
HAIKU EXPO

Arizona inspired Japanese Poetry



ARIZONA MATSURI - A FESTIVAL OF JAPAN

Selection of 2019 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 35th annual Arizona Matsuri festival held in downtown Phoenix on February 23rd and 24th, 2019.

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



magnificent view

listen to the crashing stream

such color to see

Outstanding Haiku

Makayla P.

St Louis the King Catholic School



EARLY MORNING MIST

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



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

Outstanding Haiku

Jacob A.

Madison Heights Elementary School



*dazzling yellow
bright fire-engine red
a fair marigold*

Outstanding Haiku

Olivia D.

Madison Heights Elementary School



*predator coming
ready to find prey at dusk
sneaky coyote*

Outstanding Haiku

Anthony G.

St. Louis the King Catholic School



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

Outstanding Haiku

Riley G.

Madison Heights Elementary School



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

Outstanding Haiku

Claire H.

Madison Heights Elementary School



*leaves waving in wind
brown trunk with bundles of green
crunchy yellow leaves*

Outstanding Haiku

Penelope M.

Madison Heights Elementary School



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

Outstanding Haiku

Luurena N.

St. Louis the King Catholic School



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

Outstanding Haiku

Ellie T.

Madison Heights Elementary School



*jackrabbit leaping
through the golden grass
big ears pointing up*

Outstanding Haiku

Magnolia R.

St. Louis the King Catholic School



*desert wind blowing
in the scorching hot air
dull brown haboob*

Outstanding Haiku

Santhana R.

Madison Heights Elementary School



*lovely animal
roadrunner trots to catch prey
takes your heart away*

Outstanding Haiku

Galilea S.

St. Louis the King Catholic School



*pinching golden claws
piercing tail like a sharp nail
as day fades they hunt*

Outstanding Haiku

Davin T.

St. Louis the King Catholic School



*small brown roadrunner
nimble sprints through cactus plains
a brown desert blurr*

Outstanding Haiku

Finn V.

Madison Heights Elementary School



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

Outstanding Haiku

Noel V.

St. Louis the King Catholic School



*surprising rattle
dancing tail in the warm air
on the desert floor*

*Outstanding Haiku
Adrian
St. Louis the King Catholic School*



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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Luc Arreola
Our House Montessori Elementary School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Ayuen C.
Our House Montessori Elementary School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Ayuen C.
Our House Montessori Elementary School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Elias F.
St. Louis the King Catholic School*

*sawed-off branches
a trees green appeal, calm
Leaves tumble off trees*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Christopher G.
Madison Heights Elementary School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Slye S.
Our House Montessori Elementary School*

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

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

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

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

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Sanantha R.
Madison Heights Elementary School*

*ortoise eating fruit from
a spikey prickly pear
desert restaurant*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Dylce
St. Louis the King Catholic School*

2019 OUTSTANDING & HONORABLE MENTION

Grades 4-6 Haiku



*the jagged mountains
covered with the midnight glow
await the warm sun*

Outstanding Haiku

Kayla T.

Madison No. 1 Middle School



MIRAGE ON THE HIGHWAY

Driving on a dry desert Arizona highway in mid summer it is not unusual to see a mirage or a naturally occurring optical phenomenon in which light rays are bent to produce a displaced image of distant objects such as a pool of water.



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

Outstanding Haiku

Abby A.

Madison No. 1 Middle School



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

Outstanding Haiku

Gabe B.

Madison Heights Elementary School



*calm steady river
rushes over rocks and sand
splash! A waterfall*

Outstanding Haiku

Madeline B.

Paradise Honors Middle School



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

Outstanding Haiku

Madeline B.

Paradise Honors Middle School



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

Outstanding Haiku

Torrance C.

