

# Irish Haiku Society



website: <http://www.freewebs.com/irishhaiku>

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## Competition Results

### *The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Suruga Baika Literary Prize (Japan)*

This year's haiku competition was adjudicated by Prof. Shozo Kajima.

Prizes of Excellence – Baika Literary Prizes

Award Winning Haiku

sheep unmoved  
in the green grass...  
a slow passing of clouds

*Anthony Anatoly Kudryavitsky (Ireland)*

above the beach  
a seagull's shadow  
climbs the cliff

*Jacek Margolak (Poland)*

Dawn –  
light moves across  
the curve of the apple

*John McDonald (UK)*

a lily bud  
swells underwater –  
unspoken thoughts

*Peggy Willis Lyles (USA)*

the swirling blizzard  
abates...  
cat on my lap

*Scott Mason (USA)*

#### Honorable Mentions:

*Ilija Bratic (Serbia), Nuri Rosegg (Norway), Marek Kozubek (Poland), Jasminka Nadaskic-Diordievic (Serbia), Pamela A. Babusci (USA), Roberta Beary (USA), Tanya Dikova (Bulgaria), Andre Surridge (New Zealand), Jenni Meredith (UK)*

Information in Japanese is available via Daichuji Temple Baika Office.  
457 Naka-Sawada Numazu-shi, Shizuoka-ken  
JAPAN 410-0006

URL: <http://www.daichuji.com>

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### *The Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival Contest (Canada)*

The ***Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival's*** haiku committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2008 Haiku Invitational. The top winners of each of the five categories appear below.

#### ***2008 Best British Columbia Poem***

late for work--  
cherry petals  
in my hair

*Jessica Tremblay  
Burnaby, British Columbia*

**2008 Best Canadian Poem**

a winter blizzard  
I turn my calendar  
to cherry blossoms

*Marilyn Potter  
Toronto, Ontario*

**2008 Best U.S. Poem**

cherry blossoms  
the baby's hair too fine  
to hold a ribbon

*Ferris Gilli  
Marietta, Georgia*

**2008 Best International Poem**

in clearing mist  
the creaking of a heavy oar . . .  
cherry blossoms

*Tito (Stephen Henry Gill)  
Kyoto, Japan*

**2008 Best Youth Poem**

evening prayer--  
the cherry petals stick  
to the pane

*Damian Margolak (age 16)  
Kielce, Poland*

The list of Honorable Mention winners will appear on the VCBF site shortly.  
<http://www.vancouvercherryblossomfestival.com/2008/haiku>

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## *Forthcoming Competitions*

### *Ukia Haiku Festival Contest*

**Deadline for Submissions:** Saturday, March 15, 2008

Categories:

- 1) General Topics, Children K-3 Grade
- 2) General Topics, Children 4-6 Grade
- 3) General Topics, Youth 7-9 Grade
- 4) General Topics, Youth 10-12 Grade
- 5) General Topics, Adult
  
- 6) Haiku about Ukiah, 18 & Under
- 7) Haiku about Ukiah, Adult
- 8) Contemporary Haiku, 18 & Under
- 9) Contemporary Haiku, Adult\*

*\* To be judged by Jane Reichhold, author of [Writing & Enjoying Haiku](#). The Adult Contemporary Haiku*

*Category has a separate submission fee of \$5 per Haiku or \$10 for two or three Haiku.*

Ukia Haiku Festival is a juried event. Festival Date: Sunday, April 27, 2008.

Winners in each category will be published and receive an award and/or gift. All entries will be on display on the day of the event.

Guidelines and downloadable entry forms at <http://ukiahaiku.org/haiku-guidelines.html>

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### *Robert Frost Haiku Contest*

**Deadline:** Postmark on or before March 24, 2008.

2008 English-Language Haiku Contest

Sponsor: The 14th Key West Robert Frost Poetry Festival (annual event)

Prizes: 1st Place \$100, 2nd Place \$50, 3rd Place \$25, and Honorable Mentions.

Judge: Editors from Modern Haiku Press.

