotten yesterdays
- 0350 the power of now to fulfill the moment song of the house finch
- 0351 long BART ride two strangers entertain us with the football scores
- 0352 we sing the hymns she chose for her funeral November morning

0353	from a bench we watch the endless motion of the waves calm morning
0354	already midsummer— how many more waning moons?
0355	floating on a mat of Sargassum— turtle hatchling
0356	one more birthday turning over warm, stinky compost
0357	storm lull the summer night is white with a stray's teeth
0358	floodwater the long shadow of a crow
0359	pale rain the cackle of a gecko
0360	skipping through the woods picking mushrooms aplenty— no poison tonight
0361	fever-pitch of coyotes lost in the new moon then silence
0362	hypnotized by the screen my body atrophies— one more email
0363	far from shore migrating birds mark the miles
0364	blushing pink at the nudist beach salt spray rose
0365	summer soon slips past the edge of the sea

- 0366 as days grow warmer strong green sprouts open the earth an invitation
- 0367 a mist of warm rain small tree frog hidden, asleep under these damp leaves
- 0368 blaze of midday only the black cows under the cottonwood
- 0369 the brays from the left-behind donkey —seventh month and day
- 0370 summer's *A Train* the piano player stops to tap dance

Challenge kigo-"Hydrangeas"

hydrangeas some days bluer than others ~Michael Henry Lee

after rain the pink hydrangea fluffs itself up ~Ruth Holzer

along the park trail everywhere the colour of hydrangeas ~Patricia Prime

looking at mopheads pink, white, red and blue summer hydrangeas ~Kevin Goldstein-Jackson

blue hydrangeas slowly wilting in the drought's tough love regime ~Joan Zimmerman

even in winter summer in a crystal vase... dried hydrangea ~Elinor Pihl Huggett

summer bloom near the back door mop-head hydrangeas ~Peg McAulay Byrd

hydrangea season snow white orbs dropping flakes on the table ~Michael Sheffield

hydrangeas stretching each finger in tai chi class ~Phillip Kennedy

dictionary: in between "hydra" and "hydrant" "hydrangea" ~Zinovy Vayman Red hydrangea blooms bring relief from the brown of never-ending drought. ~David Sherertz

hydrangea this one even dried still blue ~Barbara Campitelli

in front of our house blue hydrangeas background for our smiling faces ~Anne Homan

peek-a-boo... summer's bonny blue hydrangea ~Stephanie Baker

blue moon the wilted hydrangea revives overnight ~Joyce Lorenson

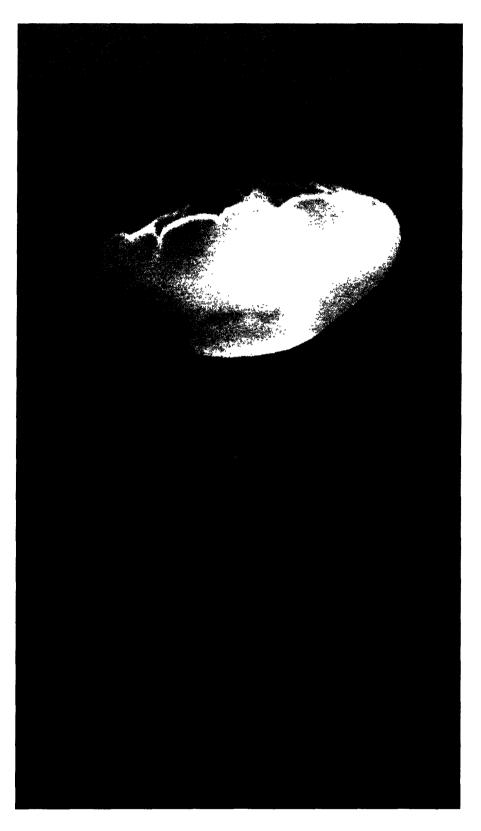
long ago love was a pair of shy blue eyes these hydrangeas ~Ann Cavanaugh

hydrangea sky clouds blooming in blue air ~Gloria Jaguden

rainbow of hydrangeas great me each morning— Delta Dawn ~E. Luke

Code Blue for the struggling hydrangea— California drought ~Janis Lukstein

gopher immune or not . . . fingers crossed for the blue hydrangea ~Alison Woolpert



