HAIKU EXPO
Arizona inspired Japanese Poetry

Selection of 2019 Haiku

ARIZONA MATSURI - A FESTIVAL OF JAPAN
Haiku is an ancient unrhymed Japanese verse form. Generally written in three short lines containing a total of 10 to 17 syllables to convey a vivid message, Haiku typically contain a reference to nature.

Haiku uses simple concrete images of things we can see, smell, taste, touch, or feel. The best haiku poems reveal the essence of a thing so clearly that the reader can experience the momentary scene or insight that inspired the author.

One of the greatest Haiku poets was the Samurai, Basho (1644-94). Basho's father was also a Samurai from the Iga province. To become a Samurai, Basho served a local lord who was fond of writing. Basho learned the style of writing Haiku and wrote under

In the spirit of raising awareness of the arts and culture of Japan to the people of Arizona, we challenged residents of Arizona to write their own Arizona-inspired haiku poem for the 35th annual Arizona Matsuri festival held in downtown Phoenix on February 23rd and 24th, 2019.
the name, Sobo. During those years, Basho traveled throughout Japan writing and further developing the Haiku style. A few samples of Basho’s haiku style are listed in the example section below.

Your poem should contain a sentence fragment (one line) and a phrase (two lines that complete a thought). The fragment can be either the first line or the third line. To keep your poem simple and direct, write in the present tense. Haiku typically do not make use of capitalization, punctuation, or titles.

Each traditional Haiku should contain a reference to a season, which indicates what season of the year the Haiku is set. For example, blossoms would indicate spring, snow would give the idea of winter and mosquitoes would imply summertime. The seasonal word is not always that obvious, you might need to consider the theme of the poem to find it.

Structural Rules for traditional Haiku:

- Use exactly 17 syllables
- Syllables are arranged in three lines of 5-7-5
- Avoid similes and metaphors
- Refers to a season of the year

Clouds appear and bring
to men a chance to rest from
looking at the moon

The seasonal word in this Haiku is clouds, indicating the rainy season. Haiku poems are valued for their simplicity, openness, depth and lightness.

English-language haiku have generally followed the form of five syllables used in the first line, followed by seven syllables for the middle line and five syllables for the third. However, English-language haiku no longer adhere to this syllable count, and are therefore as brief as the poem needs to be while keeping to the fragment-phrase structure. In English language haiku, the middle line is typically longer than the first or third lines.

The Arizona Matsuri and its Haiku Expo committee initiated this event in late 2014 by inviting participants from the general public, Statewide universities, community colleges, high schools, culture and language clubs and public libraries. The theme for this event was for participants to submit up to three of their own original Arizona inspired haiku. This booklet is the collection of selected haiku poems which we feel deserve Honorable mention and Outstanding recognition which we would like to share with the general public. Thank you to all participants, organizations and individuals who helped support this event. Thank you very much and we hope you enjoy this wonderful collection.

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magnificent view
listen to the crashing stream
such color to see

Outstanding Haiku

Makayla P.

St Louis the King Catholic School
EARLY MORNING MIST

Encanto Park in Phoenix is centrally located in the city and its ponds have many ducks who call this place home. This haiku gives one the sense of early morning light shimmering on the water in winter whereas the rise in temperature is creating a slight mist on the water as the ducks flock together and enjoy the warmth of a new day.

bright orange petals
glistening in brilliant sun
stem as green as grass

Outstanding Haiku
Jacob A.
Madison Heights Elementary School

dazzling yellow
bright fire-engine red
a fair marigold

Outstanding Haiku
Olivia D.
Madison Heights Elementary School
predator coming
ready to find prey at dusk
sneaky coyote

Outstanding Haiku
Anthony G.
St. Louis the King Catholic School

pansy's minty sent
petals feel as soft as silk
swaying in the breeze

Outstanding Haiku
Riley G.
Madison Heights Elementary School

outright high and broad
green leaves sway with the cold breeze
roots above the earth

Outstanding Haiku
Claire H.
Madison Heights Elementary School
leaves waving in wind
brown trunk with bundles of green
crunchy yellow leaves

Outstanding Haiku
Penelope M.
Madison Heights Elementary School

smooth water flowing
people sliding down the rocks
hurry! let's go in

Outstanding Haiku
Luarena N.
St. Louis the King Catholic School

pink beautiful smells
from a cherry blossom tree
drifts through my window

Outstanding Haiku
Ellie T.
Madison Heights Elementary School
jackrabbit leaping
through the golden grass
big ears pointing up

Outstanding Haiku
Magnolia R.
St. Louis the King Catholic School

desert wind blowing
in the scorching hot air
dull brown haboob

Outstanding Haiku
Santhana R.
Madison Heights Elementary School

lovely animal
roadrunner trots to catch prey
takes your heart away

Outstanding Haiku
Galilea S.
St. Louis the King Catholic School
pinching golden claws
piercing tail like a sharp nail
as day fades they hunt

Outstanding Haiku
Davin T.
St. Louis the King Catholic School

small brown roadrunner
nimbly sprints through cactus plains
a brown desert blurr

Outstanding Haiku
Finn V.
Madison Heights Elementary School

a majestic bird
searching for a desert snack
in the hot dry heat

Outstanding Haiku
Noel V.
St. Louis the King Catholic School
surprising rattle
dancing tail in the warm air
on the desert floor

Outstanding Haiku
Adrian
St. Louis the King Catholic School

it gives you a breeze
wind is cold when it blows fast
wind is nice and good

Honorable Mention Haiku
Luc Arreola
Our House Montessori Elementary School

blooming in the Spring
dying in the winter days
they are beautiful

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ayuen C.
Our House Montessori Elementary School

white, orange, black stripes
the biggest cats of them all
he is beautiful

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ayuen C.
Our House Montessori Elementary School

pig-like animal
black, gray fur, sharp teeth and tusks
javelina digs

Honorable Mention Haiku
Elias F.
St. Louis the King Catholic School
sawed-off branches
trees green appeal, calm
Leaves tumble off trees

Honorable Mention Haiku
Christopher G.
Madison Heights Elementary School

flowing like the wind
creatures in the nice blue sea
white caps hit the sand

Honorable Mention Haiku
Slye S.
Our House Montessori Elementary School

high above the sky
breathtaking view to see
so colorful, wow!