Submissions: Previously unpublished, must contain a seasonal or nature image, 3-line format of up to 17 or fewer syllables. Two copies, typed or neatly written, with your name, address, phone and/or email on one copy only. For further information, visit [robertfrostpoetryfestival.org](http://robertfrostpoetryfestival.org)

Entry fee: \$10 for each 3 haiku. Make checks payable to "Robert Frost Poetry Festival."

Send entries to: Robert Frost Haiku Contest, Heritage House, 410 Caroline Street, Key West, FL 33040 USA

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### *Kaji Aso Studio 20th Annual Haiku Contest*

**Deadline:** April 15, 2008

First Prize: \$250 Second Prize: \$150 Third Prize: \$50  
Best Senryu: \$50 Elizabeth Searle Lamb Award: \$50

The entry fee is \$2 per haiku or senryu. There is no limit on the number of haiku or senryu. Please pay by check payable to Kaji Aso Studio.

Please type, computer print, or neatly write your entries on two identical 3`x 5` cards or 8 ½` X 11` sheets of paper. One card or letter-size sheet should have your name and address on its back.

We're looking into the possibilities of email submissions and paypal payments--more information if and when this becomes available.

Check out the winning entries and honorable mentions from previous years (along with pages of beautiful art and fascinating info about Kaji Aso Studio-- at

[www.kajiasostudio.com](http://www.kajiasostudio.com)

(go to "Events 2008" column and scroll down)

All rights will revert back to the authors after June, 2008 when winners are announced.

Send submissions to:

Haiku Contest

Kaji Aso Studio

40 St Stephen St

Boston, MA 02115

[www.kajiasostudio.com](http://www.kajiasostudio.com)

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## *The Snapshot Press Haiku Calendar Competition*

**Deadline:** Entries should be postmarked by **April 30, 2008**.

Overseas (non-UK) entries mailed in the month up to and including this closing date must be sent by airmail.

Awards: £300/US \$600 total prize money.

12 haiku will be selected as monthly winners and will be published prominently in *The Haiku Calendar 2009*. The prize money will be divided equally between the 12 winners. 40 additional haiku will be selected as runners-up and these will also be published in the calendar.

Entrants may win more than one prize.

**Regulations:** Haiku should ideally include a season word or activity. This may be a direct reference to a specific day, month or season (e.g. New Year's Day, June, winter), or a phenomenon or activity associated with a particular season. Seasonality should ideally align with the traditional Japanese (and English) consideration that the equinoxes and solstices occur at the midpoints of their respective seasons.

Haiku may be free-form or 5-7-5 and must be the original work of the entrant.

Previously published work is acceptable, though haiku previously published by Snapshot Press are not eligible.

Any number of haiku may be entered.

**Entry procedure:** Each haiku entered should be typed or written legibly in English on a single 3" x 5" (75mm x 125mm) card. Your name should not appear on this card.

Each haiku must be assigned to a month. This month should be written on the reverse of the 3" x 5" card. (Entrants from Australia and New Zealand are advised to transpose composition dates by six months.)

The first line of each haiku entered should be recorded on a separate sheet of paper along with the corresponding month. (No entry form is necessary, though one is available in pdf format [here](#) if required.)

Your real name and your address should be recorded on this entry sheet only.

If you would prefer to be published under a pen name, or for your name to appear in a distinctive fashion (e.g. all lower-case letters), please also write this prominently on

the entry sheet.

Entry fee: £2.50/US \$5 per haiku, £5/US \$10 for three haiku, and £10/US \$20 for up to ten haiku.

Please make cheques/postal orders payable to “Snapshot Press”.

US checks and banknotes are accepted.

Euro banknotes will be accepted at the same rate as US dollars. Please do not send cheques or postal/money orders in Euro currency.

**N.B.** Please do **not** send cheques or postal/money orders drawn on banks etc. in countries other than the UK (sterling) and USA (US dollars). (Entrants in Canada, Australia and New Zealand should send US or sterling banknotes, unless they have a US- or UK-based bank account.)

Address for entries: THCC, Snapshot Press, PO Box 132, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8WZ, UK.

Results will be announced on June 30, 2008.

If you would like to receive notification of the results as soon as they are available please include your email address on the entry sheet, or enclose an SAE marked ‘THCC Results’ (+ 1 International Reply Coupon or a US \$1 bill internationally).