Holbrook Junior High School



*a beautiful glow
the painter dips his brush
for heavenly art*

*Outstanding Haiku
Torrance C.
Holbrook Junior High School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Kimberly F.
Madison No. 1 Middle School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Olivia F.
Madison No. 1 Middle School*



*a sparkling lake
hides spotted fish surfacing
looking for good food*

*Outstanding Haiku
Cassidy G.
Madison No. 1 Middle School*



*frigid icy winds
crazy blizzards all around
fire warms the home*

*Outstanding Haiku
Cooper G.
Holbrook Junior High School*



*painted sunrise skies
red mountains glowing below
vibrant rays of light*

*Outstanding Haiku
Colin H.
Paradise Honors Middle School*



*to their dusty abode
the tumbleweeds swiftly dash
as the sun falls low*

*Outstanding Haiku
lilian H.
Madison No. 1 Middle School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Sam H.
Paradise Honors Middle School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Sam H.
Paradise Honors Middle School*



*the coyote howls
to the fullest moon of night
In the midst of dusk*

*Outstanding Haiku
Lillian H.
Madison No. 1 Middle School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Sage K,
Paradise Honors Middle School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Dominik S.
Paradise Honors Middle School*



*a sea of darkness
magic floating above me
look! A shooting star*

*Outstanding Haiku
Nia Y.
Paradise Honors Middle School*



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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Zeke B.
Paradise Honors Middle School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Macalen C.
Holbrook Junior High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Violet B.
adison Heights Elementary School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Sebastian C.
Holbrook Junior High School*

*Shimmering green leaves
a magenta-chartruse stem
is smooth to the touch*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Christopher D.
Madison Heights Elementary School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Hailie E.
Holbrook Junior High School*

*huge rocky cliffs
purple sunset behind cliffs
cacti are silent*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Marianna E.
Holbrook Junior High School*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Cooper G.
Holbrook Junior High School*

*how it makes me weak
why's the rock so dark and rough?
middle of the grass*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Jordan G.
Madison Heights Elementary School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Paul H.
Paradise Honors Middle School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Jordan G.
Madison Heights Elementary School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Tamar H.
Paradise Honors Middle School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Gavin H.
Phoenix*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Avery H.
Odyssey Junior High School*

*stalking shadow
creeps close to dangerous prey
for he is hungry*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Malachi H.
Paradise Honors Middle School*

*Saguaro grows high
the sunset in the background
beautiful canyons*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Aiden H.
Holbrook Junior High School*

*wild horses run free
manes and tails blow in the wind
a great sight to see*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Addyson H.
Holbrook Junior High School*

*cold desert winter
wind blows stars across the sky
sunrise brings soft light*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Paisley L.
Paradise Honors Middle School*

*Tall and majestic
Great and towering mountain
Its drawing me near*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Hadley H.
Madison Heights Elementary School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Ty L.
Holbrook Junior High School*

*monsoon rages on
ferociously roaring night
soft rainbow at dawn*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Sage S.
Paradise Honors Middle School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Danielle L.
Arizona School for the Arts*

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

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

*hot sandy desert
scaly creatures in the night
teddy bear cholla*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Giselle M.
Holbrook Junior High School*

*roadrunners sprinting
dashing faster than a bike
swiftly running home*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Tyrone N.
Holbrook Junior High School*

*saguaro shadows
colorful afternoon sky
brighten my blue eyes*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Alexis O.
Holbrook Junior High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Lilia O.
Our House Montessori Elementary School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Kylie P.
Paradise Honors Middle School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Socorro P.
Holbrook Junior High School*

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

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

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

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

*picturesque river
water slowly declining
carved national park*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Mia V.
Madison No. 1 Middle School*

*Bald eagles fly high
Bighorn sheep jump cliff to cliff
Beautiful canyon*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Ronin Y.
Holbrook Junior High School*

Grades 7-8 Haiku



*red rocks stacked high
nooks and crannies team with life
cracked earth underfoot*

Outstanding Haiku

Adeline B.

Kyrene Middle School



MONSOON SEASON

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



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

Outstanding Haiku

Barrett B.

Madison No. 1 Middle School



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

Outstanding Haiku

Barrett B.

Madison No. 1 Middle School



*cactus silhouettes
dark clouds and streaks of lightning
the earth joins the sky*

Outstanding Haiku

Catalina C.