Jellyfish glow

Photo: PJMachmiller

March—April 2015 Haiku Voted Best By GEPPO Readers

morning moon alone . . . with my habits ~Peg McAulay Byrd

illuminating the shoulders of each mountain dogwoods in blossom ~Joan Zimmerman

phone survey I hear myself say goodbye to a machine ~Christine Horner

golden hills my thoughts roll along unhindered ~Phillip Kennedy

falling asleep without even trying lilac afternoon ~Mimi Ahern

trembling fronds young plovers at the river beds ~Peg McAulay Byrd

late autumn wind my father's trembling hands ~Ed Grossmith covering all the mirrors survivor's guilt ~Susan Burch

cold front family members sharpen their axes ~Judith Schallberger

notice from dead letter office with a forever stamp ~Peg McAulay Byrd

bok choy and rice or cabbage and potatoes it all depends ~Christine Horner

street fair the plaza fills with cheap sunglasses ~Michael Henry Lee

constancy the way twilight crowns each day ~Ed Grossmith

late morning finally opening their eyes red tulips ~Elinor Pihl Huggett

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Members' Votes for March—April 2015 Haiku

Beverly Acuff Momoi 0214-0, 0215-0, 0216-1 Ann Bendixen 0217-2, 0218-1, 0219-0 Kae Bendixen 0220-0, 0221-3, 0222-0 Peg McAulay Byrd 0223-8, 0224-4, 0225-5 Christine Horner 0226-1, 0227-4, 0228-7 Christine Lamb Stern 0229-2, 0230-3, 0231-2 Neal Whitman 0232-0, 0233-3, 0234-1 Michael Henry Lee 0235-3, 0236-2, 0237-4 Ruth Holzer 0238-3, 0239-2, 0240-2 Joan Zimmerman 0241-1. 0242-8. 0243-3 Joyce Lorenson 0244-1, 0245-0, 0246-1 Ed Grossmith 0247-5, 0248-4, 0249-1 Elinor Pihl Huggett 0250-3, 0251-0, 0252-4 Michael Sheffield 0253-2, 0254-3, 0255-1 Susan Burch 0256-0, 0257-5, 0258-2 0259-2, 0260-1, 0261-1 Elaine Whitman 0262-0, 0263-1, 0264-2 Barbara Campitelli 0265-2, 0266-3, 0267-0 David Sherertz 0268-2, 0269-2, 0270-3 David Bachelor 0271-0, 0272-3, 0273-0 Lois Scott 0274-1, 0275-1, 0276-0 Phillip Kennedy 0277-6, 0278-1, 0279-1 Patricia Prime 0280-0, 0281-1, 0282-0 Mimi Ahern 0283-6 0284-1, 0285-0 Sherry Barto 0286-3, 0287-0, 0288-0 Kyle Sullivan 0289-1, 0290-2, 0291-1 Alison Woolpert 0292-0, 0293-1, 0294-0 Johnnie Johnson Hafernik 0295-3, 0296-1, 0297-2 Hiro Murakami 0298-0, 0299-0 Clysta Seney 0300-0, 0301-0, 0302-1 Judith Schallberger 0303-1, 0304-5, 0305-0 0306-1, 0307-0, 0308-0 Zinovy Vayman 0309-0, 0310-0, 0311-0, 0312-0, 0313-0, 0314-0 Ann Cavanaugh 0315-0, 0316-0, 0317-0 Genie Nakano 0318-0, 0319-0

Annual YTHS Membership Dues

YTHS membership is for one calendar year: January to January. The fee provides each member with six issues of the GEPPO, notification of events and the annual membership anthology. Only members can submit to the GEPPO and anthology.

Domestic & Canada dues \$32, Seniors \$26. International dues \$40, Seniors \$31. Mail check or money order to membership secretary: Toni Homan,

GEPPO Submission due date for the next issue is September 7.

New Submission guidelines: Email questions or comments with contact info to:

Email articles, poems and votes with contact info to:YTGEPPO@Outlook.com with GEPPO article or GEPPO submission in the subject line.

