HAIKU EXPO
Arizona inspired Japanese Poetry

ARIZONA MATSURI - A FESTIVAL OF JAPAN

Selection of 2018 Haiku
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...
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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over a lake
bald eagles soaring high
we catch fish

Outstanding Haiku
Santhana Rajasundaram
Madison Heights Elementary School, Phoenix
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.

living in a hole
abandoned woodpecker home
elf owls new safehouse

Outstanding Haiku
Julian A.
St. Louis the King Catholic School, Phoenix

tall standing people
dancing in the sunset
saguaro cactus stretching arms

Outstanding Haiku
Ryleigh P.
St. Louis the King Catholic School, Glendale
the hot air balloons
glide in the sky up so high
like a rainbow

Outstanding Haiku
Alondra P.
St. Louis the King Catholic School, Glendale

elf owls perching
sharp talons clasping branch
glide down to grab prey

Outstanding Haiku
Areli P.
St. Louis the King Catholic School, Phoenix

beautiful sunset
cacti standing tall at night
over shining lights

Outstanding Haiku
Natalia P.
St. Louis the King Catholic School, Glendale
the leaves are now brown
on winter's icy cold days
flowers will soon bloom

Outstanding Haiku
Micah Tucker
Madison Heights Elementary School, Phoenix

green waving leaves
dancing wildly in the wind
while shadows follow

Outstanding Haiku
Micah Tucker
Madison Heights Elementary School, Phoenix

cold tickling plant
smells of aloe in the breeze
fragile tiny leaves

Outstanding Haiku
Christopher Devous
Madison Heights Elementary School, Phoenix
bursting ball of fire
clouds swept across the sky
brushing in the breeze

Outstanding Haiku
Calder Janss
Madison Heights Elementary School, Phoenix

a cactus wren sits
on a prickly cactus plant
desert creatures life

Honorable Mention Haiku
Miguel V.
St. Louis the King Catholic School, Glendale

towering mountains
rough enormous rocks
marvelous chapel

Honorable Mention Haiku
Josue B.
St. Louis the King Catholic School, Glendale

rushing down a stream
people enjoying water
sliding on the rocks

Honorable Mention Haiku
Randy P.
St. Louis the King Catholic School, Glendale

long beak, humming wings
pretty flight among wild plants
finding sweet nectar

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jessica H.
St. Louis the King Catholic School, Glendale
splendid dove noticed
nature's sunny morning here
in her cactus nest

you fly very high
colorful wings in the sky
quietly lifting

Honorable Mention Haiku
Benedict B.
St. Louis the King Catholic School, Avondale

luscious red flowers
feasting on bright sunlight
rests in grassy plains

Honorable Mention Haiku
Roman W.
Madison Heights Elementary School, Phoenix

the sun shines on me
rays of light gleaming through leaves
the morning is fresh

Honorable Mention Haiku
Hadley Hipps
Madison Heights Elementary School, Phoenix
the petrified trees
forever frozen in time
silent ghosts of life

*Outstanding Haiku*

*Nathan Han*

*Chandler*
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 cacti stand proud
summer rains give hope to all
skies ablaze with color

*Outstanding Haiku*

*Nathan Han*
Chandler

smears of light pink paint
across a soft blue canvas
fluffy, golden clouds

*Outstanding Haiku*

*Catalina C*
*Surprise*
bare trees
glistening leaves of golden brown
crunch under my feet

Outstanding Haiku
Amutha Rajasundaram
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Scottsdale

the rattlers at dusk
shaking their musical tails
don't move, they will strike

Outstanding Haiku
Mia V.
Madison No. 1 Middle School, Phoenix

forest dark and cold
in the night the stars glow bright
the wolves howl loudly

Outstanding Haiku
Katherine W.
Madison No. 1 Middle School, Phoenix
a storm is stirring
lightning flashes in the sky
tree tops set ablaze

Outstanding Haiku
Isabelle
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix

laughing in the heat
children splashing in the sun
smells
summer has begun

Outstanding Haiku
Tess M.
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix

the wolf awakens
sun rays beam down on the rock
silence is broken

Outstanding Haiku
Abbey Roth
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix
monsoon coming close
the soft rain gives life to all
animals rejoice

Outstanding Haiku
Sally F.
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix

the flowers arise
shouting in deep autumn winds
until the moon yields

Outstanding Haiku
Henry Brinkman
Madison Heights Elementary School, Phoenix

winds howl violently
a storm is stirring, thunder
shakes the desert scape

Outstanding Haiku
Anna R.
Madison Heights Elementary School, Phoenix
long and broad trunk
branches swaying in the wind
leaves as green as grass

Outstanding Haiku
Sophie Dessaules
Madison Heights Elementary School, Phoenix

cactus in sunlight
arms thoroughly outstretched
reaching for the clouds

Outstanding Haiku
Theo C.
Madison Heights Elementary School, Phoenix

saguaro so strong
reaching up to greet the sun
as she climbs the horizon

Outstanding Haiku
Bailey Powell
Gowan Science Academy, Yuma
deserts cry for heat
to be brought down from our Gods
Gods brings beauty too

Honorable Mention Haiku
Nikol Gombos
Holbrook Junior High School, Navajo

wavy white red rock
blue sky, puffy white clouds
sandstone in the land

Honorable Mention Haiku
Kaitlyn L.
Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook

Arizona's sky
sunset lies behind mountains
peaking out watching

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jayla Nelson
Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook

glowing saguaro
in the beautiful sunset
watching roadrunners

Honorable Mention Haiku
Elizabeth Paschal
Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook

grandma makes fry bread
flour flies into the air
getting caught in wind

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jacob Sam
Holbrook Junior High School, Navajo

what a starry night
many constellations now
as an owl goes "hoot"

Honorable Mention Haiku
Grace H.
Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook

ah, Arizona
it is the beige wonderland
the dirt and the sand

Honorable Mention Haiku
Baylee Dexter
Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook

hot sunshine around
a small lizard darts away
mountains surround me

Honorable Mention Haiku
Catalina C.
Surprise
the flying squirrel
so high up in the tall trees
when it leaps it flies

