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# HAIKU EXPO

*Arizona inspired Japanese Poetry*



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ARIZONA MATSURI - A FESTIVAL OF JAPAN

*Selection of 2018 Haiku*



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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 34th annual Arizona Matsuri festival held in downtown Phoenix on February 24th and 25th, 2018.

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 mosquitos 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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# Grades K-3 Haiku

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*over a lake  
bald eagles soaring high  
we catch fish*

*Outstanding Haiku*

*Santhana Rajasundaram*

*Madison Heights Elementary School, Phoenix*





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## 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.

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*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 wildlly 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*

*rushing down a stream  
people enjoying water  
sliding on the rocks*

*Honorable Mention Haiku*

*Randy P.*

*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*

*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*

*Honorable Mention Haiku*

*Benedict B.*

*St. Louis the King Catholic School, Avondale*

*you fly very high  
colorful wings in the sky  
quietly lifting*

*Honorable Mention Haiku*

*Gloria*

*Grand Canyon Middle School, Grand Canyon*

*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*



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# Grades 4-6 Haiku

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*the petrified trees  
forever frozen in time  
silent ghosts of life*

*Outstanding Haiku*

*Nathan Han*

*Chandler*





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## 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 sunsmells  
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 Dessales*

*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*

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

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

*the ground disappeared  
under a thick white blanket  
of sparkling snow*

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

*the giant ficus  
myriad birds chattering  
countless voices speak*

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

*gloomy clouds arrive  
taking over the blue sky  
people run inside*

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

*hot arid deserts  
decorated with cacti  
glow in the moonlight*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Kayla  
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 wonderful  
lovely painted desertscapes  
gold in the sunset*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Theo C.  
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*

*standing still and strong  
wind ricocheting off it  
giant gray mountain*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Josh Timone  
Madison Heights Elementary School, Phoenix*

*howling coyotes  
in the glowing horizon  
calling each other*

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

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

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

*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*



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# Grades 7-8 Haiku

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*stripes of vibrant hues*

*splash across the Grand Canyon*

*rocks bake in the sun*

*Outstanding Haiku*

*Lauryn K.*

*Kyrene Middle School, Tempe*





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## 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.



*cloud cover blessings  
bring men a chance to escape  
scorching summer heat*

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

*Outstanding Haiku*

*Lauryn K.*

*Kyrene Middle School, Tempe*



*desolate echoes  
the valley whispers a song  
of merciless dust*

*Outstanding Haiku*

*Isabella H.*

*Kyrene Middle School, Tempe*





*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 it's drums  
while the wind sways with it's 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*

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

*Outstanding Haiku  
Andres Z.  
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*

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

*Outstanding Haiku  
Ashley Speers  
Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook*

*slowly setting sun  
relieves the valley of heat  
coyotes howl deep*

*Outstanding Haiku  
Ava B.  
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe*

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

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

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

*Outstanding Haiku  
Alisanna S.  
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe*

*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*

*petite pearly bud  
high atop a saguaro  
the petals spread wide*

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

*a flash of feathers  
comes out from the horizon  
dodging rattlesnakes*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Ramon Liu  
Holbrook Junior High School, Holbrook*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Alyssa Woolford  
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*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Maddy P.  
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe*

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

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

*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*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Kirsten M.  
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe*

*Arizona sun  
blurring the far horizon  
mirages emerge*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Giselle B.  
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*

*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*

*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*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Kinan R.  
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe*

*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 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 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 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*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Paige S.  
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe*

*tall spiky cactus  
towering above the snake  
whose long tail rattles*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Tim Hinton  
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*

*cactus silhouette  
a lone figure among rocks  
bearing icy winds*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Ellen L.  
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*

*colors fill the sky  
an inspiring collage  
beams over cacti*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Elliot C.  
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*



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# Grade 9-12 Haiku

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*brehtaking sunsets  
streaks of orange, yellow, and red  
paint the evening sky*

*Outstanding Haiku  
Jordan Burris  
Paradise Honors High School, Surprise*





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## 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.