St. Louis the King Catholic School



*elegant hued stripes
dance on distant horizons
night falls on desert*

Outstanding Haiku

Alec D.

Kyrene Middle School



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

Outstanding Haiku

Made D.

Kyrene Middle School



*a summer monsoon
the soft rain turns into hail
glass shatters nearby*

*Outstanding Haiku
Sally F.
Madison No. 1 Middle School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Meridith H.
Kyrene Middle School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Brenhin J,
Madison No. 1 Middle School*



*the striding quail
struts upon sizzling cracked ground
water is its quest*

Outstanding Haiku

Eshan K.

Kyrene Middle School



*The dark sky rumbles
tumbleweeds rolling about
lightning strikes the ground*

Outstanding Haiku

Jocelyn K.

Madison No. 1 Middle School



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

Outstanding Haiku

Noah M.

Madison No. 1 Middle School



*blessed cacti sigh
rejuvenated by rain
monsoons have arrived*

*Outstanding Haiku
Scott M.
Kyrene Middle School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Joesph R.
Kyrene Middle School*



*tall pines high above
silhouettes in starry skies
a coyote calls*

*Outstanding Haiku
Amutha R.
Madison No. 1 Middle School*



*singers in the night
silhouettes shadow the moon
roadrunners flee fast*

*Outstanding Haiku
Abbey R.
Madison No. 1 Middle School*



*hot, merciless sun
danger disguised by beauty
tumbleweeds roll by*

*Outstanding Haiku
Rachel S.
Kyrene Middle School*



*groups of sharp cacti
create a staggered green fence
dangerous beauty*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Adeline B.
Kyrene Middle School*

*I wake, nearly late
the show's about to begin
colors fill the sky*

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

*nocturnal owls
shelter in the saguaros
flaming parched desert*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Gavin B.
Kyrene Middle School*

*monsoon dust and rain
dangerous, disastrous
leaves behind a mess*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Gavin B.
Kyrene Middle School*

*towering sandstone
peering into dark indigo
winsome speckled sky*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Audrey C.
Kyrene Middle School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Lucas C.
Kyrene Middle School*

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

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

*saguaro blossoms
sitting upon cacti heads
a crown among thorns*

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

*spikes as protection
providing homes for many
safety lies within*

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

*steam is rising up
kayaking through the canyon
let the river roar*

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

*colorful clouds swirl
silhouettes of mesquite trees
against the sunset*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Cordelia E.
Kyrene Middle School*

*ribbons of rock consume
the scarlet spacious canyons
rough rivers flowing*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Alec D.
Kyrene Middle School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Isabella F.
Kyrene Middle School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Made D.
Kyrene Middle School*

*a desert secret
the story of a dutchman
superstition gold*

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

*Saguaro grow green
in the harsh dry desert heat
buzzing cicadas*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Tokujiro E,
Kyrene Middle School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Harper H.
Madison No. 1 Middle School*

*burning grains of sand
fertile grass melting away
mesquite scream in pain*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Nicholas H.
Kyrene Middle School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Vaughn H.
Kyrene Middle School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Sarah J.
Kyrene Middle School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Kaylee J
Grand Canyon Middle School*

*the great inferno
spreads over the barren land
cacti resisting*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Eshan K.
Kyrene Middle School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Eshan K.
Kyrene Middle School*

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

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

*Saguaro stands tall
Pasted against the night sky
Warrior standing guard*

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

*rose painted sunset
dusk chasing daylight away
stars shine in darkness*

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

*desert storm begins
thunderclouds loom overhead
lightning strikes the sky*

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

*rare mirage sighting
water soothes the soul of mind
uncommon beauty*

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

*purple sunset falls
surrounding grand canyon walls
beauty follows us*

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

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Abby R.
Kyrene Middle School*

*stunning Grand Canyon
mesmerizing hues of red
bake beneath the sun*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Alison S.
Kyrene Middle School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Quinn S.
Kyrene Middle School*