Honorable Mention Haiku
Abby A.
Madison No. 1 Middle School, Phoenix

towering cacti
it is food, water, and home
dots the brown landscape

Honorable Mention Haiku
Andrew P.
Phoenix

the sycamore tree
standing by the running streams
tall and beautiful

Honorable Mention Haiku
Lillian
Phoenix

fresh mountain water
flows down the side of the peak
pines surround cool streams

Honorable Mention Haiku
Andrew Phillips
Madison No. 1 Middle School, Phoenix

In the winter chill
the snow falls upon the house
like a white blanket

Honorable Mention Haiku
Chloe N.
Madison No. 1 Middle School, Phoenix

the wind is blowing
the leaves rustle in rhythm
to nature's heartbeat

Honorable Mention Haiku
Isabelle Karapelou
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix

edge of a cliff
lizards peek out of crevices
I am alone

Honorable Mention Haiku
Amutha Rajasundaram
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Scottsdale

summer, wow, so hot
winter gone without a trace
fall is yet to come

Honorable Mention Haiku
Harper H.
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix
darkness is coming
sun is falling with the leaves
winter has arrived

**Honorable Mention Haiku**
**Tess M.**
**Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix**

like a speck of dust
winter comes in December
soon to float away

**Honorable Mention Haiku**
**Isabella Daniel**
**Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix**

the giant ficus
myriad birds chattering
countless voices speak

**Honorable Mention Haiku**
**Tyler C.**
**Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix**

a lovely green place
a gorgeous sight of four peaks
what a lovely view

**Honorable Mention Haiku**
**Maya M.**
**St. Louis the King Catholic School, El Mirage**

hot arid deserts
decorated with cacti
glow in the moonlight

**Honorable Mention Haiku**
**Kayla**
**Madison No. 1 Middle School, Phoenix**

the ground disappeared
under a thick white blanket
of sparkling snow

**Honorable Mention Haiku**
**Olivia F.**
**Madison No. 1 Middle School, Phoenix**
a world of cactus
the mighty saguaro stands
taller than the rest

**Honorable Mention Haiku**
**Sally F.**
**Madison No. 1 Middle School, Phoenix**
tall and wonderous
lovely painted desertscapes
gold in the sunset

Honorable Mention Haiku
Theo C.
Madison Heights Elementary School, Phoenix

standing still and strong
wind ricocheting off it
giant gray mountain

Honorable Mention Haiku
Josh Timone
Madison Heights Elementary School, Phoenix

fresh leaves still on trees
old ones underneath my feet
scattered all around

Honorable Mention Haiku
Nicole Karapelou-Hjalmarson
Madison Heights Elementary School, Phoenix

looking at the edge
sunsets over the canyon
layers of the time

Honorable Mention Haiku
Amelia W.
Grand Canyon Middle School, Grand Canyon

howling coyotes
in the glowing horizon
calling each other

Honorable Mention Haiku
Haley T.
Grand Canyon Middle School, Grand Canyon

wings spread out so far
flying across the canyon
soaring back to nest

Honorable Mention Haiku
Everett R.
Grand Canyon Middle School, Grand Canyon

a palace of life
jade leaves dancing in the clouds
makes a tranquil sound

Honorable Mention Haiku
Kennedy A.
Madison Heights Elementary School, Phoenix

smears of light pink clouds
across a soft blue canvas
fluffy golden clouds

Honorable Mention Haiku
Catalina C.
Surprise
the sunset dazzles
behind a smokey mountain
then slips away quickly

Honorable Mention Haiku
Channing D.
Holbrook Junior High School, Navajo
stripes of vibrant hues
splash across the Grand Canyon
rocks bake in the sun

Outstanding Haiku
Lauryn K.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe
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.

Outstanding Haiku

Lauryn K.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

ready to embrace
the saguaro stands its ground
as dust clouds the sky

Outstanding Haiku

Isabella H.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

desolate echoes
the valley whispers a song
of merciless dust

cloud cover blessings
bring men a chance to escape
scorching summer heat
the sun goes to rest
cacti on the hills painting
shadowed mosaics

*Outstanding Haiku*

*Jacob C.*
*Kyrene Middle School, Tempe*

landscapes meet the sky
with a horizon of gold
sunsets never end

*Outstanding Haiku*

*Lily H.*
*Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook*

the velvet old oak
tough ancient petrified rock
memories of past

*Outstanding Haiku*

*Jason R.*
*Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook*
pink and purple clouds
cotton candy in the sky
summer sunsets shine

Outstanding Haiku
Benjamin Meeks
Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook

the hawk glide toward water
praying on fish in the clear water
shadow running down the river

Outstanding Haiku
Jacob Richards
Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook

the grand canyon shines
beauty flows throughout its cracks
sun baked canyon walls

Outstanding Haiku
Aidan Press
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix
the massive mequite tree
the leaves blowing in the wind
the shadow shields all

Outstanding Haiku
Jason L.
Madison No. 1 Middle School, Phoenix

curtains of water
calming, continuous flow
a desert beauty

Outstanding Haiku
Isaac Roth
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix

nighttime has arrived
silhouetted on the sky
a cactus wren sits

Outstanding Haiku
Isaac Roth
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix
thunder strikes its drums
while the wind sways with its song
a monsoon has come

Outstanding Haiku
Hannah Wyman
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

a burning abyss
beneath the boiling sun
cacti standing proud

Outstanding Haiku
Cade B.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

beauty coats the land
semblance of pristine safety
beneath, the diamondbacks wait

Outstanding Haiku
Sebastian B.
Madison No. 1 Middle School, Phoenix
morning dew on leaves
bright against the dark green grass
sparkle in the sun

Outstanding Haiku
Oliver H.
Madison No. 1 Middle School, Phoenix

soft drip drop of dew
creosote scent graces air
a vast fuschia sky

Outstanding Haiku
Madeleine Levesque
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix

the sun streaming down
light floods the expansive land
the desert is calm

Outstanding Haiku
Morgan Heinlein
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix
red rock all around
cool air flows through the lungs
a glittering stream