Send it as an attachment in a word document in Arial, font size 11, ink black. *OR* mail your poems & votes with contact info to:

GEPPO Editor, Carol Steele,

You can submit:

• Up to three haiku appropriate to the season. They will be printed without your name and identified with a number for appreciation and study.

• One Challenge Kigo Haiku which uses the current issue's Challenge Kigo. The poem will be printed with your name.

• Up to ten votes for haiku in the current issue that you especially appreciate. Each poem you choose will receive a point (vote); submit the number of the haiku as the vote. The poems with the top number of votes are reprinted with the author's name in the next issue.

Challenge Kigo: migrating birds, wataridori

June Hopper Hymas

Birds flying South is an autumn kigo. If it is a spring migration, with the birds moving north, that is another kigo. and another Japanese phrase. As often with autumn seasonal topics, a melancholy feeling accompanies this kigo; it evokes separation, as well as the thought that another year will soon end.

watari-dori hito geinaki wa nakari keri

migrating birds-not one of them lacks skill

lssa

wata[ri]-dori no mane ga heta zo mura suzume

poor imitators of the migrating birds... sparrows

Issa (With gratitude to David for his website, translations and romaji for Issa's haiku are from David Lanoue's Issa website at **haikuguy.com**)

migrating birds fields of pampas grass show the way

Kristen Deming

migrating birds the line of planes at rush hour

Deborah Kolodji

The sun covered By clouds for a while Migrating birds

Basho

As always, send your haiku using this kigo to the Geppo Editor, so that it can be printed in the challenge kigo section with your name.



Golden Jellies I

Photo PJ Machmiller

Dojin's Corner Mar-Apr 2015

Emiko Miyashita and Patricia Machmiller

Greetings everyone. It's deep into summer now. Here are our choices from the last issue of GEPPO:

E: 0218, 0224, 0231, 0233, 0237*, 0238, 0244*, 0260, 0262, 0264, 0274, 0285*, 0300

pjm: 0214, 0216, 0217, 0223, 0237, 0238, 0241, 0243, 0244, 0248, 0249, 0252, 0254, 0265, 0266, 0267, 0273, 0275, 0277*, 0283*, 0290, 0291, 0293, 0294, 0295, 0296*, 0297, 0303, 0304, 0305, 0306

0237 street fair the plaza fills with cheap sunglasses

E: What attracts our attention most at a street 0277 golden hills fair differs from generation to generation. Here the author finds so many cheap sunglasses glancing back at him/her. I assume little

adolescents for drinks and handmade acces- rolling hills of California turn a beautiful gold sories. My guess is that the author is in his/her (this year-because of the drought, the turning forties and cares for eye-protecting, fine quali- was early). And I know this feeling-driving ty sunglasses. The haiku captures the crowd along the road through these hills you feel free at the fair without mentioning them. It also of worry, free of obligation-you feel free-it's gives the picture of hundreds of thousands of the feeling of sun and summer. shiny dark lenses reflecting the fair on a sunny summer day. Or, we can simply imagine the Emiko: I like the expression of "roll along" very plaza full of people wearing cheap sunglasses much to go with the landscape of gentle and having fun!

pjm: One of the joys of summer-a gathering slowly turning to this side and then to the of everyone in the village to enjoy sunshine other. I think the beauty of the golden hills is in and BBQ and buy trinkets and iced drinks. its emptiness, where one's thoughts can play The freedom we feel in summer is captured by freely. The arrival of summer surely may acthis sea of oversized, funky, plastic sunglasses!

0244 spring unraveling thread woven in a bird's nest

E: If there is a kire (cut) at the end of the first line, the poem reads like spring is becoming more visible while the author finds a thread woven in a birds' nest. If there is no kire, the thread woven in a bird's nest is unraveled by the arrival of spring. The nature of the word "unravel" makes me think that the case is the latter. Either way, I enjoyed imaging the color of the thread and the hatching of little eggs that will take place there sometime soon!

pim: This is how the world works-one thing leads to another-not in any ordinary, expected way, but in many surprising wayssometimes joyful, sometimes not-after all spring is disintegrating! We don't want it to go, but we accept its passage and delight in this remnant that it leaves behind, this "thread woven/in a bird's nest."

my thoughts roll along unhindered

children are more for cotton candies and toys, pim; I know these hills. In summertime the

hillsides. The thoughts of the author driving by the golden hills might go up and down again, celerate the wild thoughts to take over one's worries!