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*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*



*incessant rays  
on the bleeding sun that rose  
crystal blue skies emerge*

*Outstanding Haiku  
Jennalynn Fung  
Chandler*



*dry hot sandy landscapes  
tumbleweeds rolling all day  
roadrunners running by*

*Outstanding Haiku  
Kaileigh  
Paradise Honors High School, Surprise*





*lime green saguaro  
evergreen bushes swishing  
crystal blue lake, boom*

*Outstanding Haiku  
Ashley Polkabila  
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  
Tlena 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*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Yaxcel  
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*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Cirino V  
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix*

*a picturesque place  
peace that transcends clouds  
true tranquility*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Michael To  
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*

*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 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*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku*

*Yaire Diaz Ochoa  
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku*

*David Olague  
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku*

*Hanny Hidalgo Diaz  
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix*

*winter illusion  
peaceful bliss in the desert  
a sweater weather*

*Honorable Mention Haiku*

*Karla Guzman  
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 sky dark and bleak  
moonlight overcomes it all  
livened by this peace*

*Honorable Mention Haiku*

*Samuel Sprague  
Desert Ridge High School, Mesa*

*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*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Jennalynn Fung  
Chandler*

*the gracious sunset  
loons over the large canyon  
beauty and wonder*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Catherine Hawkins  
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*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Emily Neubert  
Paradise Honors High School, Surprise*

*nothing but silence  
until there begins movement  
good morning desert*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Caitlyn Rathbun  
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*

*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*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Levi H  
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*

*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*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Sonny Salter  
Globe High School, Globe*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Alicia Hays  
Globe High School, Globe*

*lavander blue skies  
storms brewing in the thick clouds  
dry grounds preparing*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Analycia Herrera-Tarango  
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*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Nathaniel Sharette  
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*

*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*

*green leaves all over  
butterflies flying around  
loud laughter is heard*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Carmen Bravo  
Metro Tech High School, Phoenix*

*Will Rogers highway  
main street of America  
connecting many*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Lenin Valdivia  
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*

*beautiful Tombstone  
with its big empty buildings  
drier than summer*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Jose Vest  
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*

*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*

*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*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Amrutha Obulasetty  
Chandler*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Ricardo Ibarra  
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*

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

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

*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*



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# University & Adult Haiku

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*full moon tonight  
there will be no rest for me  
not with her watching*

*Outstanding Haiku*

*Carl Welsh*

*Phoenix*

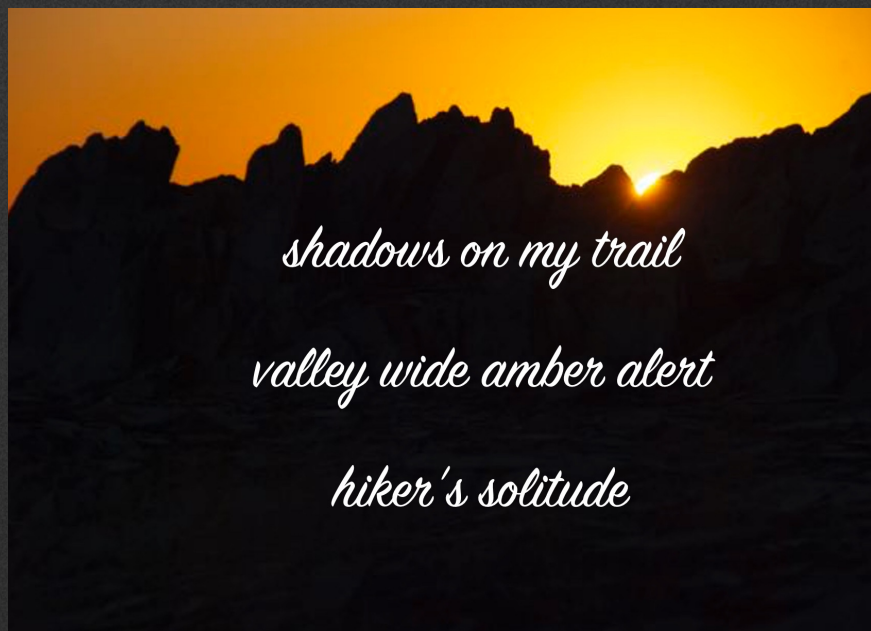




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## HIKER'S SOLITUDE

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 Sachse  
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-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*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Sierra G.  
Arizona State University, Gilbert*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Ginger L Franklin  
Phoenix*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Sierra G.  
Arizona State University, Gilbert*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Ginger L Franklin  
Phoenix*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Sierra G.  
Arizona State University, Gilbert*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Emma Sansone  
Chandler*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Valerie Neal  
Mesa Community College, Mesa*