Outstanding Haiku
Marcus G.
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix

atop prickly pears
pink blossoms begin to bud
coyotes hunger

Outstanding Haiku
Miranda H.
Madison Traditional Academy, Phoenix

the burning red rocks
a lone tumbleweed rolls by
into the sunset

Outstanding Haiku
Miranda H.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe
monsoons raid the sky
the cool rain cuts the hot air
and the thunder claps

Outstanding Haiku
Kelsi Berg
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

damp gravel crunches
after the desert monsoon
wet creosote smell

Outstanding Haiku
Anna Kate Brown
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

sun is glowing red
legs are burning hot from heat
mountain lions roar

Outstanding Haiku
Mackenzie F.T.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe
smothering monsoons
giving desolate land new life
creating wonder

Outstanding Haiku
Matthew R.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

hiding in the brush
the coyote's eyes reflect
the light of the moon

Outstanding Haiku
Makayla J.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

desert wind picks up
wolves howl into the darkness
breaking the silence

Honorable Mention Haiku
Joseph S.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe
a winter desert puts the wildlife to sleep silence strikes the land

Outstanding Haiku
Eric M.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

haboob closes in wind gusts, filled with leaves and dirt raindrops shimmer down

Outstanding Haiku
Ramneek S.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

slowly setting sun relieves the valley of heat coyotes howl deep

Outstanding Haiku
Ava B.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

quails softly calling the sun swells to the heavens warms the earth

Outstanding Haiku
Alisanna S.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

dust devils twirl around a hypnotic whoosh comes out it ends with no trace

Outstanding Haiku
Andres Z.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

on this dusty road I see the plain, aging land of my home sweet home

Outstanding Haiku
Ashley Speers
Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook

hunters of the night they howl at the bright moon slick, spry, coyotes

Outstanding Haiku
Lily H.
Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook

fish in rushing stream snowflakes falling onto water one white mountain day

Outstanding Haiku
Samuel P.
Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook
ombre of colors
calm collective uniqueness
horizon war paint

Honorable Mention Haiku
Tatum N.
Holbrook Junior High School, Winslow

a flash of feathers
comes out from the horizon
dodging rattlesnakes

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ramon Liu
Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook

the Prickly Pear grows
while the sun rises and sets around you
In the hot desert

Honorable Mention Haiku
Cooper Love
Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook

beautiful green fields
still fresh with the morning dew
glisten in the sunlight

Honorable Mention Haiku
Riley R.
Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook

petite pearly bud
high atop a saguaro
the petals spread wide

Honorable Mention Haiku
Angelica d’E.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

refreshing and cool
love is a sweet summer rain
that washes the world

Honorable Mention Haiku
Alyssa Woolford
Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook

dust coats the cactus
flowers hiding their color
the haboob is here

Honorable Mention Haiku
Maddy P.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

bright wildflowers sway
near sweet prickly pear in bloom
warm, gentle breezes

Honorable Mention Haiku
Kyra S.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe
firecracker bush
attracting gold hummingbirds
silently eating

Honorable Mention Haiku
Kaelin R.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

Arizona sun
blurring the far horizon
mirages emerge

Honorable Mention Haiku
Giselle B.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

river runs a course
through the forest of dark wood
swiftly on its way

Honorable Mention Haiku
Henry Calkins
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix

sneaky coyote
waiting to pounce on it's prey
on Cathedral rock

Honorable Mention Haiku
Kinan R.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

monsoon dust rolls in
it coats and blankets the town
blocking all the sun

Honorable Mention Haiku
Kirsten M.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

the sun climbs at dawn
as it kisses the mountain
the sky turns to light

Honorable Mention Haiku
Cooper Weissman
Madison No. 1 Middle School, Phoenix

forest calms my nerves
birds chirping from tree to tree
peace surrounds the woods

Honorable Mention Haiku
Aidan Press
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix

lightning flashes bright
rivers roar through the canyon
debris swept away

Honorable Mention Haiku
Angelica d'E.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe
cutting through the rock
carving waves into its walls
the river creates

Honorable Mention Haiku
Isaac Roth
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix

the stars are shining
in the deep distance of space
glimmers of hope

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jason L.
Madison No. 1 Middle School Phoenix

snowflakes falling down
like a cloud beneath the sky
powder tops the trees

Honorable Mention Haiku
Charlie Palmer
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix

beautiful rain drops
fall from the sky gracefully
as rainbows appear

Honorable Mention Haiku
Anlylian M.
Grand Canyon Middle School, Grand Canyon

lightning strikes the ground
a wall of dust, death in mind
enveloping towns

Honorable Mention Haiku
Sophia Am.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

thunder storms raging
across the sonoran land
a stunning light show

Honorable Mention Haiku
Cade B.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

sizzling succulents
flowers begin to crinkle
and the sun just laughs

Honorable Mention Haiku
Maddie D.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

as the old sun falls
the desert darkens quickly
the chuckwalla rests

Honorable Mention Haiku
Sayer J.
Tempe
as the rain pours down
the desert explodes with life
saguaro's thirst ends

Honorable Mention Haiku
Max V.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

sunset colors glow
forcing shadows from cacti
night quietly falls

Honorable Mention Haiku
Sydney Storment
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

summer's bone dry heat
the rattlesnake's dangerous fangs
sink into a mouse

Honorable Mention Haiku
Shane H.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

the wind picks up dirt
the earth rises and rises
you can see no more

Honorable Mention Haiku
Roman M.
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix

the night turns silent
as the wind lifts up your wings
your journey begins

Honorable Mention Haiku
Zoe K.
Wilson K-8 School, Tucson

the sound of the stream
so fragile, yet so perfect
the water sparkles

Honorable Mention Haiku
Oliver H.
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix

the owls flew above
the night grew dark and dreary
the moon, shining bright

Honorable Mention Haiku
Blake Shamblin
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix

a gila monster
strikes a hapless butterfly
in the desert calm

Honorable Mention Haiku
Marcus G.
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix
stretching through the earth
a deep chasm in the ground
swallows the river