0283 falling asleep without even trying lilac afternoon

pim: I can picture it. Someone is reading or finish- beaming with joy surrounding the special cake like ing up some bookkeeping or answering a letter; the smiling plum blossoms, Congratulations for the the windows are open, a warm breeze scented 40th year, YTHS! with lilac is playing with the curtains, and this someone stretches out on the couch and . . . the pjm: Now here's a puzzle. It's Yuki Teikei's fortieth afternoon slips pleasantly away.

E: Lilac blooms when summer is still young in To- you do it? Maybe it's a round cake, and you cut 41 kvo. Not too cold, but not too hot. It is a spring kigo narrow slices. Anyway, someone named Carol in Japan. The cluster of fragrant blossoms in white (could it be our GEPPO editor?) has done it! No and pale purple rustling in May breeze, a metro- wonder she has a "plum blossom smile!" And nome for a lullaby. Sweet dreams! By the way, isn't it funny that it takes some effort to sleep at night after a tough day, but one can easily fall 0296 distant church bells asleep anywhere in a summer afternoon.

pjm: Emiko, why do you think this haiku has a summer feeling when lilac in Japan is a spring kigo?

E: Because nap is a summer kigo. And perhaps elsewhere lilac is more a summer flower than spring.

pim: Higgenson has it classified as a late spring kigo, but he notes that in some places its blooming peaks in early summer. So I would say it is late spring to early summer. We also consider nap to be a summer kigo. What if the poet considered changing the flower to a summer flower, something like jasmine?

E: Oh. no! After all. I prefer to doze off in the lilac fragrance than in jasmine!

pjm: Me, too.

0285 Carol cuts the cake into 41 pieces plum blossom smile

E: One of the charms of haiku is felt when we present our gratitude in a form of haiku, a socalled greeting haiku. I was touched by this poem because I felt the celebration mood and the joy radiating from the lines. Cutting "the cake/into 41 pieces" made me picture a huge one with 41 faces

birthday. So why 41? And think about it-if you had to cut a sheet cake into 41 pieces, how would yes-congratulations, YTHS, for forty years!

octaves above the fog horns winter sky

pim: I love this poem-the way it calls us to hear this village at a particular moment and in doing so we are brought to a particular locale. I feel like I know this place-and I know it better because these ten words created a unique soundscape. The place is on the coast where you can hear fog horns, it's Sunday morning, maybe, because the church bells are ringing. There's a marine laver (winter sky) which is more likely east coast in the US than west, but it could be England, Scotland, Italy, Australia, Mexico . . . I am transported to a village—one I know from past travels. I can feel the foggy air and the cool morning. The sound has vividly recreated the experience for me. This is good writing.

E: I have never compared church bells and a hog horns, but the author tells me the difference in a lovely way. From the poem, I can hear both sounds, and agree; thank you for clarifying the fact, so simple and yet quite new to me. "Winter sky" is a nice landing for the poem. It brings chillness and the crispy air that carries the sounds.

We invite your responses. Send letters to the GEPPO editor or e-mail us at:

Yuki Teikei Celebrates 40 Years!

Jan 19: Roger Abe and Patricia Machmiller dedicated their reading at HPNC to Kiyoko amd Kiyoshi Tokutomi.

April 3-19: History of Yuki Teikei Exhibit at the Japanese American Museum, 535 N. 5th Street, San Jose, CA 95112. Th-Sun 12-4PM Reception: 4/11 1-3PM \$5

April 12, 2:50–3:40PM: Reading of YTHS haiku and haibun and a haiga viewing. San Jose Poetry Festival, Le Petit Trianon, 72 N. 5th St., San Jose, California, 9AM-5PM, \$20.

April 19, 9-10 PM: KUSP Radio Broadcast at 88.9 FM of the Poetry Show featuring Yuki Teikei haiku poets. Available as a podcast at www.kusp.org.