*night is not still  
bats fly on the moonlit sky  
the desert is alive*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Alex Stumer  
Mesa*

*too hot, then perfect  
Arizona's two seasons  
welcome back, snowbird*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Mike McKeel  
Tempe*

*first light at sunrise  
the saguaro silhouettes  
salute a new day*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Jenny Bilskie-Smith  
Peoria*

*Monsoon's heavy rains  
Too much for roadway drains  
Cars not in their lanes*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Barbara Buck  
Apache Junction*

*albino pigeon  
in unison with gray flock  
wisdom for humans*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Jenny Bilskie-Smith  
Peoria*

*lightning streaks  
rain sizzles hot desert sand  
sky ablaze*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Veronica Hosking  
Avondale*

*the cactus wren  
is at home among the thorns  
married fifteen years*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Mike McKeel  
Tempe*

*gypsy tumbleweed  
brave anatomy blowing  
freedom from parched lips*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Jeanne Osgood  
Vail*



*out of the dry wash  
yellow flowers blow in wind  
across the desert*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Paula Ashley  
Glendale*

*the summer heat wave  
hummingbird hovers and fans  
the wilting flower*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
John Fedyna  
Phoenix*

*on horseback she rides  
across our Arizona  
to the matsuri*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Anthony Foggiano  
Tucson*

*triple digit temps  
the only green to be seen  
artificial turf*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
ohn Fedyna  
Phoenix*

*dust clouds billowing  
across parched desert mesas  
Sonoran blizzard*

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Scott Shields  
Mesa*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Gina Sleeper  
Apache Junction*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku  
Ric Wyckoff  
Chandler*