Honorable Mention Haiku
Dariana L.
St. Louis the King Catholic School

magnificent bird
beautiful hummer in flight, foosh!
fastest in the air

Honorable Mention Haiku
Angelina T.
St. Louis the King Catholic School

red dust on Bell Rock
getting blown around by wind
looks like mars

Honorable Mention Haiku
Sanantha R.
Madison Heights Elementary School

ortoise eating fruit from
a spikey prickly pear
desert restaurant

Honorable Mention Haiku
Dylce
St. Louis the King Catholic School
the jagged mountains
covered with the midnight glow
await the warm sun

Outstanding Haiku
Kayla T.
Madison No. 1 Middle School
MIRAGE ON THE HIGHWAY
Driving on a dry desert Arizona highway in mid summer it is not unusual to see a mirage or a naturally occurring optical phenomenon in which light rays are bent to produce a displaced image of distant objects such as a pool of water.

the blazing desert sun
flaming over the hot sand
the tumbleweeds fly

Outstanding Haiku
Abby A.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

owl in an oak tree
gently calling in the dark
rustling the leaves

Outstanding Haiku
Gabe B.
Madison Heights Elementary School
calm steady river
rushed over rocks and sand
splash! A waterfall

*Outstanding Haiku*
*Madeline B.*
*Paradise Honors Middle School*

on dark and calm nights
paws move quickly through the sand
howling its freedom

*Outstanding Haiku*
*Madeline B.*
*Paradise Honors Middle School*

a bright light appears
the sound of boom echos
water falls from heaven

*Outstanding Haiku*
*Torrance C.*
*Holbrook Junior High School*
a beautiful glow
the painter dips his brush
for heavenly art

Outstanding Haiku
Torrance C.
Holbrook Junior High School

look at those big trees
winter is almost over
leaves will be there soon

Outstanding Haiku
Kimberly F.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

as the sun rises
the world fills with happiness
and birds start to chirp

Outstanding Haiku
Olivia F.
Madison No. 1 Middle School
a sparkling lake
hides spotted fish surfacing
looking for good food

Outstanding Haiku
Cassidy G.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

frigid icy winds
crazy blizzards all around
fire warms the home

Outstanding Haiku
Cooper G.
Holbrook Junior High School

painted sunrise skies
red mountains glowing below
vibrant rays of light

Outstanding Haiku
Colin H.
Paradise Honors Middle School
to their dusty abode
ten tumbleweeds swiftly dash
as the sun falls low

*Outstanding Haiku*

lilian H.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

sky starts to darken
booming thunder shakes the earth
zap! a shocking light

*Outstanding Haiku*

Sam H.
Paradise Honors Middle School

lone coyote howls
beneath the pale moonlit sky
others join in song

*Outstanding Haiku*

Sam H.
Paradise Honors Middle School
the coyote howls
to the fullest moon of night
In the midst of dusk

Outstanding Haiku
Lillian H.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

stars peak out through clouds
even coyotes fear the storm
boom! Lightening strikes

Outstanding Haiku
Sage K.
Paradise Honors Middle School

one single cacti
dry grass rustles a warning
a coiled snake strikes

Outstanding Haiku
Dominik S.
Paradise Honors Middle School
a sea of darkness
magic floating above me
look! A shooting star

Outstanding Haiku
Nia Y.
Paradise Honors Middle School

hunting in the dark
black light shows glowing secrets
set it free outside

Honorable Mention Haiku
Zeke B.
Paradise Honors Middle School

the sunset is bright
a sandstorm spins in the air
roadrunners sprint fast

Honorable Mention Haiku
Macalen C.
Holbrook Junior High School

swishing, whacking wind
blowing softly, lifting leaves
always hush, the breeze

Honorable Mention Haiku
Violet B.
adison Heights Elementary School

sand goes in my eyes
scorching heat on the ground
walking through the valleys

Honorable Mention Haiku
Sebastian C.
Holbrook Junior High School
Shimmering green leaves
a magenta-chartruse stem
is smooth to the touch

Honorable Mention Haiku
Christopher D.
Madison Heights Elementary School

an ocean voyage
as waves break over the bow
the sea welcomes me

Honorable Mention Haiku
Hailie E.
Holbrook Junior High School

huge rocky cliffs
purple sunset behind cliffs
cacti are silent

Honorable Mention Haiku
Marianna E.
Holbrook Junior High School

Scattered sand below
Swaying palm trees all around
The ocean is blue

Honorable Mention Haiku
Arina F.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

green trees all around
grass is greener than ever
a flood of blue sky

Honorable Mention Haiku
Arina F.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

cloudless sky of blue
birds flying over a house
moss on the panels

Honorable Mention Haiku
Nathan G.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

things that should stand out
have disappeared under snow
and there is no trace

Honorable Mention Haiku
Olivia F.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

blossoms in the trees
wet snow melts into the ground
bird song in your ears

Honorable Mention Haiku
Cooper G.
Holbrook Junior High School
how it makes me weak
why's the rock so dark and rough?
middle of the grass

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jordan G.
Madison Heights Elementary School

gorgeous, violet, blooms
attracting curves draw me in
giving peaceful bliss

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jordan G.
Madison Heights Elementary School

small trunk and thin leaves
flat fronds sharpened at the end
an infant palm

Honorable Mention Haiku
Gavin H.
Phoenix

stalking shadow
creeps close to dangerous prey
for he is hungry

Honorable Mention Haiku
Malachi H.
Paradise Honors Middle School

silence in the bush
shriek! yellow eyes and beak flash
only rustling now

Honorable Mention Haiku
Paul H.
Paradise Honors Middle School

deep in the canyon
cold, crisp, bare, nothing in sight
crash! the sound of rocks

Honorable Mention Haiku
Tamar H.
Paradise Honors Middle School

the day is ending
sun rests its head on mountains
in the pumpkin orange sky

Honorable Mention Haiku
Avery H.
Odyssey Junior High School

Saguaro grows high
the sunset in the background
beautiful canyons

Honorable Mention Haiku
Aiden H.
Holbrook Junior High School
wild horses run free
manes and tails blow in the wind
a great sight to see