*The Haiku Calendar 2009* will be published by Snapshot Press in August 2008. Copies can be ordered in advance at £7.00 UK; £8.50/US \$17 Overseas (post-paid). Please enclose payment and state number of copies ordered on the entry sheet.

Poem cards cannot be returned – please keep copies of your work. The decision of the adjudicator is final. No correspondence will be entered into. All rights revert to the authors upon publication. Entry in the competition is deemed to be acceptance of these rules.

**Adjudicator:** John Barlow is the editor of *The Haiku Calendar*, which has appeared annually since 2000, and co-editor of *The New Haiku* (2002). He also edited the haiku magazine *Snapshots* from 1998-2006. His own collections include *Flamingo Shapes* (2001) and *Waiting for the Seventh Wave* (2006), and his haiku have received awards in the UK, US, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand.

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## *The New Zealand Poetry Society's Poetry and Haiku Competition*

**Deadline:** May 30, 2008.

**There are four competition sections:**

**The Open Section** is for verse/poems, and is open to any age. The line limit is 40, and you can send an unlimited number of poems. The fee is \$NZ5 per poem, or \$NZ4 if you are a member of the NZPS. You can join the NZPS on the competition entry form if you wish. The Open Section will be judged by [Tony Beyer](#).

**The Junior Open Section** is for verse/poems, and has an age limit of 17 years on 30 May 2008. The line limit is 40 and you can send an unlimited number of poems. The fee is \$NZ2 per poem. There will be prizes for two sub-sections: primary/intermediate, and secondary. The Junior Open Section will be judged by [Helen Rickerby](#).

**The Haiku Section** is for haiku and senryu, and open to any age. The fee is \$NZ1 per poem, and every 5th poem is free for NZPS members. You can join the NZPS on the entry form if you wish. The Haiku Section will be judged by [Sandra Simpson](#). The Jeanette Stace Memorial Prize for first place is generously sponsored by the Jeanette Stace Poetry Trust.

**The Haiku Junior Section** is for haiku and senryu, and has an age limit of 17 years on 30 May 2008. The fee is NZ.50c per poem. The Junior Haiku section will be judged by [Nola Borrell](#). The Jeanette Stace Memorial Prize for first place is generously sponsored by the Jeanette Stace Poetry Trust.

**Schools** may enter their students as a group entry, and **students** may also enter independently.

**Payment:**

All international currencies are accepted - see [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) for the current exchange rate.

**Please do not send coins.** You can pay by cash, cheque, 50c stamps (NZ only), Money Order (NZ only), or by IRC (available from the Postal Service of most countries, and worth \$NZ2).

**You can click on the name of each form below (in blue) to read / download, or copy the address into your browser.**

**Please read the submission guidelines carefully before sending your entry.** There have been a few changes since last year. We advise you to keep a copy of the submission instructions, as a reminder of when you will be free to submit your poems elsewhere.



Instructions for each section:

[Open / Open Junior submission instructions](http://www.poetrysociety.org.nz/files/open%20&%20junior%20submission%20guidelines.pdf) http://www.poetrysociety.org.nz/files/open & junior submission guidelines.pdf

[Haiku / Haiku Junior submission instructions](http://www.poetrysociety.org.nz/files/haiku%20&%20junior%20haiku%20instructions%20without%20sponsor.pdf)

http://www.poetrysociety.org.nz/files/haiku & junior haiku instructions without sponsor.pdf

[School submission instructions](http://www.poetrysociety.org.nz/files/School%20Instructions%20without%20sponsor.pdf) http://www.poetrysociety.org.nz/files/School Instructions without sponsor.pdf

Entry forms for each section:

[Open / Open Junior entry form](http://www.poetrysociety.org.nz/files/open%20&%20junior%20entry%20form.pdf) http://www.poetrysociety.org.nz/files/open & junior entry form.pdf

[Haiku / Haiku Junior entry form](http://www.poetrysociety.org.nz/files/2008%20Haiku%20Entry%20Form%20without%20sponsor.pdf) http://www.poetrysociety.org.nz/files/2008 Haiku Entry Form without sponsor.pdf