Honorable Mention Haiku
Marcus G.
Madison No. 1 REACH School, Phoenix

cactus silhouette
a lone figure among rocks
bearing icy winds

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ellen L.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

the sun beating down
hawks searching for prey to eat
as rattlesnakes hide

Honorable Mention Haiku
Paige S.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

the unique red rocks
in the scorching hot desert
cholla cacti jump around

Honorable Mention Haiku
Angelina B.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

tall spiky cactus
towering above the snake
whose long tail rattles

Honorable Mention Haiku
Tim Hinton
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

colors fill the sky
an inspiring collage
beams over cacti

Honorable Mention Haiku
Elliot C.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

in the hot summer
palo verde scrape the sky
breaking clouds apart

Honorable Mention Haiku
Anyssa Q.
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe

watch the rims beauty
the canyon quietly sits
waiting for the sun

Honorable Mention Haiku
Caitlyn J.
Grand Canyon Middle School, Grand Canyon
silver glow rising up
coyotes howl in the night
and the hunt begins

*Honorable Mention Haiku*
*Spencer E.*
*Kyrene Middle School, Tempe*

mighty clouds release
billowing sheets of water
blocking the bright stars

*Honorable Mention Haiku*
*Makayla J.*
*Kyrene Middle School, Tempe*

a juniper tree
twisted, smooth, and interesting
clings to the rim's edge

*Honorable Mention Haiku*
*Alana Nelson*
*Grand Canyon Middle School, Grand Canyon*
breathtaking sunsets
streaks of orange, yellow, and red
paint the evening sky

Outstanding Haiku
Jordan Burris
Paradise Honors High School, Surprise
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.

deep in the stary night
the moon glistens in the sky
revealing a peaceful sight

Outstanding Haiku
Kassandra Melendrez
Phoenix

dark and cloudy days
lighting lights up the dark sky
rain flooding the streets

Outstanding Haiku
Litzy Aparicio
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix
swift the water runs
a beast roams amid the brush
singing to the sun

Outstanding Haiku
Samuel Sprague
Desert Ridge High School, Mesa

dry hot sandy landscapes
tumbleweeds rolling all day
roadrunners running by

Outstanding Haiku
Kaileigh
Paradise Honors High School, Surprise
lime green saguaros 
evergreen bushes swishing  
crystal blue lake, boom

*Outstanding Haiku*
*Ashley Polkabla*
*Globe High School, Globe*

lime cactus stands tall
shamrock bushes sways through winds
flowing steel grey clouds

*Outstanding Haiku*
*Randy Kindelay*
*San Carlos*

the sunset slows down
explodes in beautiful hues
seen from all over

*Outstanding Haiku*
*Telena Youvella*
*Globe High School, Globe*
dry flaky leaves fall
rustle through the gold forest
birds tweet joyfully

Outstanding Haiku
Samantha Jones
Globe High School, Peridot

storms roll over the peak
rain fills the surrounding air
lakes rise rapidly

Outstanding Haiku
Robert M.
Globe High School, Globe

cracking bushes roll
monsoon clouds cool the warm flat
as earth awakens

Outstanding Haiku
Alexia Ortiz
Globe High School, Globe
sea of endless leaves
dancing with the autumn breeze
painted green and gold

Outstanding Haiku
Cholo Ciar
Globe High School, Peridot

scent of petrichor
the monsoon, rare to us all
cumulus above

Outstanding Haiku
Zeus Ramirez
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

treacherous mountains
alluring lightning strikes earth
blazing fires, rebirth

Outstanding Haiku
Cynthia Camacho
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix
the owl soars softly
over the barren desert
as darkness conquers

*Outstanding Haiku*
*Meredith Fedyna*
*Chaparral High School, Phoenix*

desert sands sparkle
as the sun settles back down
behind purple peaks

*Outstanding Haiku*
*Meredith Fedyna*
*Chaparral High School, Phoenix*

gold drenches the air
as the sky seeps into day
each dawn a treasure

*Outstanding Haiku*
*Gryphon Man*
*Paradise Honors High School, Surprise*
amid dry landscapes
the greatest desert treasure
is heavenly rain

Honorable Mention Haiku
Gryphon Man
Paradise Honors High School, Surprise

skies painted orange
smell of citrus in the air
Arizona love

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ana Pozos
South Mountain High School, Phoenix

the heat lights her eyes
a gift from mother nature
evolving beauty

Honorable Mention Haiku
Kaleb Robinson
Tempe High School, Phoenix

wind billows with rage
clouds of brown rise from dirt
darkness has arrived

Honorable Mention Haiku
Justin Mou
Gilbert

blazes everywhere
beautiful winter weather
my Arizona

Honorable Mention Haiku
Juan Sanchez
Bioscience High School, Laveen

as I fall, wind blows
to the water down below
It steals my last breath

Honorable Mention Haiku
Elizabeth Snow
Laveen

the clouds are crying
raindrops are falling around
puddles on the ground

Honorable Mention Haiku
Cynthia P
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

the nice, cool wind blows
the days become very short
but never for long

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jonathan Fuentes
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix
the colored leaf fell
floating slowly to the ground
to join it's siblings

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jessica Salinas
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

red, yellow, and brown
there's a cold breeze in the air
photographers click

Honorable Mention Haiku
Yasmin Chavira
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

a picturesque place
peace that transcends clouds
ture tranquility

Honorable Mention Haiku
Michael To
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

from the east comes light
morning dew drips from the leaves
green takes over sight

Honorable Mention Haiku
Gabriela Hernandez
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

the flowers start to open
gone, the clouds finally fade
the sun has returned

Honorable Mention Haiku
Yaxcel
Phoenix

sun begins to set
storm clouds drop the monsoon rain
striking scents arise

Honorable Mention Haiku
Cirino V
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

cold, howling for life
to reunite with his pack
was his one desire

Honorable Mention Haiku
Angel Palazuelos
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

the birds are chirping
the sun is now beaming down
water is splashing

Honorable Mention Haiku
Celeste Gallegos
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix
the sun is setting
the leaves are falling slowly
fresh days will come soon