Honorable Mention Haiku
Addyson H.
Holbrook Junior High School

tall and majestic
Great and towering mountain
Its drawing me near

Honorable Mention Haiku
Hadley H.
Madison Heights Elementary School

monsoon rages on
ferociously roaring night
soft rainbow at dawn

Honorable Mention Haiku
Sage S.
Paradise Honors Middle School

a river flowing
like a snake slithers around
where desert life dwells

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ty L.
Holbrook Junior High School

the maple trees sway
in the chilly winter wind
as kids play in snow

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jula K.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

beautiful blue sky
mountains all arch high above
hot air balloons fly

Honorable Mention Haiku
Danielle L.
Arizona School for the Arts

hot sandy desert
scaly creatures in the night
teddy bear cholla

Honorable Mention Haiku
Giselle M.
Holbrook Junior High School
roadrunners sprinting
dashing faster than a bike
swiftly running home

Honorable Mention Haiku
Tyrone N.
Holbrook Junior High School

saguaro shadows
colorful afternoon sky
brighten my blue eyes

Honorable Mention Haiku
Alexis O.
Holbrook Junior High School

Juicy and yummy
blooming in the cool spring days
round, acidic, sweet

Honorable Mention Haiku
Lilia O.
Our House Montessori Elementary School

heavy sheets of rain
crack! lightening brightens the sky
then dark once again

Honorable Mention Haiku
Kylie P.
Paradise Honors Middle School

little birds chirping
a large field of tall green trees
leaves all around you

Honorable Mention Haiku
Soccorro P.
Holbrook Junior High School

pointy green cactus
standing strong in the desert
a bird's nesting place

Honorable Mention Haiku
Hayden S.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

the tall peak speaks peace
covered with soft fluffy snow
undisturbed calm life

Honorable Mention Haiku
Lucas V.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

picturesque river
water slowly declining
carved national park

Honorable Mention Haiku
Mia V.
Madison No. 1 Middle School
Bald eagles fly high
Bighorn sheep jump cliff to cliff
Beautiful canyon

Honorable Mention Haiku
Roninin Y.
Holbrook Junior High School
red rocks stacked high
nooks and crannies team with life
cracked earth underfoot

*Outstanding Haiku*

*Adeline B.*

*Kyrene Middle School*
MONSOON SEASON
The late Summer months when the heat is relentless is a sign the monsoons will soon arrive and bring us a chance to have an increased chance of showers and escape from the heat.

dust storms come and go
the dust coats your hopes and dreams
till it's washed away

Outstanding Haiku
Barrett B.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

the mornign's cold air
It comes with time, goes in prime
passes with the heat

Outstanding Haiku
Barrett B.
Madison No. 1 Middle School
cactus silhouettes
dark clouds and streaks of lightning
the earth joins the sky

Outstanding Haiku
Catalina C.
St. Louis the King Catholic School

elegant hued stripes
dance on distant horizons
night falls on desert

Outstanding Haiku
Alec D.
Kyrene Middle School

the scorch has arrived
coarse sand is a melting pot
grass morphs into sand

Outstanding Haiku
Made D.
Kyrene Middle School
a summer monsoon
the soft rain turns into hail
glass shatters nearby

Outstanding Haiku
Sally F.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

rocks are flaming red
oh, what a marvelous sight
pink jeeps in the peaks

Outstanding Haiku
Meridith H.
Kyrene Middle School

proud and tall they stand
the cacti in the desert
magnificent beasts

Outstanding Haiku
Brenhin J,
Madison No. 1 Middle School
the striding quail
struts upon sizzling cracked ground
water is its quest

Outstanding Haiku
Eshan K.
Kyrene Middle School

The dark sky rumbles
tumbleweeds rolling about
lightning strikes the ground

Outstanding Haiku
Jocelyn K.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

silent in the cold
they bloom and stand proud in heat
nature’s great mystery

Outstanding Haiku
Noah M.
Madison No. 1 Middle School
blessed cacti sigh
rejuvenated by rain
monsoons have arrived

Outstanding Haiku
Scott M.
Kyrene Middle School

cloudless skies go dim
sunset paints the blue sky red
four peaks fade away

Outstanding Haiku
Joseph R.
Kyrene Middle School

tall pines high above
silhouettes in starry skies
a coyote calls

Outstanding Haiku
Amutha R.
Madison No. 1 Middle School
singers in the night
silhouettes shadow the moon
roadrunners flee fast

Outstanding Haiku
Abbey R.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

hot, merciless sun
danger disguised by beauty
tumbleweeds roll by

Outstanding Haiku
Rachel S.
Kyrene Middle School

groups of sharp cacti
create a staggered green fence
dangerous beauty

Honorable Mention Haiku
Adeline B.
Kyrene Middle School
I wake, nearly late
the show’s about to begin
colors fill the sky

Honorable Mention Haiku
Sebastian B.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

nocturnal owls
shelter in the saguaros
flaming parched desert

Honorable Mention Haiku
Gavin B.
Kyrene Middle School

monsoon dust and rain
dangerous, disastrous
leaves behind a mess

Honorable Mention Haiku
Gavin B.
Kyrene Middle School

towering sandstone
peering into dark indigo
winsome speckled sky

Honorable Mention Haiku
Audrey C.
Kyrene Middle School

Saguaros stand tall
in the blushed windstruck desert
the distant sun sets

Honorable Mention Haiku
Lucas C.
Kyrene Middle School

a shimmer of red
the sky is alight with flames
glorious sunrise

Honorable Mention Haiku
Caleb C.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

saguaros blossoms
sitting upon cacti heads
a crown among thorns

Honorable Mention Haiku
Caleb C.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

spikes as protection
providing homes for many
safety lies within

Honorable Mention Haiku
Kyle C.
Madison No. 1 Middle School
steam is rising up
kayaking through the canyon
let the river roar

Honorable Mention Haiku
Kyle C.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

colorful clouds swirl
silhouettes of mesquite trees
against the sunset

Honorable Mention Haiku
Cordelia E.
Kyrene Middle School

ribbons of rock consume
the scarlet spacious canyons
rough rivers flowing

Honorable Mention Haiku
Alec D.
Kyrene Middle School

Cooks up a dark storm
rattles of thunder creeping
through cloudy desert

Honorable Mention Haiku
Isabella F.
Kyrene Middle School

the coyotes dash
light dips under the canyons
as dust swirls around

Honorable Mention Haiku
Made D.
Kyrene Middle School

a desert secret
the story of a dutchman
superstition gold

Honorable Mention Haiku
Sally F.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