*Salt River horses
galloping through the desert
thriving wild and free*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Samantha S.
Kyrene Middle School*

*day begins to break
light creeps above the mountain
warmth filling the soul*

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

*great looming mountains
a saguaro standing tall
rattlesnakes slither*

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

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

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

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Daryn W.
Kyrene Middle School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Ethan W.
Kyrene Middle School*

*dry heated desert
so silent and so peaceful
eerie whistling winds*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Hannah W.
Kyrene Middle School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Ian Y.
Grand Canyon Middle School*

2019 OUTSTANDING & HONORABLE MENTION

Grade 9-12 Haiku



*hues of soft colors
clouds engulfed in firey red
the evening breeze blows*

*Outstanding Haiku
Clarely M.
Trevor G. Browne High School*



FLASH FLOODS

Late in the summer months the Arroyo or empty creeks seasonally fills and flows after heavy downpours of rain. These flash floods are common in arroyos during thunderstorms bringing these dry creeks to life and crossing roads commonly become impassible.



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Erin B.
Paradise Honors High School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Elijah A.
Paradise Honors High School*



*desert redemption
tumbleweeds blowing my way
when it rains, it pours*

*Outstanding Haiku
Ashlyn B.
Hamilton High School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Ashlyn B.
Hamilton High School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Liam C.
Paradise Honors High School*



*golden light rising
shadows and dust fill the path
early morning hike*

*Outstanding Haiku
Imani C.
Verrado High School*



*blanket of snow falls
red rock disappears beneath
icy winter frost*

*Outstanding Haiku
David D.
Paradise Honors High School*



*sunset like wildfire
vibrant painted clouds turn dark
surrender to stars*

*Outstanding Haiku
Isabella D.
Paradise Honors High School*



*rain patters the ground
aroma of creosote
thunder sighs gently*

*Outstanding Haiku
Meredith F.
Chaparral High School*



*The coyote howls
casting an eerie shadow
under the moonlight*

*Outstanding Haiku
Meredith F.
Chaparral High School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Eulises G.
Trevor G. Browne High School*



*our dessert goddess
she bring us our dust devil
tears flow in our eyes*

*Outstanding Haiku
Jose J.
Maryvale High School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Taylor K.
Paradise Honors High School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Emery L.
Horizon High School*



*rain clouds overhead
above the painted desert
aroma of wet petrichor*

*Outstanding Haiku
Dan Jericho L.
Verrado High School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Celtia M.
Paradise Honors High School*



*quiet desolation
an endless void swirls above
towering red rock*

*Outstanding Haiku
Jack M.
Paradise Honors High School*



*rain falls as glass shards
one flash after another
discord in the skies*

*Outstanding Haiku
Morgan M.
Paradise Honors High School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Emily N.
Paradise Honors High School*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Ian P.
Paradise Honors High School*



*born from the ashes
a mythical bird I am
expand my wings and sore*

*Outstanding Haiku
Ulises P.
Maryvale High School*



*rushing lukewarm winds
shatters the lasting silence
making way for life*

*Outstanding Haiku
Heidi R.
Phoenix*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Andria T.
Phoenix Coding Academy*



*the tortoise walks away
off to find a cooler day
but some days never end*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Ian A.
Hamilton High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Lesli A.
Phoenix*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
David B.
Paradise Honors High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Jordan B.
Paradise Honors High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Ashlyn B.
Hamilton High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Janeth C.
Phoenix*

*eye catching sunset
luminous with gold and red
bringing upon night*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Jasmin C.
Metro Tech High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Meredith F.
Chaparral High School*

*fierce eyes glowing bright
a gaze that can break the strongest
claws ready to strike*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Tatum G.
Paradise Honors High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Ashley G.
Metro Tech High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Ariana G.
Glendale*

*a cool rain drizzles
the desert rehydrated
life blossoms once more*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Asa H.
Metro Tech High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Fatimah H.
Maryvale High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Nicholas J.
Queen Creek*