[School group entry form](http://www.poetrysociety.org.nz/files/school%20group%20entry%20form.pdf) http://www.poetrysociety.org.nz/files/school group entry form.pdf

(students may enter independently, using the Open / Open Junior entry form)

For queries and any further information, email Laurice Gilbert, the Competition Secretary, at: [competition@poetrysociety.org.nz](mailto:competition@poetrysociety.org.nz)

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*The "With Words" International Online Haiku Competition 2008*

**Deadline:** May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

**Prizes:**

**1st Prize: £200; 2nd Prize: £50**

**Form:**

For the purposes of this competition haiku should consist of three lines but may have any syllable count. For examples of contemporary haiku please click onto "more" at the top of the page to bring up different haiku, and for further information on the haiku form, please click onto: [what.html](#).

**Judging:**

Entries will be processed by a With Words administrator and judged anonymously by Japan Times award-winning poet Alan Summers.

### **Who can enter?**

Entry is open to anyone except With Words' appointees involved in the administration and judging of the competition.

Entries must be your own work in English and you must be the sole copyright owner of the work. In future years, it may be possible to open up the competition to other languages.

### **To Enter:**

1. Pay for the number of poems you wish to enter into the competition, using a credit or debit card, by clicking on one of the PayPal buttons above and following the instructions. Please retain your Paypal Transaction ID number, as you will need to quote this as proof of purchase when you send your competition entries.
2. Please email the following to: [competitions@withwords.org.uk](mailto:competitions@withwords.org.uk), with 'Haiku 2008' in the subject line.

### **In the body of the email please list:**

1. The Paypal transaction ID number that you received as confirmation of the purchase of your competition entries.
2. Your Name.
3. Your Address.
4. You can then list your haiku. Please do not give your haiku a title, but instead number them from 1 upwards, up to the total number of entries you have bought.

### **Important!**

1. Please send your entries in plain email text only, with just one clear line of space between each numbered three-line poem.
2. For ease of processing to the judging stage, you are kindly asked to refrain from including illustrations of your poems, or any special spacing or tabs, or non-standard fonts.
3. Your haiku will be copied and pasted before judging to retain anonymity of the authors.

### **Results:**

Winners and their winning poems will be announced on this website by Friday 1st August 2008.

If you wish to receive a notification of the winners by email, please send an email to [competitions@withwords.org.uk](mailto:competitions@withwords.org.uk), with no message except "Notify 2008" in the subject line.

We also look forward to posting details of the proceeds raised, and announcing the literacy work we are able to fund from this competition.

More details here: <http://www.withwords.org.uk/comp.html>

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### *Kiyoshi & Kiyoko Tokutomi Memorial Haiku Contest*

**Deadline:** May 31, 2008.

The Yuki Teikei Haiku Society announces the annual Kiyoshi and Kiyoko Tokutomi Memorial haiku Contest for 2008. The haiku must be written in 17 syllables, in 5-7-5 pattern. Each haiku must use one kigo (season word) from the contest list. Haiku with more than one recognized kigo, or that do not use a listed kigo will be disqualified. The top three winning haiku will receive cash prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25. The in-hand deadline is May 31, 2008.

#### **The 2008 Contest kigo list:**

*New Year:* first dream

*Spring:* fledgling, spring melancholy

*Summer:* sunflower, thunderstorm

*Autumn:* cricket, jack-o-lantern

*Winter:* sleeping mountain, wolf moon

Entry Fee: US\$7.00 per page of three haiku. No limit on entries. Entries will not be returned.

Submit 4 copies of each page, with your name and address on only one copy, printed on 8 1/2" X 11" paper. Make checks or money orders payable to "Yuki Teikei Haiku Society". Overseas entrants please use International Postal Money Order, in U.S. Currency only. For the results list, send an SASE marked "Contest Winners".

Entries must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere. No previous winning haiku are eligible. The contest is open to all except for current officers President and Contest Chair of the Society. Final selection will be made by a distinguished haiku poet or poets. The Society may print winning poems and commentary in its newsletter, annual anthology, and current brochures, and on its web site.