Saguaro grow green
in the harsh dry desert heat
buzzing cicadas

Honorable Mention Haiku
Tokuijiro E.
Kyrene Middle School

yellowed are the leaves
watch them tumble down, down, down
desert fall is here

Honorable Mention Haiku
Harper H.
Madison No. 1 Middle School
burning grains of sand  
fertile grass melting away  
mesquite scream in pain

Honorable Mention Haiku  
Nicholas H.  
Kyrene Middle School

during a monsoon  
I walk to school with no coat  
so I can feel the rain

Honorable Mention Haiku  
Vaughn H.  
Kyrene Middle School

our great Lake Powell  
with the cloudless sky above  
fishing with friends

Honorable Mention Haiku  
Sarah J.  
Kyrene Middle School

the great inferno  
spreads over the barren land  
cacti resisting

Honorable Mention Haiku  
Eshan K.  
Kyrene Middle School

the sky on fire  
dry air sucking life away  
cacti thirst for drink

Honorable Mention Haiku  
Eshan K.  
Kyrene Middle School

the crunch of the leaves  
humming of the birds around  
desert music sounds

Honorable Mention Haiku  
Jocelyn K.  
Madison No. 1 Middle School

the gorgeous fall leaves  
gracefully falling down wind  
green leaves turning red

Honorable Mention Haiku  
Kaylee J  
Grand Canyon Middle School

Saguaro stands tall  
Pasted against the night sky  
Warrior standing guard

Honorable Mention Haiku  
Tess M.  
Madison No. 1 Middle School
rose painted sunset
dusk chasing daylight away
stars shine in darkness

Honorable Mention Haiku
Tess M.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

desert storm begins
thunderclouds loom overhead
lightning strikes the sky

Honorable Mention Haiku
Charlie P.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

rare mirage sighting
water soothes the soul of mind
uncommon beauty

Honorable Mention Haiku
Aidan P.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

purple sunset falls
surrounding grand canyon walls
beauty follows us

Honorable Mention Haiku
Aidan P.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

the rattle echoes
as it glides the desert floor
explore if you dare

Honorable Mention Haiku
Abby R.
Kyrene Middle School

stunning Grand Canyon
mesmerizing hues of red
bake beneath the sun

Honorable Mention Haiku
Alison S.
Kyrene Middle School

vast, purple stained skies
painted with citrus shadows
scarlet rocks tower

Honorable Mention Haiku
Quinn S.
Kyrene Middle School

Salt River horses
galloping through the desert
thriving wild and free

Honorable Mention Haiku
Samantha S.
Kyrene Middle School
day begins to break
light creeps above the mountain
warmth filling the soul

Honorable Mention Haiku
Blake S.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

squirting it's own blood
the horned lizard won't back down
spikes poised in the heat

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ethan W.
Kyrene Middle School

great looming mountains
a saguaro standing tall
rattlesnakes slither

Honorable Mention Haiku
Landry S.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

dry heated desert
so silent and so peaceful
eerie whistling winds

Honorable Mention Haiku
Hannah W.
Kyrene Middle School

Light snow falling down
Covering the icy ground
The wind rushes by

Honorable Mention Haiku
Landry S.
Madison No. 1 Middle School

monuments stand tall
wild life lives in their shadows
rock bring them beauty

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ian Y.
Grand Canyon Middle School

bobcats on the prowl
explore long winter's twilight
waiting for dawn's warmth

Honorable Mention Haiku
Daryn W.
Kyrene Middle School
hues of soft colors
clouds engulfed in fiery red
the evening breeze blows

Outstanding Haiku
Clarely M.
Trevor G. Browne High School
FLASH FLOODS
Late in the summer months the Arroyo or empty creeks seasonally fills and flows after heavy downpours of rain. These flash floods are common in arroyos during thunderstorms bringing these dry creeks to life and crossing roads commonly become impassible.

soaring through the skies
screech! death strikes quickly from above
sun shines overhead

Outstanding Haiku
Erin B.
Paradise Honors High School

rumble of danger
trees whip and crack in the wind
a blast of sand

Outstanding Haiku
Elijah A.
Paradise Honors High School
desert redemption
tumbleweeds blowing my way
when it rains, it pours

Outstanding Haiku
Ashlyn B.
Hamilton High School

raindrops make music
clouds kiss with a spark so bright
natures lullaby

Outstanding Haiku
Ashlyn B.
Hamilton High School

tall green spiky man
stands proud over desert vista
waiting for rain storms

Outstanding Haiku
Liam C.
Paradise Honors High School
golden light rising  
shadows and dust fill the path  
early morning hike

Outstanding Haiku  
Imani C.  
Verrado High School

blanket of snow falls  
red rock disappears beneath  
icy winter frost

Outstanding Haiku  
David D.  
Paradise Honors High School

sunset like wildfire  
vibrant painted clouds turn dark  
surrender to stars

Outstanding Haiku  
Isabella D.  
Paradise Honors High School
rain patters the ground
aroma of creosote
thunder sighs gently

Outstanding Haiku
Meredith F.
Chaparral High School

The coyote howls
casting an eerie shadow
under the moonlight

Outstanding Haiku
Meredith F.
Chaparral High School

brown vast deep canyon
hearts filled with joy, excitement
shouts filling deep vasts

Outstanding Haiku
Eulises G.
Trevor G. Browne High School
our dessert goddess
she bring us our dust devil
tears flow in our eyes

*Outstanding Haiku*

Jose J.
Maryvale High School

the waterfall howls
she remains untamed by man
laughing, I fell at peace

*Outstanding Haiku*

Taylor K.
Paradise Honors High School

washing on the line
shadows dance on patio
the sun smiles today

*Outstanding Haiku*

Emery L.
Horizon High School
rain clouds overhead
above the painted desert
aroma of wet petrichor

Outstanding Haiku
Dan Jericho L.
Verrado High School

leaves crackle to dust
as seasons flow quickly by
earth's heart lays dormant

Outstanding Haiku
Celtia M.
Paradise Honors High School

quiet desolation
an endless void swirls above
towering red rock

Outstanding Haiku
Jack M.
Paradise Honors High School
rain falls as glass shards
one flash after another
discord in the skies