*in the dessert heat
the lizards creaking loudly
they rise from the floor*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Jose J.
Maryvale High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Emery L.
Horizon High School*

*stars fall down to earth
colors mix into a haze
night fades into day*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Celtia M.
Paradise Honors High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Ryan M.
Paradise Honors High School*

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

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

*palo verde tree
your golden flowers blossom
carpeting the ground*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Clarley M.
Trevor G. Browne High School*

*A rattlesnake waits
For bunny to expose self
But bobcat pounces*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Andrew M.
Verrado High School*

*tumbleweed goes by
adrift the barren dry land
no moisture in sight*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Christian M.
Metro Tech High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Christian M.
Metro Tech High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Enrique P.
St. Augustine Catholic High School*

*the cold, starlit land
desert life awash with moon light
the gift of a flower*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Michael R.
Paradise Honors High School*

*mountain silhouette
in the pink sky
the moon slowly appears*

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

*dangerous thorns
surrounding precious new growth
fresh rubies to eat*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Christopher S.
Paradise Honors High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Sarahi V..
Metro Tech High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Emmalia S.
Paradise Honors High School*

*iridescent lights
painting the valley below
shining through the clouds*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Penelope Z.
Hamilton High School*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Nathan S.
Paradise Honors High School*

2019 OUTSTANDING & HONORABLE MENTION

University & Adult Haiku



*echoes of the past
resonate through canyon walls
hear the song of old*

Outstanding Haiku

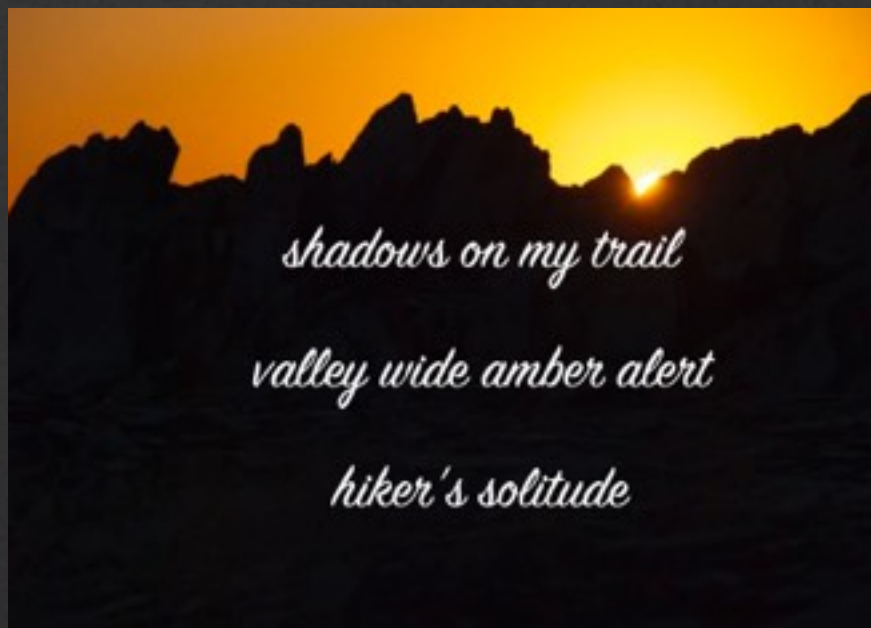
Gina S.

Apache Junction



HIKER'S SOLITUDE

A late afternoon hiker may be treated to
spectacular valley wide sunsets as the sky
lights up out west and the eastern side of the
mountains quickly falls into darkness,
providing a desert solitude for the hiker.



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

Outstanding Haiku

Eva A.

Phoenix



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

Outstanding Haiku

Catherine C.

