

Vote for the ten haiku you think are the best. Circle three top choices

288. Naughty Summer kid
Soft pat on back yesterday
Bit lower today
289. A pillar of gnats
Up and down and round and round
Suddenly they stop...
290. In Summer moonlight
Fire break cuts across the hills
Disappears beyond...
291. Weather vane on crest
of marina boardwalk shop...
Pelican at rest!
292. Sunlight reflection
wavering on the ceiling...
kiddies' wading pool
293. Along the Oak Creek
a father teaching his son
art of skipping stones
294. After funeral
as last of dead leaves fall
Old men on park bench
295. Ancient oak now bare
an empty, frosted bench gleams
Old man's cane remains.
296. My last candle makes
shadow show upon the wall
This winter blackout.
297. Gold of the linden
hanging from every twig -
fortune for the bees
298. In the herb garden
a scattering of sparrows-
spring came on brown wings
299. Ivory statue
beware! lest a tiny frog
break your graceful neck
300. A black fighting bull
browsing in a spinach patch -
piles of manure
301. Peregrine falcon
soaring in and out of sight -
the billowing clouds
302. The summer stillness -
one strand of morning glories
entwine a dead pine
303. A hooded carriage
stopped at the riverside
the heat of summer
304. Only Buddhist priest
walks with great presence of mind
in spite of shower
305. Unexpectedly
appeared in public square
a goldfish vendor
306. The lilacs' fragrance
with a boost from the south wind -
jumps the neighbors' fence
307. In his boutonniere
he wears a forget-me-not
his car out of gas
308. Bee traffic heavy
around patio shrub beds
nectar almost gone
309. This clover's softness
exactly right to roll on
can someone see me?
310. The yard boy asleep
by a lilac hedge in bloom
pink white and purple

MEMBERS VOTES FOR APRIL HAIKU: Name - Haiku # - Votes - Circled Votes

P. Truesdell 261*-2-2; 262*-3-1; 263-2-1
D. Greenlee 265-1-1
T. Yamagata 267-3-0; 269-1-0
V. Golden 272-2-1
W. Fitzpatrick 273-2-0; 274*-4-0
E. Dunlop 276*-2-3; 277*-4-1; 278-1-0
T. Arima 279*-3-4; 280*-3-1; 281-1-0
D. Priebe 285-0-1; 286*-4-0; 287-2-1

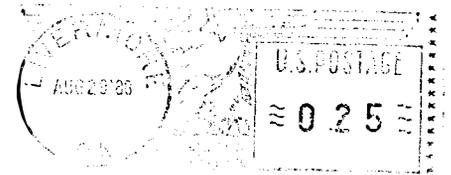
Editor's Note: My deep apologies for being so late with this issue. It's summer, you know... You must be feeling the same thing because our submissions are down. In number perhaps, but not in quality!

President's note:

I hope that you have had a rich summer. Mine has been spent, until yesterday, in teaching summer session. I wondered if some of you wrote haiku about the drought. If so, I hope you will send them in for the next newsletter. As you have noticed, the submission of haiku has dropped off in this edition. Such is not uncommon in the summers. For this next newsletter, feel free to send four haiku if you like. That, along with the return of our members from vacation, should give us a fuller newsletter next time. Please, also, remember to vote. That helps those who need to know how their haiku are received.

For local members, the next meeting of the Haiku Society will be at 1:30 PM at the Sumitomo Bank in San Jose. I look forward to seeing you then. Tom Arima will be bringing his group to join us--the group from El Cerrito.

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