**Outstanding Haiku**
Morgan M.
Paradise Honors High School

softly painted sky
warns of an approaching storm
droplets fall to earth

**Outstanding Haiku**
Emily N.
Paradise Honors High School

over dry desert gloom
a flurry of white snowflakes
paints the canyon new

**Outstanding Haiku**
Ian P.
Paradise Honors High School
born from the ashes
a mythical bird I am
expand my wings and sore

Outstanding Haiku
Ulises P.
Maryvale High School

rushing lukewarm winds
shatters the lasting silence
making way for life

Outstanding Haiku
Heidi R.
Phoenix

the wind blows cold now
shaking the bare tree branches
I can hear whispers

Outstanding Haiku
Andria T.
Phoenix Coding Academy
the tortoise walks away
off to find a cooler day
but some days never end

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ian A.
Hamilton High School

a ray of sunlight
blooming grief of summertime
life has been renewed

Honorable Mention Haiku
Lesli A.
Phoenix

close-knit family
resting on top of a rock
keep close for safety

Honorable Mention Haiku
David B.
Paradise Honors High School

a burning passion
streaks of fire brush the sky
before the night comes

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jordan B.
Paradise Honors High School

sunset bows in peace
magenta and blue skies meet
eyes drink the colors

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ashlyn B.
Hamilton High School

glorious skylines
seeking ends, the sunset flares
dancing in the sky

Honorable Mention Haiku
Janeth C.
Phoenix

eye catching sunset
luminous with gold and red
bringing upon night

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jasmin C.
Metro Tech High School

the heat waves contort
as the quail crosses the road
running from summer

Honorable Mention Haiku
Meredith F.
Chaparral High School
fierce eyes glowing bright
a gaze that can break the strongest
claws ready to strike

Honorable Mention Haiku
Tatum G.
Paradise Honors High School

sun rises up high
then burning sun hits the eye
hard to see the sky

Honorable Mention Haiku
Fatemah H.
Maryvale High School

wind blowing at night
the smell of rain travels
a humid day awaits

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ashley G.
Metro Tech High School

fire dances through sky
Born again a desert flower
summer rains begin

Honorable Mention Haiku
Nicholas J.
Queen Creek

cacti silhouettes;
glowing crimson clouds to guide
the enchanting dawn!

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ariana G.
Glendale

in the dessert heat
the lizards creeking loudly
they rise from the floor

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jose J.
Maryvale High School

a cool rain drizzles
the desert rehydrated
life blossoms once more

Honorable Mention Haiku
Asa H.
Metro Tech High School

shadows fall to earth
crossing pathways, sun and moon
briefly together

Honorable Mention Haiku
Emery L.
Horizon High School
stars fall down to earth
colors mix into a haze
night fades into day

Honorable Mention Haiku
Celtia M.
Paradise Honors High School

A rattlesnake waits
For bunny to expose self
But bobcat pounces

Honorable Mention Haiku
Andrew M.
Verrado High School

a heavy darkness
once shifting sands, now still
flash! light fills the sky

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ryan M.
Paradise Honors High School

tumbleweed goes by
adrift the rarren rry land
no moisture in sight

Honorable Mention Haiku
Christian M.
Metro Tech High School

clouds cover the sky
a hint of rain in the air
leaves drip drops of dew

Honorable Mention Haiku
Clarely M.
Trevor G. Browne High School

boundless colored sKy
wrens come out of their cacti
spread their wings and fly

Honorable Mention Haiku
Christian M.
Metro Tech High School

palo verde tree
your golden flowers blossom
carpeting the ground

Honorable Mention Haiku
Clarely M.
Trevor G. Browne High School

lonely pebble
on the cold desert floor drifts by
never to be seen again

Honorable Mention Haiku
Enrique P.
St. Augustine Catholic High School
the cold, starlit land
desert life awash with moon light
the gift of a flower

Honorable Mention Haiku
Michael R.
Paradise Honors High School

dangerous thorns
surrounding precious new growth
fresh rubies to eat

Honorable Mention Haiku
Christopher S.
Paradise Honors High School

an empty cavern
Its only explorers, insects
at home in the dark

Honorable Mention Haiku
Emmalia S.
Paradise Honors High School

a change of season
golden eyes bring summer storms
graceful sky spirals

Honorable Mention Haiku
Nathan S.
Paradise Honors High School

mountain silhouette
in the pink sky
the moon slowly appears

Honorable Mention Haiku
Kai T.
St. Augustine Catholic High School

the warm sunflowers
far and over the big hill
an essence of light

Honorable Mention Haiku
Sarahi V..
Metro Tech High School

iridescent lights
painting the valley below
shining through the clouds

Honorable Mention Haiku
Penelope Z.
Hamilton High School
echoes of the past
resonate through canyon walls
hear the song of old
HIKER’S SOLITUDE
A late afternoon hiker may be treated to spectacular valley wide sunsets as the sky lights up out west and the eastern side of the mountains quickly falls into darkness, providing a desert solitude for the hiker.

dark clouds, trees swaying
raindrops pelting on the ground
comfort for nature

Outstanding Haiku
Eva A.
Phoenix

small and fast you run
across roads and past sagebrush
coyote left behind

Outstanding Haiku
Catherine C.
Phoenix
long awaited rain
dark clouds blur the horizon
thunderous applause

Outstanding Haiku
Candy C.
Glendale

cactus wren above
buried deep in twig and thorn
singing to the sun

Outstanding Haiku
Anthony F.
Tucson

a cold winter breeze
touching upon my warm face
brings whispers of spring

Outstanding Haiku
Chris G.
Phoenix
clouds resting, waiting
superstition mountain peaks
holding up the rain

Outstanding Haiku
Norin H.
Phoenix

baking desert cries
starving to paint the land scape
a single rain drop

Outstanding Haiku
Nicholas J.
Queen Creek

storm puddle beckons
before the sun bakes mud pies
the toad drinks his fill

Outstanding Haiku
Carolyn J.
Prescott
ocotillo charm
fingers reaching to the sky
rain brings blossom burst

Outstanding Haiku
Donna M.
Phoenix

morning light
in the shadow of the shrubs
the quail march

Outstanding Haiku
George N.
Phoenix

oh my a haboob!
strong wind, blowing dust, and rain
It blew me away

Outstanding Haiku
Dennis Pinon
Phoenix
under the lime tree
among the gathered dead leaves
cactus wren rustles

Outstanding Haiku
Emma S.
Chandler

defying beauty
swirling waves of red rock stand
leaves of winter fall

Outstanding Haiku
Kimberly S.
Phoenix

rain may fall and fall
but rays of hope resurrect
like the Phoenix bird

Outstanding Haiku
Tanni W.
Phoenix
a lanky cowpoke
silhouetted by the sun
heavy desert breath

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ernesto A.
Chandler

A tinge of darknesss
Inhaling the scent of rain
a smile on my face

Honorable Mention Haiku
Eva A.
Phoenix

desert hare
pounding mochi on the moon
Phoenix new year!