Phoenix



*long awaited rain
dark clouds blur the horizon
thunderous applause*

*Outstanding Haiku
Candy C.
Glendale*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Anthony F.
Tucson*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Chris G.
Phoenix*



*clouds resting, waiting
superstition mountain peaks
holding up the rain*

*Outstanding Haiku
Norin H.
Phoenix*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Nicholas J.
Queen Creek*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Carolyn J.
Prescott*



*ocotillo charm
fingers reaching to the sky
rain brings blossom burst*

*Outstanding Haiku
Donna M.
Phoenix*



*morning light
in the shadow of the shrubs
the quail march*

*Outstanding Haiku
George N.
Phoenix*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Dennis Pinon
Phoenix*



*under the lime tree
among the gathered dead leaves
cactus wren rustles*

*Outstanding Haiku
Emma S.
Chandler*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Kimberly S.
Phoenix*



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

*Outstanding Haiku
Tanni W.
Phoenix*



*a lanky cowpoke
silhouetted by the sun
heavy desert breath*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Ernesto A.
Chandler*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Eva A.
Phoenix*

*desert hare
pounding mochi on the moon
Phoenix new year!*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
William B.
Phoenix*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
William B.
Phoenix*

*silent and steady
majestic mountains stretch out
basking in the sun*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Fran B.
Buckeye*

*deep roots stout body
sunbaked arms pointing upward
praying for rain*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Fran B.
Buckeye*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
William B.
Mesa*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Jacob C.
Mesa*

*hostile desert screams
return to our rocky home
thirst and ever strife*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Albrecht C.
Tucson*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Monique C.
Tempe*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Catherine C.
Phoenix*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Candy C.
Glendale*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Candy C.
Glendale*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Steven D.
Phoenix*

*her cold careless wind
sensations inside my heart
softly unspoken*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Doria D,
Scottsdale*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
John F.
Phoenix*

*dust colored sunset
bakes a heat hardened people
painted desert lives*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Miguel F.
Gilbert*

*cottontail jumping
through desert heat and dry wind
into a burrow*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Anthony F.
Tucson*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Hillary F.
Phoenix*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Leigh
Tempe*

*takoyaki line
where does it end and where's mine?
once a year, I wait*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Ginger F.
Phoenix*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Chris G.
Phoenix*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Gena H.
Goodyear*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Norine H.
Phoenix*

*snow dusts cactus
temperatures plunge in desert
surreal winter scene*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Veronica H.
Avondale*

*coyotes howling
while the saguaros stand sentry
Arizona nights*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Jonathan L.
Tempe*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Adam J.
Queen Creek*

*arabesque heaven
bleeding fever from above
summer does not sleep*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Anthony L.
Tempe*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Carolyn J,
Prescott*

*meandering train
Williams to the Grand Canyon
hold onto your seats*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Donna M.
Glendale*

*tangerine sunrise
hulking camel slumbering
in a purple haze*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Mary L.
Phoenix*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Michael M.
Mesa*

*cactus wren fleeing
to the hollow saguaro
a hidden fortress*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Michael M.
Mesa*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Sonja M.
Guadalupe*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Salli M.
Phoenix*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Mike M.
Tempe*

*dove of the desert
a place of peace and worship
San Javier del Bac*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Dennis P.
Phoenix*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Mark R.
Wellton*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Cindi R.
Phoenix*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Cindi R.
Phoenix*

*orange tinged sunset
a whirlwind of sand and dust
breaks the calm silence*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Andrew S.
Mesa*

*eight arm bandito
Sonoran desert delight
my seafood tacos*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
John S.
Phoenix*

*beckoning me up
rocky peaks of Camelback
eagle's view of home*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Kimberly S.
Tempe*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Kimberly S.
Tempe*

*silhouettes by lake
draped by fiery evening skies
amused biker stays*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Naushita S.
Tempe*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Scott S.
Mesa*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Gina S.
Apache Junction*

*mystic rain falls
cleansing the canyons
my spirit awakens*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Katherine S.
Phoenix*

*tumbleweeds rolling
along the barren landscape
dust devils fly high*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Alex S.
Mesa*

*sneaky rattlesnake
creeping ever so slowly
lizard leaped too late*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Stuart W.
Tucson*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Alex S.
Mesa*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Carl W.
Phoenix*

*gradient colors
fluorescent across the sky
share secrets with the mountains*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Noelani V.
Goodyear*

*watercolor skies
fade into a horizon
lined by desert sands*

*Honorable Mention Haiku
KM Z.
Scottsdale*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
Noelani V.
Goodyear*

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

*Honorable Mention Haiku
KM Z.
Scottsdale*

2019 OUTSTANDING & HONORABLE MENTION

Japanese Language Haiku



荒れ野原暑いアリゾナ砂嵐

arenohara atsui Arizona sunaarashi

Outstanding Haiku

Alexander R.