Send entries to:  
"Tokutomi Contest"  
Jean Hale, Secretary  
Yuki Teikei Haiku Society  
5135 Cribari Place  
San Jose, CA 95135

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### *The 5th Klostar Ivanic Haiku Contest*

**Deadline:** In hand May 31, 2008

Organized by '*Three Rivers*',  
Haiku Association, Ivanic Grad, Croatia

Haiku in English only.  
Free of charge.  
Open to all. Contestants must be 12 years or older.  
Send only unpublished haiku.  
Theme: Any theme is welcome,  
but remember Nature and man as a part of it.  
Haiku may be send by post or by e-mail.  
Results will be on the Internet no later than  
October 1, 2008.  
The haiku meeting will be held during  
September or October in Klostar Ivanic, Croatia.

Prizes:

First Prize: USD 50,00

Second Prize: USD 30,00

Third prize: USD 20,00

Commendments

Postal address:

Tri rijeke, Kolodvorska 44, 10310 Ivanic Grad

E-mail: [dvrozic@optinet.hr](mailto:dvrozic@optinet.hr)

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## *Tallahassee Poetry and Haiku Contest*

**Deadline:** June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**Categories:** No limit on entries in either or both categories. All skill levels welcome.

Poetry up to 50 lines, any style or subject; line length may be edited to fit chapbook publication format; 3-line haiku (need not conform to strict syllable count)

Contest does not accept simultaneous submissions or work previously published or having received awards in other competitions.

**Prizes:** Poetry \$200, \$60, \$40; haiku, \$100, 40, \$20.

Top winners and finalists in each category are published in the annual contest chapbook and mailed a complimentary copy.

**Entries:** Submit 2 copies of poetry on 8-1/2x11 paper; haiku on 3x5 index cards.

One copy should show name, address, phone, email and source of contest info; 2<sup>nd</sup> copy should be anonymous for judging purposes. Include a brief bio with most recent or noteworthy awards and publications.

**Notification:** Winner and finalist notifications mailed no later than August 31 2008.

Winners list returned to entrants if SASE included. List posted to sponsor web site no later than September 30 2008.

**Fees:** \$5 per poem; \$3 per haiku in \$US check, cash or money order.

Mail entries, fees, SASE for winners' list and book orders to :

**TWA Penumbra** <http://www.twaonline.org>

**P. O. Box 3428**

**Tallahassee, FL 32315-3428**

**Judging:** Judges are published, recognized poets and haiku experts.

**Contest email:** [poetry@tallahasseewriters.net](mailto:poetry@tallahasseewriters.net)

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## *Magazines. Calls for Submissions*

### *Shamrock Haiku Journal*

**Deadline** for No. 6: 31 May 2008

The 5th issue of Shamrock Haiku Journal, the online magazine of the Irish Haiku Society, is now available at

<http://www.freewebs.com/shamrockhaiku/currentissue.htm>

Shamrock is an international quarterly online journal that publishes quality haiku, senryu and haibun in English, and has a home page at

[www.freewebs.com/shamrockhaiku](http://www.freewebs.com/shamrockhaiku)

Shamrock is calling for submissions from local, national and international haiku poets for the next issue, which will be out in early June 2008. Please submit your work to Dr. Anthony Kudryavitsky, Editor, at [irishhaikusociety\[at\]hotmail.com](mailto:irishhaikusociety[at]hotmail.com)

See submissions guidelines at [www.freewebs.com/shamrockhaiku/submissions.htm](http://www.freewebs.com/shamrockhaiku/submissions.htm)

Please note that haibun submissions are closed until the end of February 2008.

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### *The Heron's Nest*

Dear Friends, Readers, and Heron's Nest contributors,

The March issue of The Heron's Nest is now available for your reading pleasure at <http://www.theheronsnest.com>. As always, earlier issues are accessible as well; from the home page simply click on "Volume Contents" to read any of the thousands of haiku that have graced our pages over the past eight and a half years.

The Heron's Nest

<http://www.theheronsnest.com/>

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*Books by Irish Haiku Society poets:*

Haiku collection "**Morning at Mount Ring**" by **Anatoly Kudryavitsky** (2007)  
published by and available to order via  
Doghouse Books  
<http://www.doghousebooks.ie>  
or e-mail [doghouse312\[at\]eircom.net](mailto:doghouse312@eircom.net)



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