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ashlee R.
Phoenix

winter illusion
peaceful bliss in the desert
a sweater weather

Honorable Mention Haiku
Karla Guzman
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

talking to the moon
wondering if its worth it
wasting time thinking

Honorable Mention Haiku
Yaire Diaz Ochoa
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

rocks break in pieces
mountains dying in moonlight
dirt translates their past

Honorable Mention Haiku
Carly Baldemore
Desert Ridge High School, Mesa

the darkness arose
on the lonely windy road
keep them really close

Honorable Mention Haiku
David Olague
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

the sky dark and bleak
moonlight overcomes it all
livened by this peace

Honorable Mention Haiku
Samuel Sprague
Desert Ridge High School, Mesa

brown and orange leaves
falling leaves and naked trees
crusty dry like me

Honorable Mention Haiku
Hanny Hidalgo Diaz
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

come back before me
melt the ice and spread the warmth
undo the winter

Honorable Mention Haiku
Zoie Rossnagle
Desert Ridge High School, Mesa
prickly outskirts
like the rough cactus skin
sit dazed in the heat

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jennalynn Fung
Chandler

as the sun sets down
cool wind embracing me now
await a new day

Honorable Mention Haiku
Emily Neubert
Paradise Honors High School, Surprise

a touch of your skin
makes me feel like desert wind
relentless sun kisses

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jennalynn Fung
Chandler

nothing but silence
until there begins movement
good morning desert

Honorable Mention Haiku
Caitlyn Rathbun
Paradise Honors High School, Surprise

the gracious sunset
loons over the large canyon
beauty and wonder

Honorable Mention Haiku
Catherine Hawkins
Paradise Honors High School, Surprise

the warm rays shine bright
until the moment they set
darkness comes once more

Honorable Mention Haiku
Caitlyn Rathbun
Paradise Honors High School, Surprise

a cute little wren
sitting in the hot hot sun
looking for a friend

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jordan Burris
Paradise Honors High School, Surprise

the sky never parts
the lack of rain depresses
a pond we are not

Honorable Mention Haiku
Nicholas Boisvert
Paradise Honors High School, Surprise
dust haze overlaps
as the brightness glows in me
the rabbit moon flys

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jojn Satkowski
Paradise Honors High School, Surprise

The sunrise is bright
shining into your dim soul
with striking colors

Honorable Mention Haiku
Isabelle Flores
El Mirage

God is an artist
painting skies full of his love
glory on display

Honorable Mention Haiku
Tyler G
Paradise Honors High School, Surprise

gloomy violet hues
engulf the sky around me
with a soft brisk breeze

Honorable Mention Haiku
Anitra Montolla
Globe High School, Globe

a storm peaks at dusk
the monsoon is upon us
refrigerator

Honorable Mention Haiku
Zachariah Long
Globe High School, Globe

dark luminous clouds
bitter-sweet scent of the rain
calm before the storm

Honorable Mention Haiku
Haylee Goeders
Globe High School, Globe

the sun shining bright
the calm air is filled with warmth
bringing happiness

Honorable Mention Haiku
Levi H
Paradise Honors High School, Surprise

In the blowing wind
all the trees rustle and dance
pine smell fills the air

Honorable Mention Haiku
Joseph Macias
Globe High School, Globe
pear bushes swaying
whistling winds, flowing clouds
gloomy steel grey sky

Honorable Mention Haiku
Glory Iyua
Globe High School, San Carlos

hear the thunder roll
drip, drop smell the fresh earthy rain
lightning cracks boom, boom

Honorable Mention Haiku
Alicia Hays
Globe High School, Globe

clouds blanket the sky
fresh smell of rain in the air
a damp rustic ground

Honorable Mention Haiku
Taylor Barnes
Globe High School, Globe

light green cactus sways
water moves through the dark brown dirt
rain is in the air

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jaren Maybury
Globe High School, Globe

the brisk wind flows through
evergreen colored trees sway
smell of cool fresh air

Honorable Mention Haiku
Sonny Salter
Globe High School, Globe

lavender blue skies
storms brewing in the thick clouds
dry grounds preparing

Honorable Mention Haiku
Analycia Herrera-Tarango
Globe High School, Globe

rattling sounds surround
blankets cover the night sky
soon all will be soaked

Honorable Mention Haiku
Nathaniel Sharette
Globe High School, Globe

windy air surrounds
distant peaks reach toward the sky
rocks hide in plain sight

Honorable Mention Haiku
Christian Napolitano
Globe High School, Globe
bright crism cardinal
perched on branches of mesquite tree
spooked, taking cover

Honorable Mention Haiku
Katelynn Jonovich
Globe High School, San Carlos

crickets come to sing
singing to the crescent moon
only they can hear

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jhovanna G.
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

the mountains stand tall
birds guarding the saguaros
dusty roads all around

Honorable Mention Haiku
Guadalupe Reynoso
Phoenix

valley of the sun
where else to escape this heat
but under a tree

Honorable Mention Haiku
Brian Zepeda
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

I cry for the rain
endless heat from the sun here
no clouds have been seen

Honorable Mention Haiku
Sindur Falomir
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

pitch black lightning clouds
flash flood falling from above
paradise has come

Honorable Mention Haiku
Kevin Ramirez
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

the mountains stand tall
birds guarding the saguaros
dusty roads all around

Honorable Mention Haiku
Guadalupe Reynoso
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

the leaves are complete
one more journey to their rest
now wait for the winter

Honorable Mention Haiku
Maliki Dowling
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix
dodging a dust storm
riding on Route 66
into the sunset

Honorable Mention Haiku
Juan Beltran
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

Will Rogers highway
main street of America
connecting many

Honorable Mention Haiku
Lenin Valdivia
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

beautiful Tombstone
with its big empty buildings
dryer than summer

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jose Vest
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

high up in the sky
as I lay my head to rest
look! the shining stars

Honorable Mention Haiku
Dayana Romero
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

green leaves all over
butterflies flying around
loud laughter is heard

Honorable Mention Haiku
Carmen Bravo
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

drops fall from the sky
winds are pushing my hair back
bright rainbow comes out

Honorable Mention Haiku
armen Bravo
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

night ride in July
trail 100 by moonlight
silent peaceful calm

Honorable Mention Haiku
Stephanie Knorowski
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

pouring from the sky
morphing into a strong river
destined to emerge again

Honorable Mention Haiku
Burabari Dan-Kane
Phoenix
orange autumn rise
branches break and fall below
wither flowers fall

Honorable Mention Haiku
Stephania Sanchez
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

diamondbacks rattling
the crowd is screaming loudly
it is a home run

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ricardo Ibarra
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

dry scorching weather
huge fire ball burning in souls
sun's making its mark

Honorable Mention Haiku
Amrutha Obulasetty
Chandler

raging heat consumes
people Kneel Before It's Wraith
clouds help us escape

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jason B.
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

a state of five C's
but with no surrounding seas
the one place for me

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ashlyne Ritchie
Mesquite High School, Gilbert

rain hitting the roof
load as it could ever be
the monsoon is near

Honorable Mention Haiku
Nathalia Villa Moreno
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix
full moon tonight
there will be no rest for me
not with her watching

Outstanding Haiku
Carl Welsh
Phoenix
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.