Desert Mountain High School



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.



鳥は笑みうれしい枯れ木空は赤
tori wa emi ureshī kareki sora wa aka

Outstanding Haiku
Jack Berry
Phoenix



暑い谷空燃える赤砂無限
atsui tani sora moeru akasuna mugen

Outstanding Haiku
John H.
Desert Mountain High School



雨がふるかさはいらなかるくふる
ame ga furu kasa wa iranai karuku furu

Outstanding Haiku
Hana M.
Tucson Japanese Language School



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

Outstanding Haiku
Hana M.
Tucson Japanese Language School



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

Outstanding Haiku
Akemi S.
Mesa



みみずくの求愛響く月の夜
mimizuku no kyūai hibiku tsuki no yoru

Outstanding Haiku
Miki P.
Tucson



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

Outstanding Haiku
Miki P.
Tucson



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

Outstanding Haiku
Miki P.
Tucson



夕暮れの奇跡の美を背に黒サワロ
yūgure no kiseki no bi o se ni kuro sawaro

Outstanding Haiku
Hitomi M.
Tucson Japanese Language School



腕たれるサワロの冬に思い馳す
ude tareru sawaro no fuyu ni omoi hasu

Outstanding Haiku
Hitomi M.
Tucson Japanese Language School



うさぎさんあつい山でもあせでない
usagi-san atsui yama demo ase denai

Outstanding Haiku
Aira T.
Tucson Japanese Language School



はやく外お店がさむい夏の中
hayaku soto o-mise ga samui natsu no naka

Outstanding Haiku
Azumi U.
Tucson Japanese Language School



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

Outstanding Haiku
Azumi U.
Tucson Japanese Language School



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

Honorable Mention Haiku
Susan C.
Chaparral High School

アリゾナの冬の雪山ああ寒い
Arizona no fuyu no yuki yama, aah samui

Honorable Mention Haiku

*Yueh-Yun C.
Scottsdale*

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

Honorable Mention Haiku

*Cara C.
Desert Mountain High School*

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

Honorable Mention Haiku

*Josh G.
Desert Mountain High school*

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

Honorable Mention Haiku

*Devin J.
Scottsdale*

雨色香水溜りから空に散歩
ame iro kosui tamarikara sora ni sampo

Honorable Mention Haiku

*Caitlyn K.
Peoria*

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

Honorable Mention Haiku

*Caitlyn K.
Peoria*

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

Honorable Mention Haiku

*Matthew P.
Desert Mountain High School*

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

Honorable Mention Haiku

*Akemi S.
Mesa*

アリゾナのうさはちやいろかわいいな
Arizona no usagi wa chairo kawai

Honorable Mention Haiku
Aira T,
Tucson Japanese Language School

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

Honorable Mention Haiku
Aira T,
Tucson Japanese Language School

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

Honorable Mention Haiku
Azumi U.
Tucson Japanese Language School

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

Honorable Mention Haiku
Ayala Z.
Chaparral High School

Haiku Expo Statistics

HAIKU EXPO 2019 ENTRY STATISTIC

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

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Armenta Sensei

Butler Sensei

Blake Sensei

Barnes Sensei

Bryerton Sensei