Honorable Mention Haiku
William B.
Phoenix

monsoon coming in
roiling, boiling sheets of rain
then a peaceful calm

Honorable Mention Haiku
William B.
Phoenix

silent and steady
majestic mountains stretch out
basking in the sun

Honorable Mention Haiku
Fran B.
Buckeye

depth roots stout body
sunbaked arms pointing upward
praying for rain

Honorable Mention Haiku
Fran B.
Buckeye

saguaro arms hold
fringed white and yellow blossoms
gila’s favorite feast

Honorable Mention Haiku
William B.
Mesa

the winter rain falls
blessing the dry cold desert
from a steel-gray sky

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jacob C.
Mesa
hostile desert screams
return to our rocky home
thirst and ever strife

Honorable Mention Haiku
Albrecht C.
Tucson

along the Beeline
purple, orange, yellow, pink
spring flowers fly by

Honorable Mention Haiku
Monique C.
Tempe

copper metal found
turquoise and malachite too
earth's inner beauty

Honorable Mention Haiku
Catherine C.
Phoenix

nature repurposed
dead pine stands tall and regal
crowed with eagle's nest

Honorable Mention Haiku
Candy C.
Glendale

bold thunder threatens
yet dark clouds come no closer
just thinking out loud

Honorable Mention Haiku
Candy C.
Glendale

a curled leaf floats by
no more clinging to the tree
the summer is gone

Honorable Mention Haiku
Steven D.
Phoenix

her cold careless wind
sensations inside my heart
softly unspoken

Honorable Mention Haiku
Doria D.
Scottsdale

monsoon microburst
child screams as the ice cream cone
hits the hot pavement

Honorable Mention Haiku
John F.
Phoenix
dust colored sunset
bakes a heat hardened people
painted desert lives

Honorable Mention Haiku
Miguel F.
Gilbert

cottontail jumping
through desert heat and dry wind
into a burrow

Honorable Mention Haiku
Anthony F.
Tucson

the buzz of insects
heat shimmers off the ground
summer has returned

Honorable Mention Haiku
Hillary F.
Phoenix

Lake Mary in spring
crawdads caught in little hands
mom, come look! come look!

Honorable Mention Haiku
Leigh
Tempe

takoyaki line
where does it end and where's mine?
one year, I wait

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ginger F.
Phoenix

a snake lies in wait
looking for the sun's first rays
as the day begins

Honorable Mention Haiku
Chris G.
Phoenix

prehistoric bird
runs in the punishing heat
flick, beep-beep and gone

Honorable Mention Haiku
Gena H.
Goodyear

paths, walls, doors and pits
remain for us to ponder
presence of things past

Honorable Mention Haiku
Norine H.
Phoenix
snow dusts cactus
temperatures plunge in desert
surreal winter scene

Honorable Mention Haiku
Veronica H.
Avondale

coyotes howling
while the saguaros stand sentry
Arizona nights

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jonathan L.
Tempe

saguaro shadows
beat down sun glares from on high
baked dirt trail leads on

Honorable Mention Haiku
Adam J.
Queen Creek

arabesque heaven
bleeding fever from above
summer does not sleep

Honorable Mention Haiku
Anthony L.
Tempe

June is such a flirt
teaser clouds flit by taunting
those who thirst below

Honorable Mention Haiku
Carolyn J.
Prescott

meandering train
Williams to the Grand Canyon
hold onto your seats

Honorable Mention Haiku
Donna M.
Glendale

tangerine sunrise
hulking camel slumbering
in a purple haze

Honorable Mention Haiku
Mary L.
Phoenix

among the night ash
plumes of purple and orange
a rising Phoenix

Honorable Mention Haiku
Michael M.
Mesa
cactus wren fleeing
to the hollow saguaro
a hidden fortress

Honorable Mention Haiku
Michael M. Mesa

da wondrous roam
alongside a narrow road
red rocks, a fine creek

Honorable Mention Haiku
Sonja M. Guadalupe

sizzling desert sun
I dream of plum trees blooming
three days to the north

Honorable Mention Haiku
Mark R. Wellton

cowboy hat, gun slung
shoot out at the O.K. Corral
spurs ring in the smoke

Honorable Mention Haiku
Salli M. Phoenix

wind provokes palm leaves
rap rap rap upon my roof
monsoons charging in

Honorable Mention Haiku
Cindi R. Phoenix

hiding from the moon
the shy shadow slips behind
the tall saguaro

Honorable Mention Haiku
Mike M. Tempe

prickly cactus spines
hiding nests of cactus wrens
desert heart beats on

Honorable Mention Haiku
Cindi R. Phoenix
orange tinged sunset
a whirlwind of sand and dust
breaks the calm silence

Honorable Mention Haiku
Andrew S.
Mesa

eight arm bandito
Sonoran desert delight
my seafood tacos

Honorable Mention Haiku
John S.
Phoenix

beckoning me up
rocky peaks of Camelback
eagle’s view of home

Honorable Mention Haiku
Kimberly S.
Tempe

sherbet-orange clouds
cotton candy sweet blue sky
my desert dessert

Honorable Mention Haiku
Kimberly S.
Tempe

silhouettes by lake
draped by fiery evening skies
amused biker stays

Honorable Mention Haiku
Naushita S.
Tempe

cool raindrops caress
bare feet on a desert dawn
parched soul awakens

Honorable Mention Haiku
Scott S.
Mesa

coaxed by a round moon
coyotes gather to speak
what secrets they share

Honorable Mention Haiku
Gina S.
Apache Junction

mystic rain falls
cleansing the canyons
my spirit awakens

Honorable Mention Haiku
Katherine S.
Phoenix
tumbleweeds rolling  
along the barren landscape  
dust devils fly high