My Cactus Flower
On top of the saguaro blooms like a young girl

Outstanding Haiku
Nadine Lockhart
Arizona State University, Phoenix

There was an ocean eons ago, ocotillos swaying like seaweed

Outstanding Haiku
Nadine Lockhart
Arizona State University, Phoenix
butterscotch sky
the day ending
on a sweet note

Outstanding Haiku
Rosemary Bryerton-Schiff
Tucson

summer’s last spritzing
September creosote
monsoon’s au revoir

Outstanding Haiku
Rosemary Bryerton-Schiff
Tucson

a shady reprieve
while the sun powders her nose
with a cotton puff

Outstanding Haiku
Carolyn A. Jones
Prescott
howls across the night
coyote snouts point upwards
music of the moon

Outstanding Haiku
Paul Stabin
Rio Verde

bobcat turns on fence
watching us now watching him
soon the fur will fly

Outstanding Haiku
Paul Stabin
Rio Verde

cooing mourning doves
alight upon sunbaked fence
morning has broken

Outstanding Haiku
Cindi Reiss
Mesa
beckoning blossoms
bathing bees luxuriate
floral pollen pools

Outstanding Haiku
William Brown
Mesa

look at the mountain
Camelback monk kneels to pray
with his heart of stone

Outstanding Haiku
Steven De Frates
Phoenix

Indian Bend wash
a heron and dark man near
waving on the shore

Outstanding Haiku
Steven De Frates
Phoenix
monsoon winds pierce night
moonlight spills in through the blinds
desert shapes my sleep

Outstanding Haiku
Cindi Reiss
Phoenix

javelina roam
the desert night ablaze of stars
saguaro blooms yawn

Outstanding Haiku
Valerie Neal
Mesa

golden, rustling aspen
leaves flutter in cool, crisp breeze
drifting down mountains

Outstanding Haiku
Wendy Hankin
Globe
palm trees stand their guard
stately chaperones to time
dance of graceful fronds

Outstanding Haiku
Eva Willis
Phoenix

desert comes alive
moonrise over still mountains
nighttime serenade

Outstanding Haiku
Eva Willis
Phoenix

in slumbering shade
he cools his beaded brilliance
lamenting his name

Outstanding Haiku
Karen Crockett
Sierra Vista
thunderclouds erupt
above desert arroyos
raindrops carving stones

Outstanding Haiku
Scott Shields
mesa

in this new year's dawn
the wild geese of gila springs
lustily take flight

Outstanding Haiku
Ric Wyckoff
Chandler

the irony of rain
in the valley of the sun
first days of winter

Outstanding Haiku
Ric Wyckoff
Chandler
blue sky dome
hides timeless stars stretch
inspires awe

Outstanding Haiku
Helen Alderson
Tempe

darting shadow
roadrunner hunts in silence
the desert hobo

Outstanding Haiku
Robert Jordan Sr.
Glendale

running out of gas
a dozen deer turn toward us
our car disappears

Honorable Mention Haiku
Brandon Whiting
Mesa
old lace wedding dress
new veil, squash blossom blues
borrowed cowboy boots

Honorable Mention Haiku
Nadine Lockhart
Arizona State University, Phoenix

cold wind in my face
the sand whispers at my feet
which way, little ones

Honorable Mention Haiku
Carl Welsh
Phoenix

blistering sun
the cool fragrance
of shadow

Honorable Mention Haiku
Rosemary Bryerton-Schiff
Tucson

adobe brown head
peck-peck, knock-knock-knock rhythm
happy with palm trees

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jaclyn Mona
Tucson

Bright Angel trail
compacted snow and ice
through rock tunnel

Honorable Mention Haiku
Peter Rillero
Anthem

loneliness is death
a warm wind heats a cold world
a new day is born

Honorable Mention Haiku
Mike Sachen
Phoenix

just stars overhead
no moon to watch over us
where is she tonight

Honorable Mention Haiku
Carl Welsh
Phoenix

dust covered wrapper
in the hot air it dances
a ghost from the past

Honorable Mention Haiku
Michael Marcanti
Mesa
rat-ta-tat-tat
woodpecker hunting breakfast
morning’s alarm clock

Honorable Mention Haiku
JeanEtte Hyatt
Scottsdale

bright sun, azure skies
seventies and gentle breeze
such a harsh winter

Honorable Mention Haiku
JeanEtte Hyatt
Scottsdale

he stood with arms raised
becoming a saguaro
in the morning sun

Honorable Mention Haiku
Patricia Pullenza
Chandler

hot pink and blue skies
rising over Camelback
is his morning’s joy

Honorable Mention Haiku
Patricia Pullenza
Chandler

clouds drop cloaks of gloom
and sun-silk shines on hills
and cactus all the more

Honorable Mention Haiku
Susanne Jerome, Globe

half-moon's silver face
canvas for clouds' tracery
changes each moment

Honorable Mention Haiku
Rhoda Brown
Mesa

Sassy mockingbird
rehearses his repertoire
claims this place as his

Honorable Mention Haiku
Rhoda Brown
Mesa

the flower's shadows
pass into oblivion
as the sun departs

Honorable Mention Haiku
Jamie H.
Eastern Arizona College, Thatcher
thunder rolls; parched plants
now drenched, raise grateful fragrance
under summer sun