May 9, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM : Garden tour and reading by YT's presidents in the Teahouse at the Japanese Friendship Garden, 1300 Senter Road, San Jose, followed by an open reading.

May 9, 5PM-8PM: 40th Anniversary Celebratory Dinner and Program at the Teahouse. Reservations required. \$50.

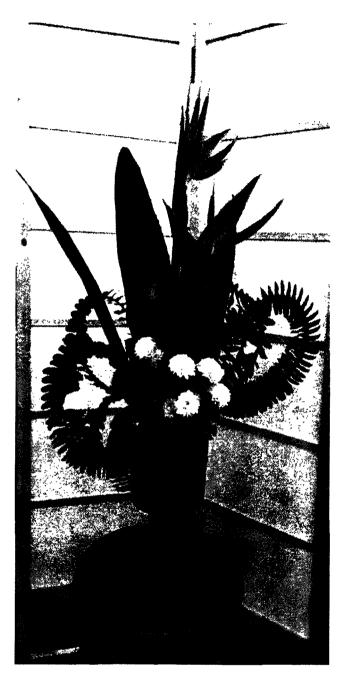
Sept. 26, 10AM-4PM: San Jose Poetry Center Tanka Workshop by Patricia J. Machmiller and Joan Zimmerman, Markham House, History San Jose,1650 Senter Road, SJ. PCSJ members: \$60, non-members: \$70

Nov. 12-15: Haiku Retreat, Asilomar, Pacific Grove. Featured Poet: David Lanoue.

For additional information and updates:

www.youngleaves.org

Also see Seasons withYukiTeikei.blogspot.com



40th Anniversary: An Ikebana Arrangement by Carol Steele Photo: PJMachmiller

2015 Yuki Teikei Haiku Society Annual Retreat

Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, CA November 12-15, 2015 (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 afar. 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 for poets to share their work and participate in renku.

The theme for our 2015 meeting is "The Art of Haiku: What Issa Has to Teach Us," a topic chosen by our very special guest speaker David Lanoue. Mr. Lanoue is Professor of English at Xavier University of Louisiana. He is an Issa scholar and has written a number of books, including extensive translations of Issa's poetry along with his own writings. In addition to conducting a workshop on "How to Write like Issa," he will give us a reading of his own work.

Other special presentations at this retreat will include: a traditional Kukai judged by our esteemed guest Emiko Miyashita from Tokyo, Japan; a dress up renku party; an artful performance; announcement of the winners of the 2015 Tokutomi Haiku Contest; and presentation of the 2015 YTHS Anthology.

We're very excited Professor David Lanoue has found time in his busy schedule to join us, and hope to see many of our haiku friends there.

Cost:

full conference fee + shared room (3/rm) + 9 meals	\$ 475
full conference fee + shared room (2/rm) + 9 meals	\$ 535
full conference fee + single room + 9 meal	\$ 800
conference fee only	\$110

Deposit due by June 30. Balance due by Sept 15. Deadlines are firm. Please mail this registration form with your check made out to Yuki Teikei Haiku Society to our retreat registrars:

Amy Ostenso & Phillip Kennedy at For further information, you can contact Amy at	,	-	
For further information, you can contact Arriv at	-		-
Name:			
Address:			

Phone: _____ Email: ______

Special Needs (physical &/or dietary):

Vegetarian Meals: Yes No (please circle)

A Retreat Roster will be created with all attendees' name, address and contact information (email address) unless you prefer to not be included. Please check here ______ if you prefer to be excluded from the list.

YTHS News: June 2015

On Saturday June 13, 2015, the Yuki Teikei Haiku Society met at the Tilden Botanic Garden in Berkeley. YT members David Sherertz, Ann and Kae Bendixen, Alison Woolpert (with guest Alan Leavitt), Patrick Gallagher, and Sandy Vrooman were there, along with David's wife Roz Hardy, and guest artist Ceiny Carney.