Honorable Mention Haiku  
Alex S.  
Mesa

pearlescent bright clouds  
sweeping high across the sky  
breeze keeps kites flying

Honorable Mention Haiku  
Alex S.  
Mesa

gradient colors  
fluorescent across the sky  
share secrets with the mountains

Honorable Mention Haiku  
Noelani V.  
Goodyear

dark blanket of clouds  
dust kisses the sky  
the valley begins to drown

Honorable Mention Haiku  
Noelani V.  
Goodyear

sneaky rattlesnake  
creeping ever so slowly  
lizard leaped too late

Honorable Mention Haiku  
Stuart W.  
Tucson

the seeds of our hopes  
are buried in the desert  
waiting for the rain

Honorable Mention Haiku  
Carl W.  
Phoenix

watercolor skies  
fade into a horizon  
lined by desert sands

Honorable Mention Haiku  
KM Z.  
Scottsdale

with rumbling purrs  
the bobcat bats tumbleweeds  
like they're balls of yarn

Honorable Mention Haiku  
KM Z.  
Scottsdale
荒れ野原暑いアリゾナ砂嵐

arenohara atsui Arizona sunaarashi

Outstanding Haiku

Alexander R.

Desert Mountain High School
DESSERT SUNSETS
The dry air filled with specs of dust and particles light up those thin feather clouds which catch light and filter it back to our eyes to make some of the most awesome sunsets in the world.

Outstanding Haiku
Jack Berry
Phoenix

鳥は笑みうれしい枯れ木空は赤

**tori wa emi ureshi kareki sora wa aka**

Outstanding Haiku
John H.
Desert Mountain High School

暑い谷空燃える赤砂無限

**atsui tani sora moeru akasuna mugen**
雨がふるかさはいらないかるくふる
ame ga furu kasa wa iranai karuku furu

Outstanding Haiku
Hana M.
Tucson Japanese Language School

春ですねサクラのかわりパロベルデ
harudesune sakura no kawari paroberude

Outstanding Haiku
Hana M.
Tucson Japanese Language School

庭先に甘く香るバラの花
niwasaki ni amaku kaoru baranohana

Outstanding Haiku
Akemi S.
Mesa
みみずくの求愛響く月の夜
mimizuku no kyūai hibiku tsuki no yoru

Outstanding Haiku
Miki P.
Tucson

オレンジの夕日に反射山燃える
orenji no yūhi ni hansha yama moeru

Outstanding Haiku
Miki P.
Tucson

花火より雷落ちて臨場感
hanabi yori kaminari ochite rinjokan

Outstanding Haiku
Miki P.
Tucson
夕暮れの奇跡の美を背に黒サワロ

*yūgure no kiseki no bi o se ni kuro sawaro*

*Outstanding Haiku*
*Hitomi M.*  
*Tucson Japanese Language School*

腕たれるサワロの冬に思い馳す

*ude tareru sawaro no fuyu ni omoi hasu*

*Outstanding Haiku*
*Hitomi M.*  
*Tucson Japanese Language School*

うさぎさんあつい山でもあせでない

*usagi-san atsui yama demo ase denai*

*Outstanding Haiku*
*Aira T.*  
*Tucson Japanese Language School*
はやく外お店がさむい夏の中
hayaku soto o-mise ga samui natsu no naka

Outstanding Haiku
Azumi U.
Tucson Japanese Language School

朝さむいツーソンの冬昼はんそで
asa samui tsūson no fuyu hiru han sode

Outstanding Haiku
Azumi U.
Tucson Japanese Language School

アリゾナのさぼてんの花あぁきれい
Arizona no saboten no hana, aah kirei

Honorable Mention Haiku
Susan C.
Chaparral High School
アリゾナの冬の雪山ああ寒い
Arizona no fuyu no yuki yama, aah samui

Honorable Mention Haiku
Yueh-Yun C.
Scottsdale

サンセットさぼてんとても美しい
sunset saboten totemo utsukushii

Honorable Mention Haiku
Cara C.
Desert Mountain High School

さばく晴れたいようきれいサンセット
sabaku hare taiyo kirei sunset

Honorable Mention Haiku
Josh G.
Desert Mountain High school

太陽は大きいですね泳ぎたい
taiyo wa ooki desu ne, oyogitai

Honorable Mention Haiku
Devin J.
Scottsdale
雨色香水溜りから空に散步
ame iro kosui tamarikara sora ni sampo

Honorable Mention Haiku
Caitlyn K.
Peoria

雨曇り新年の暁闇明け天道
amagumori shinnen no gyoan ake tendo

Honorable Mention Haiku
Caitlyn K.
Peoria

そと暑いかわいた空気とても晴れ
soto atsui kawaita kuki totemo

Honorable Mention Haiku
Matthew P.
Desert Mountain High School

木にたわむグレープフルーツ嬉しかな
ki ni tawamu gurepu furutsu ureshi ka na

Honorable Mention Haiku
Akemi S.
Mesa
アリゾナのうさぎはちやいろかわいいな
Arizona no usagi wa chairo kawaii

Honorable Mention Haiku
Aira T,
Tucson Japanese Language School

うさぎさんサボテンのとげいたくない
usagi san saboten no toge itakunai

Honorable Mention Haiku
Aira T,
Tucson Japanese Language School

きょうは秋あしたは冬だつぎあつい
kyou wa aki ashita wa fuyu da tsugi atsui

Honorable Mention Haiku
Azumi U.
Tucson Japanese Language School

アリゾナのさばくきれいだとても晴れ
Arizona no sabaku kirei da totemo hare

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ayala Z.
Chaparral High School
Haiku Expo Statistics

HAIKU EXPO 2019 ENTRY STATISTIC

- Total haiku submissions received: 1015
- Total haiku submissions accepted: 974
- Total unique zip code locations from across Arizona: 118
- Total unique Arizona cities of participants: 31
- Total number of participating schools: 37
- Age of participants: Youngest 7, Oldest 79+
- Total number of Outstanding Haiku selections: 104
- Total number of Honorable Mention Haiku: 187

Thank you very much to all the participating school teachers (Sensei) in the list below as well as those who were not named on the entry form. We are especially grateful to the teachers who made it into a class project!