Honorable Mention Haiku
Denise DeVries
Tempe

each year we arrive
costumes, taiko, sensei’s fire
generations learn

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ginger L Franklin
Phoenix

blue sky thunder cracks
our taiko shakes the hard ground
Aozora plays

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ginger L Franklin
Phoenix

through open windows
after a cool night, at last!
I hear birds singing

Honorable Mention Haiku
Emma Sansone
Chandler

blackened clouds parade
lightning antsy to strike earth
desert drenched in dust

Honorable Mention Haiku
Sierra G.
Arizona State University, Gilbert

mudcracks in parched lakes
forgotten by the rivers
pray for their return

Honorable Mention Haiku
Sierra G.
Arizona State University, Gilbert

soft song of the wren
from within dozing cacti
comforts the sunset

Honorable Mention Haiku
Sierra G.
Arizona State University, Gilbert

warm December days
hawks soar over Red Mountain
citrus scents the air

Honorable Mention Haiku
Valerie Neal
Mesa Community College, Mesa
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yellow flowers blow in wind
across the desert

on horseback she rides
across our Arizona
to the matsuri

dust clouds billowing
across parched desert mesas
Sonoran blizzard

the hunter's moon sets
into dusty desert dawn
a new day begins

the summer heat wave
hummingbird hovers and fans
the wilting flower

triple digit temps
the only green to be seen
artificial turf

a breeze like fire
take flight above the desert
on great wings he soars

Honorable Mention Haiku
Paula Ashley
Glendale

Honorable Mention Haiku
Anthony Foggiano
Tucson

Honorable Mention Haiku
Scott Shields
Mesa

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John Fedyna
Phoenix

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Honorable Mention Haiku
Gina Sleeper
Apache Junction
Japanese Language Haiku

kumoyuki ma hiroi ten ga shiru bannin tsutsumu

Outstanding Haiku

Caitlyn Kolesar
Peoria
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.

blazing desertscape
awesome! solar wonderland
burning in my heart

サンダルと傘でスキップにわか雨
sandalu to kasa de sukippu niwaka ame

Outstanding Haiku
Hitomi McKnight
Tucson Japanese Language School, Tucson

冬夕焼け棒サボテンと吾の影
fuyu yuyake bo saboten to ware no kage

Outstanding Haiku
Yukihiro Ibuki
Tucson
クエールがかんむりゆらしておにごっこ
kueru ga kan muri yura shite onigokko

Outstanding Haiku
Hana McKnight
Tucson Japanese Language School, Tucson

夏の日々立ってるだけで汗が出る
natsu no hibi tatteru dake de ase ga deru

Outstanding Haiku
Azumi Uchida
Tucson Japanese Language School, Tucson

夏の日にはだしで歩いて足こげた
natsu no hi ni hadasi de aruite ashi kogeta

Outstanding Haiku
Shinta Okabe
Tucson Japanese Language School, Tucson
**Outstanding Haiku**  
Hitomi McKnight  
*Tucson Japanese Language School, Tucson*

momo denaku kiiro no hana mite bokyo no haru

**Honorable Mention Haiku**  
Miki Pimienta  
*Tucson*

tomin de hara peko risu no mure hashiru

**Honorable Mention Haiku**  
Azumi Uchida  
*Tucson Japanese Language School, Tucson*

atsui natsu suika wo taberu oishi na

**Honorable Mention Haiku**  
Shiori Okabe  
*Tucson Japanese Language School, Tucson*

Tsuson wa yama ga kirei de kimocho na
探し物やっと探して置き忘れ
sagashi mono yatto sagashite okiwasure

Honorable Mention Haiku
Muntetaka Araki
Apache Juntion

これ大事あれも大事とごみの部屋
kore daiji are mo daiji to gomi no heya

Honorable Mention Haiku
Muntetaka Araki
Apache Juntion

目覚ましのベルはまだかと起きて待つ
mezamashi no beru wa mada ka to okie matsu

Honorable Mention Haiku
Muntetaka Araki
Apache Juntion

舞初古いも若きも笑顔満つ
mai hatsu oi mo wakaki mo egao mitsu

Honorable Mention Haiku
Yukihiro Ibuki
Tucson
アリゾナの夏の日あついのどかわく

Arizona no natsu no hi atsui nodo kawaku

Honorable Mention Haiku
Hana McKnight
Tucson Japanese Language School, Tucson

夜になる星がいっぱい見えている

yoru ni naru hoshi ga ippai miete iru

Honorable Mention Haiku
Azumi Uchida
Tucson Japanese Language School, Tucson

冬の時朝はさむくて昼暑い

fuyu no toki asa wa samukute hiru atsui

Honorable Mention Haiku
Shiori Okabe
Tucson Japanese Language School, Tucson

ツーソンはとても暑くてたまらない

Tsuson wa totemo atsukute tamaranai

Honorable Mention Haiku
Shiori Okabe
Tucson Japanese Language School, Tucson
Harapenyo tabeta shun-kan boku gojira

Honorable Mention Haiku
Shinta Okabe
Tucson Japanese Language School, Tucson

kazoku shite kaigi ni chikoku ka kueru oyako

Honorable Mention Haiku
Hitomi McKnight
Tucson Japanese Language School, Tucson
Haiku Expo Statistics

HAIKU EXPO 2018 ENTRY STATISTIC

- Total haiku submissions received: 1,263
- Total haiku submissions accepted: 1,249
- Total unique Arizona zip code locations from across Arizona: 106
- Total unique Arizona cities of participants: 42
- Total number of participating schools: 30
- Age of participants: Youngest 6, Oldest 93
- Total number of Outstanding Haiku selections: 102
- Total number of Honorable Mention Haiku: 216

Thank you very much to all the participating school teachers 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!

Andrea Tomlin
Anne Johnson
Carly Mendoza
Debra Rosenblum
Donna Magee
Enid Heilman
Hitomi McKnight
Janis Barden
Jose Obregon
Julie Eilertsen
Keller Sensei
Marco Dominguez
Marlies Keller

Mom and Dad
Mr. Allen
Mr. Anderson
Mr. Blake
Mr. Calderon
Mr. Obregon
Mr. Stephens
Mr. Varela
Mrs. Andreasen
Mrs. Anne Johnson
Mrs. Casey
Mrs. Hankin
Mrs. Keller

Mrs. Knorowski
Mrs. Steiner
Ms. Dwosh
Ms. Keller
Ms. Leskie
Ms. Mendoza
Ms. Rosenblum
Nadine Lockhart
Patrick Whorton
Pete Chidester
Stephanie Purcell
Teresa Fritton
Tiffany Huisman
Wendy Hankin
### Arizona participant schools

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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 is celebrating its 34th anniversary in 2018.