David and Roz, both docents at the Garden, led the group on a tour of the Garden, followed by a potluck lunch. The Garden opened on January 1, 1940, is celebrating its 75th year. It is devoted to the collection, growth, display, distribution, and preservation of the native plants of California. Our state is a vast region of many floral areas, such as seacoast bluffs and coastal mountains, interior valleys, arid foothills, alpine zones, and two kinds of desert. The Garden has sections devoted to each of these geographical areas, and contains close to 2,000 different native species collected from every part of the state. Notable among the many specimens in the Garden are representatives of nearly all the state's conifers and oaks, and probably the most complete collection of California manzanitas to be found anywhere, thanks in large part to the Garden's first director, James Roof. There are also extensive examples of California native bunchgrasses, bulbs, and aquatic plants.

Following the tour and lunch, all of us did our own ginko walk through parts of the Garden to which we felt drawn. Then we gathered together to write and share haiku from our Garden experience. Our friend Ceiny did the beautiful sketches (shown below) of the group as well as the colorful pipevine swallowtail caterpillars, which were out in abundance. Many plants were in bloom, and there was much to stimulate our senses. For a special treat, David made tea from hummingbird sage leaves, which everyone found refreshing.



Garden Sketches

Botanic Garden myriad manzanitas James Roof legacy. Ceinwan Carney

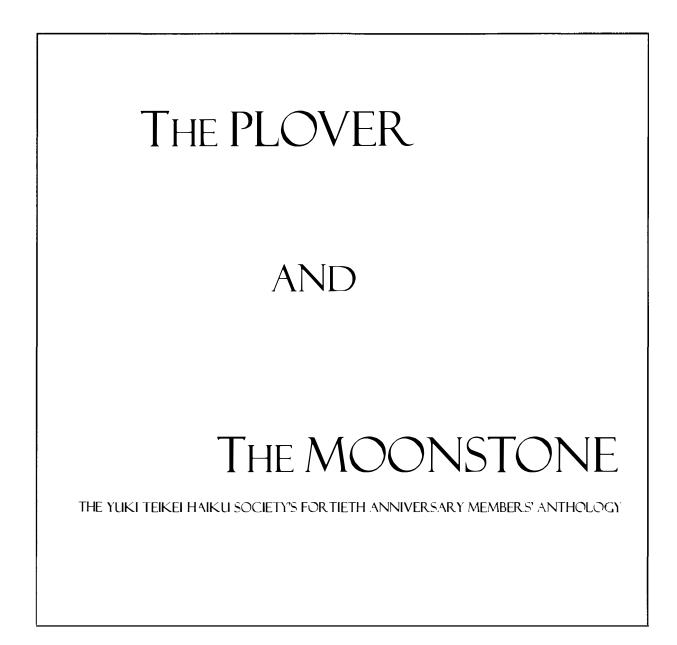
Pipevine swallowtails flit through the Garden—looking for love, leaves or both.

-David Sherertz

Advanced Purchase 2015 YTHS Members' Anthology

In late November/early December YT Members will be receiving their free copy of the 40th Anniversary Members' Anthology, *The Plover and the Moonstone*. If you wish to purchase additional copies for the pre-publication price of \$11/book plus \$5 for postage (domestic) or \$25 (international), please send requests with a check on an American bank to Patricia J. Machmiller,

You may also send your request through PayPal at _____ If you are planning on attending the Haiku Retreat in November, there is no need to pay postage as you will be able to pick up your extra copies at that time.





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2015 YTHS Calendar

Sept 7	GEPPO submissions due. Remember you can send 6 haiku for the season this time.
Sept 10	Open Annual Planning Meeting & Election of Officers for 2016 at Alison Woolpert's home from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m A light dinner will be served. Please RSVP
Sept 15	Full payment due for Asilomar Retreat.
Sept 26	Moon Viewing Party at the home of Carol Steele, Patrick Gallagher will give a talk "Phases of the Moon." Guests and newcomers are welcome. Please bring a peanut free dish for potluck. Hope you can come!
October	No meeting.
Nov 12 to15	Haiku retreat at Asilomar Conference Center, Monterey Peninsula. Newcomers welcome. David Lanoue is our featured guest. Complete info inside this issue.
Dec 12 TBD	Holiday Party at the home of Judith and Lou Schallberger, Potluck dinner. Newcomers and guests welcome. Haiga exchange.