Andreasen Sensei  
Armenta Sensei  
Butler Sensei  
Blake Sensei  
Barnes Sensei  
Bryerton Sensei  
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Delord Sensei  
Deahl Sensei  
Dutchen Sensei  
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Do Sensei  
Estridge Sensei  
Erwin Sensei  
Eisen Sensei  
Gates Sensei  

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He Sensei  
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Keller Sensei  
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McCartin Sensei  
Magee Sensei  
Meldrum Sensei  
Malagaon Sensei  
McKnight Sensei  
Nichols Sensei  
Stumer Sensei  
Purcell Sensei  
Spiegel Sensei  

Shields Sensei  
Sobek Sensei  
Tucker Sensei  
Verdy Sensei  
Walker Sensei  
Walker Sensei  
Wentz Sensei
**Participant Arizona cities**

- Buckeye
- Bullhead City
- Cave Creek
- Chandler
- Dewey
- Fountain Hills
- Gilbert
- Glendale
- Goodyear
- Grand Canyon
- Green Valley
- Guadalupe
- Holbrook
- Litchfield
- Mesa
- Peoria
- Phoenix
- Prescott
- Queen Creek
- Scottsdale
- Sun City
- Surprise
- Tempe
- Tucson
- Vail
- Waddell
- Wellton

**Arizona participant schools**

- Agua Fria High School
- Arizona School for the Arts
- Arizona State University
- Carl Hayden High School
- Chaparral High School
- Delhi Public School Jammu
- Desert Mountain High School
- Desert Ridge High School
- Desert Valley Elementary School
- Dobson High School
- Grand Canyon Middle School
- Hamilton High School
- Highland Lakes School
- Holbrook Junior High School
- Horizon High School
- Kyrene Middle School
- Madison Heights Elementary School
- Madison No. 1 Middle School
- Maryvale High School
- Metro Tech High School
- Odyssey Junior High School
- Our House Montessori Elementary School
- Paradise Honors High School
- Paradise Honors Middle School
- Phoenix Coding Academy
- Rio Salado College
- South Mountain High School
- St. Augustine Catholic High School
- St. Louis the King Catholic School
- Tempe High School
- Trevor G. Browne High School
- Tucson Japanese Language School
- University of Arizona
- Verrado High School
- Williams Field High School
### 2019 Haiku Expo Outstanding and Honorable Mention Haiku Winners!

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Amutha R.  Outstanding
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Barrett B.  Outstanding
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Blake  S.  Honorable Mention
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Charlie P.  Honorable Mention
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Jocelyn K.  Outstanding
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Joseph R.  Outstanding
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Adam Johnson  Honorable Mention
Albrecht Classen  Honorable Mention
Alex Stumer  Honorable Mention
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Andrew S  Honorable Mention
Anthony Foggiano  Outstanding
Anthony Luna  Honorable Mention
Anthony Cruse  Honorable Mention
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Candy Cruse  Outstanding
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Candy Welsh  Honorable Mention
Carl Jones  Outstanding
Carolyn A. Jones  Outstanding
Catherine Crary  Outstanding
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Chris Griffin  Honorable Mention
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Cindi Reiss  Honorable Mention
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Dennis Pinon  Outstanding
Dennis Magee  Honorable Mention
Donna Magee  Outstanding
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Doria Dphrepaulezz  Honorable Mention
Emma Sansone  Outstanding
Ernesto Abeytia  Honorable Mention
Eva Alle Miles  Outstanding
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George Nakada  Outstanding
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Hillary Frank  Honorable Mention
Jacob Churosh  Honorable Mention
John Fedyna  Honorable Mention
John Sachen  Honorable Mention
Jonathan Levine  Honorable Mention
Katherine Sorensen  Honorable Mention
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Category 6 - Japanese Language 日本語

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Akemi S. Honorable Mention
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Alexander R. Outstanding
Ayala Z. Honorable Mention
Azumi U. Outstanding
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Cara C. Honorable Mention
Devin J. Honorable Mention
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Hana M. Outstanding
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Jack B. Outstanding
John H. Outstanding
Josh G. Honorable Mention
Matthew P. Honorable Mention
Miki P. Outstanding
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Susan C. Honorable Mention
Yueh-Yun C. Honorable Mention
The Arizona Matsuri is an annual festival which celebrate Japanese culture and heritage, traditional and modern. The two-day event held at Heritage & Science Park in downtown Phoenix features the sights and sounds of Japan, art, crafts, music, dance and much more. The family friendly Matsuri is free to all. Japanese food and goods from over 60 vendors are available for purchase and the beer and sake garden is a great place to relax. The Arizona Matsuri was first held in 1984 and celebrated its 35th anniversary in 2019.

The Haiku Expo celebrated its 5th year in 2019 following its inaugural event in 2015 where we had over 600 entries, 800 in 2016, 900 in 2017 and this year it continues to grow with over 1000 entries in 2018 and 2019. The e-Book collections from 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and now 2019 winners is available as a free download from the Arizona Matsuri website. The Haiku Expo festival displayed a selection of all Outstanding Haiku from the current and previous years for participants to read and experience the winner’s haiku.
Thank you to all participants in this 5th year of the Arizona Matsuri Haiku Expo. We are very pleased with the growing number of participants this year and can only hope to grow this event in the future. Please help us by spreading the word about our event among faculty members, colleagues, friends, clubs and poet enthusiasts.

In subsequent years we aim to get more educators involved so that lesson plans can be prepared in a timely manner for wider participation in the classroom at all class levels. Our aim is to introduce the arts and culture of Japan through haiku poetry and we encourage people of all ages to continuously create, develop and share their own original haiku poetry.

The details for the next Haiku Expo will be posted on the Arizona Matsuri website. Updates and notices will be posted on the Arizona Matsuri Facebook page so be sure to check back with us from time to time. The growing collection of Arizona-inspired haiku from across the State can be freely downloaded from the Arizona Matsuri website. Collect all five years (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 editions) of the Haiku Expo Collection e-Book and be inspired to write your own haiku poetry.

Thank you,
John Sachen, Haiku Committee Chairman
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