The Haiku Expo celebrated its 4th year in 2018 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 1,250 entries in 2018. The e-Book collections from 2015, 2016, 2017 and now 2018 winners is available as a free download from the Arizona Matsuri website. The Haiku Expo festival display will feature 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 4th 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 four years (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 editions) of the Haiku Expo Collection e-Book and be inspired to write your own haiku poetry.

Thank you,
John Sachen, Haiku Committee Chairman
Arizona Matsuri Steering Committee
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azmatsuri.haiku@gmail.com
2018 Haiku Expo Outstanding and Honorable Mention Haiku Winners!

Abbey
Abby
Aidan
Alana
Alex
Alexia
Alicia
Alisanna
Alondra
Alyssa
Amelia
Amrutha
Amutha
Ama
Analya
Andrew
Angel
Angelica
Angelina
Anitra
Anlylian
Anna
Anna Kate
Anthony
Anyssa
Arel
Ashley
Ashley
Ashlyne
Ashlynne
Ava
Azumi
Ant
Barbara
Baylee
Ben
Benjamin
Blake
Brandon
Brian
Burabori
Cade
Caitlyn
Caitlyn
Caitlyn
Calder
Carl
Carly
Carmen
Carolyn A.
Catalina
Catherine
Celeste
Channing
Charlie
Chloe
Cholo
Christian
Christopher
Cindi
Cirino
Cooper
Cooper
Cynthia
Cynthia
David
Dayana
Denise
Elizabeth
Ellen
Elliot
Emily
Emma
Eric
Eva
Everett
Frankee
Gabriela
Gina
Ginger L
Giselle
Gloria
Glory
Grace
Gryphon
Guadalupe
Hadley
Haley
Hana
Hannah
Hanny
Harper
Haylee
Helen
Henry
Baldemore
Bravo
Bravo
C.
Hawkins
Gallegos
D.
Palmer
N.
Ciar
Napolitano
Devous
Reiss
V
Love
Weissman
Camacho
P
Olague
Romero
DeVries
Paschal
Snow
L.
C.
Neubert
Sansone
M.
Willis
R.
Darza
Hernandez
Sleeper
Franklin
B.
Iyua
H.
Man
Reynoso
Hips
T.
McKnight
Wyman
Hidalgo
Diaz
H.
Goeders
Alderson
Brinkman
Henry
Hitomi
Isaac
Isabella
Isabella
Isabelle
Isabelle
Jaclyn
Jacob
Jacob
Jacob
Jaren
Jason
Jason
Jason
Jayla
Jean
Jean
Jean
Jennalynn
Jenny
Jessica
Jessica
Jhovanna
John
Jojo
Jonathan
Jordan
Jose
Joseph
Joseph
Josh
Josue
Juan
Juan
Jullian
Justin
Kaelin
Kaileigh
Kaitlyn
Kaleb
Karen
Karla
Kassandra
Katelynn
Katherine
Kayla
Kelsi
Kennedy
Calkins
McKnight
Roth
H.
Daniel
Karapelou
Flores
Mona
C.
Richards
Sam
H.
Maybury
R.
L.
B.
Nelson
Hyatt
Hyatt
Osgood
Fung
Bliskie-Smith
H.
Salinas
G.
Fedyna
Satkowski
Fuentes
Burris
Vest
S.
Macias
Timone
B.
Sanchez
Beltran
A.
Mou
R.
L.
Robinson
Crockett
Guzman
Melendrez
Jonovich
W.
Berg
A.
2018 Haiku Expo Outstanding and Honorable Mention Haiku Winners!

Kevin RAMIREZ
Kinan R.
Kirsten M.
Kyra S.
Laurny K.
Lenin Valdivia
Levi H.
Lillian
Lily H.
Litzy Aparicio
Mackenzie F.T.
Maddie D.
Maddy P.
Madeleine Levesque
Madison L.
Makayla J.
Maliki Dowling
Marcus G.
Matthew R.
Max V.
Maya M.
Meredith Fedyna
Mia V.
Micah Tucker
Michael To
Michael Marcanti
Miguel V.
Mike Sachen
Mike MeKeel
Miki Pimienta
Miranda H.
Morgan Heinlein
Munetaka Araki
Nadine Lockhart
Natalia P.
Nathalia Villa Moreno
Nathan Han
Nathaniel Sharette
Nicholas Boisvert
Nicole Karapelou-Hjalmarson
Nikol Gombos
Oliver H.
Olivia F.
Paige S.
Patricia Pullenza
Paul Stabin
Paula Ashley
Peter Rillero
Ramneek S.
Ramon Liu
Randy Kindelay
Randy P.
Rhonda Brown
Ric Wyckoff
Ricardo Ibarra
Riley R.
Robert M.
Robert Jordan Sr.
Roman W.
Roman M.
Rosemary Bryerton-Schiff
Ryleigh P.
Sally F.
Samantha Jones
Samuel Sprague
Samuel P.
Santhana Rajasundaram
Sayer J.
Scott Shields
Sebastian B.
Shane H.
Shinta Okabe
Shiori Okabe
Sierra G.
Sindur Falomir
Sonny Salter
Sophia Am.
Sophie Dessaules
Spencer E.
Stephanie Sanchez
Stephanie Knorowski
Steven De Frates
Susanne Jerome
Sydney Storment
Tatum N.
Taylor Barnes
Telena Youvella
Tess M.
Theo C.
Tim Hinton
Tyler C.
Tyler G.
Valerie Neal
Veronica Hosking
Wendy Hankin
William Brown
Yaire Diaz Ochoa
Yasmin Chavira
Yaxcel
Yukihiro Ibuki
Zachariah Long
Zeus Ramirez
Zoe K.
Zoie Rossnagle