2018 OUTSTANDING & HONORABLE MENTION

# Japanese Language Haiku



雲行き真広い天が知る万人包む

*kumoyuki ma hiroi ten ga shiru bannin tsutsumu*

*Outstanding Haiku*

*Caitlyn Kolesar*

*Peoria*





## DESERT 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 desertscapes*

*awesome! solar wonderland*

*burning in my heart*

サンダルと傘でスキップにわか雨

*sandaru 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*





桃でなく黄色の花見て望郷の春  
*momo denaku kiiro no hana mite bokyō no haru*

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



冬眠で腹ペコりすの群れ走る  
*tomin de hara peko risu no mure hashiru*

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

あつい夏スイカを食べるおいしいな  
*atsui natsu suika wo taberu oishi na*

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

ツーソンは山がきれいできもちいな  
*Tsuson wa yama ga kirei de kimocho na*

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



探し物やっとなんて探して置き忘れ  
*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*

舞初老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*



ハラペーニョ食べたしゅん間ぼくゴジラ

*Harapenyo tabeta shun-kan boku gojira*

*Honorable Mention Haiku*

*Shinta Okabe*

*Tucson Japanese Language School, Tucson*

家族して会議に遅刻かクエール親子

*kazoku shite kaigi ni chikoku ka kueru oyako*

*Honorable Mention Haiku*

*Hitomi McKnight*

*Tucson Japanese Language School, Tucson*



# Haiku Expo Statistics

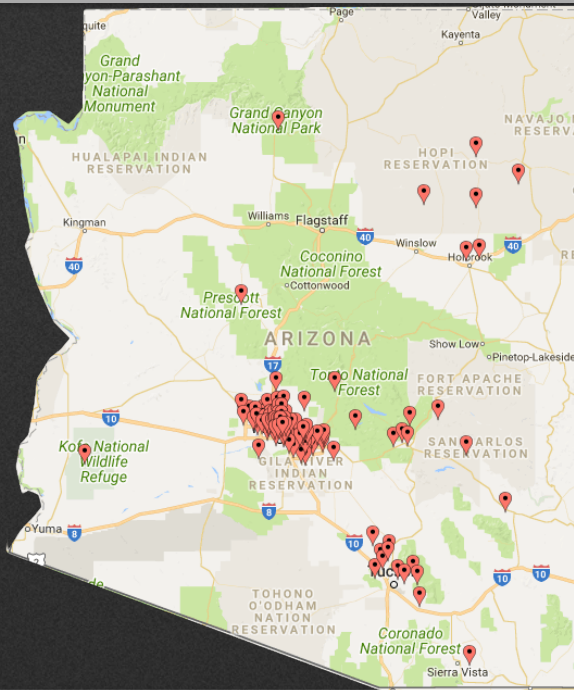
## HAIKU EXPO 2018 ENTRY STATISTIC

- 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	Mom and Dad	Mrs. Knorowski
Anne Johnson	Mr. Allen	Mrs. Steiner
Carly Mendoza	Mr. Anderson	Ms. Dwosh
Debra Rosenblum	Mr. Blake	Ms. Keller
Donna Magee	Mr. Calderon	Ms. Leskie
Enid Heilman	Mr. Obregon	Ms. Mendoza
Hitomi McKnight	Mr. Stephens	Ms. Rosenblum
Janis Barden	Mr. Varela	Nadine Lockhart
Jose Obregon	Mrs. Andreasen	Patrick Whorton
Julie Eilertsen	Mrs. Anne Johnson	Pete Chidester
Keller Sensei	Mrs. Casey	Stephanie Purcell
Marco Dominguez	Mrs. Hankin	Teresa Fritton
Marlies Keller	Mrs. Keller	Tiffany Huisman
		Wendy Hankin





*Arizona participant cities*

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Apache Junction | Peoria         |
| Avondale        | Peridot        |
| Chandler        | Phoenix        |
| Dilkon          | Prescott       |
| El Mirage       | Rio Verde      |
| Ganado          | San Carlos     |
| Gilbert         | San Tan Valley |
| Glendale        | San Carlos     |
| Globe           | Sanders        |
| Grand Canyon    | Scottsdale     |
| Greasewood      | Sierra Vista   |
| Holbrook        | Sun Valley     |
| Indian Wells    | Surprise       |
| Keams Canyon    | Tempe          |
| Laveen          | Thatcher       |
| Litchfield Park | Tucson         |
| Marana          | Vail           |
| Mesa            | Waddell        |
| Miami           | Winslow        |
| Navajo          | Woodruff       |
| Oro Valley      | Yuma           |

*Arizona participant schools*

- Grand Canyon Middle School
- Grand Canyon School
- Harelson Elementary School
- Holbrook Junior High School
- Kyrene Middle School
- La Cima Middle School
- Madison No. 1 Elementary School
- Madison Heights Elementary School
- Madison No. 1 Middle School
- Madison No. 1 REACH
- St. Louis the King Catholic School
- Tucson Japanese Language School
- Wilson Elementary School
- Gowan Science Academy
- Bioscience High School
- Chaparral High School
- Desert Ridge High School
- Globe High School
- Hamilton High School
- Mesquite High School
- Metro Tech High School
- Paradise Honors High School
- Phoenix Union Bioscience High School
- South Mountain High School
- Tempe High School
- Arizona State University
- Chandler Gilbert Community College
- Eastern Arizona College
- Mesa Community College
- University of Arizona





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.

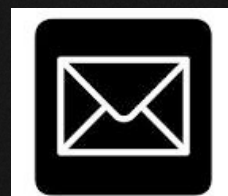
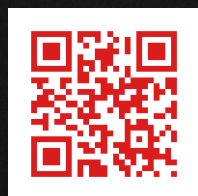
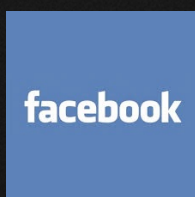


Thank you to all participants in this 4th year of the Arizona Matsuri Haiku Expo. We are very pleased with the growing number of participants this year and can only hope to grow this event in the future. Please help us by spreading the word about our event among faculty members, colleagues, friends, 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,  
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Arizona Matsuri Steering Committee  
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## *2018 Haiku Expo Outstanding and Honorable Mention Haiku Winners!*

Abbey	Roth	Carly	Baldemore	Henry	Calkins
Abby	A.	Carmen	Bravo	Hitomi	McKnight
Aidan	Press	Carolyn A.	Jones	Isaac	Roth
Alana	Nelson	Catalina	C.	Isabella	H.
Alex	Stumer	Catherine	Hawkins	Isabella	Daniel
Alexia	Ortiz	Celeste	Gallegos	Isabelle	Karapelou
Alicia	Hays	Channing	D.	Isabelle	Flores
Alisanna	S.	Charlie	Palmer	Jaclyn	Mona
Alondra	P.	Chloe	N.	Jacob	C.
Alyssa	Woolford	Cholo	Ciar	Jacob	Richards
Amelia	W.	Christian	Napolitano	Jacob	Sam
Amrutha	Obulasetty	Christopher	Devous	Jamie	H.
Amutha	Rajasunda-	Cindi	Reiss	Jaren	Maybury
Ana	ram	Cirino	V	Jason	R.
Analycia	Pozos	Cooper	Love	Jason	L.
Andres	Herrera-	Cooper	Weissman	Jason	B.
Andrew	Tarango	Cynthia	Camacho	Jayla	Nelson
Andrew	Z.	Cynthia	P	JeanEte	Hyatt
Angel	P.	David	Olague	JeanEte	Hyatt
Angelica	Phillips	Dayana	Romero	Jeanne	Osgood
Angelina	Palazuelos	Denise	DeVries	Jennalynn	Fung
Anitra	d'E.	Elizabeth	Paschal	Jenny	Bilskie-Smith
Anlylian	B.	Elizabeth	Snow	Jessica	H.
Anna	Montolla	Ellen	L.	Jessica	Salinas
Anna Kate	M.	Elliot	C.	Jhovanna	G.
Anthony	R.	Emily	Neubert	John	Fedyna
Anyssa	Brown	Emma	Sansone	Jojn	Satkowski
Areli	Foggiano	Eric	M.	Jonathan	Fuentes
Ashlee	Q.	Eva	Willis	Jordan	Burris
Ashley	P.	Everett	R.	Jose	Vest
Ashley	R.	Frankee	Darza	Joseph	S.
Ashlyne	Polkabla	Gabriela	Hernandez	Joseph	Macias
Ashlynn	Speers	Gina	Sleeper	Josh	Timone
Ava	Ritchie	Ginger L	Franklin	Josue	B.
Azumi	Floyd	Giselle	B.	Juan	Sanchez
Bailey	B.	Gloria		Juan	Beltran
Barbara	Uchida	Glory	Iyua	Jullian	A.
Baylee	Powell	Grace	H.	Justin	Mou
Benedict	Buck	Gryphon	Man	Kaelin	R.
Benjamin	Dexter	Guadalupe	Reynoso	Kaileigh	
Blake	B.	Hadley	Hipps	Kaitlyn	L.
Brandon	Meeks	Haley	T.	Kaleb	Robinson
Brian	Shamblin	Hana	McKnight	Karen	Crockett
Burabari	Whiting	Hannah	Wyman	Karla	Guzman
Cade	Zepeda	Hanny	Hidalgo	Kassandra	Melendrez
Caitlyn	Dan-Kane	Harper	Diaz	Katelynn	Jonovich
Caitlyn	B.	Haylee	H.	Katherine	W.
Caitlyn	J.	Helen	Goeders	Kayla	
Calder	Rathbun	Henry	Alderson	Kelsi	Berg
Carl	Kolesar	Henry	Brinkman	Kennedy	A.



## *2018 Haiku Expo Outstanding and Honorable Mention Haiku Winners!*

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