Barnes Sensei

Delord Sensei

Deahl Sensei

Dutchen Sensei

Deahl Sensei

Do Sensei

Estridge Sensei

Erwin Sensei

Eisen Sensei

Gates Sensei

Gutierrez Sensei

Heinlien Sensei

Hinz Sensei

He Sensei

Jakeo Sensei

Keller Sensei

Lubbers Sensei

McCartin Sensei

Magee Sensei

Meldrum Sensei

Malagaon Sensei

McKnight Sensei

Nichols Sensei

Stumer Sensei

Purcell Sensei

Spiegel Sensei

Shields Sensei

Sobek Sensei

Tucker Sensei

Verdy Sensei

Walker Sensei

Walker Sensei

Wentz Sensei



Participant Arizona cities

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

Arizona participant schools

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

2019 Haiku Expo Outstanding and Honorable Mention Haiku Winners!

Category 1 - Grades K-3

Adrian		Outstanding
Angelina	T.	Honorable Mention
Anthony	G.	Outstanding
Ayuen	C.	Honorable Mention
Ayuen	C.	Honorable Mention
Christopher	G.	Honorable Mention
Claire	H.	Outstanding
Dariana	L.	Honorable Mention
Davin	T.	Outstanding
Dulce		Honorable Mention
Elias	F.	Honorable Mention
Ellie	T	Outstanding
Finn	V.	Outstanding
Galilea	S.	Outstanding
Jacob	A.	Outstanding
Luc	A.	Honorable Mention
Lureena	N.	Outstanding
Magnolia	R.	Outstanding
Makayla	P.	Outstanding
Noel	V.	Outstanding
Olivia	D.	Outstanding
Penelope	M.	Outstanding
Riley	G.	Outstanding
Santhana	R.	Outstanding
Santhana	R.	Honorable Mention
Slye	S.	Honorable Mention

2019 Haiku Expo Outstanding and Honorable Mention Haiku Winners!

Category 2 - Grades 4-6

Abby	A.	Outstanding	Sage	K.	Honorable Mention
Addyson	H.	Honorable Mention	Sage	K.	Outstanding
Aiden	H.	Honorable Mention	Sam	H.	Outstanding
Alexis	O.	Honorable Mention	Sam	H.	Outstanding
Arina	F.	Honorable Mention	Sebastian	C.	Honorable Mention
Arina	F.	Honorable Mention	Socorro	P.	Honorable Mention
Avery	H.	Honorable Mention	Tamar	H.	Honorable Mention
Cassidy	G.	Outstanding	Torrance	C.	Outstanding
Christopher	D.	Honorable Mention	Torrance	C.	Outstanding
Colin	H.	Outstanding	Ty	L.	Honorable Mention
Cooper	G.	Outstanding	Tyrone	N.	Honorable Mention
Cooper	G.	Honorable Mention	Violet	B.	Honorable Mention
Danielle	L.	Honorable Mention	Zeke	B..	Honorable Mention
Dominik	S.	Outstanding			
Gabe	B.	Outstanding			
Gavin	H.	Honorable Mention			
Giselle	M.	Honorable Mention			
Hadley	H.	Honorable Mention			
Hailie	E.	Honorable Mention			
Hayden	S.	Honorable Mention			
Jordan	G.	Honorable Mention			
Jordan	G.	Honorable Mention			
Jula	K.	Honorable Mention			
Kayla	T.	Outstanding			
Kimberly	F.	Outstanding			
Kylie	P.	Honorable Mention			
Lilia	O.	Honorable Mention			
Lillian	H.	Outstanding			
Lillian	H.	Outstanding			
Lucas	V.	Honorable Mention			
Macalen	C.	Honorable Mention			
Madeline	B.	Outstanding			
Madeline	B.	Outstanding			
Malachi	H.	Honorable Mention			
Marianna	E.	Honorable Mention			
Mia	V.	Honorable Mention			
Nathan	G.	Honorable Mention			
Nia	Y.	Outstanding			
Olivia	F.	Honorable Mention			
Olivia	F.	Outstanding			
Paisley	L.	Honorable Mention			
Paul	H.	Honorable Mention			
Roninin	Y.	Honorable Mention			

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Category 3 - Grades 7-8

Abbey	R.	Outstanding	Nicholas	H.	Honorable Mention
Abby	R.	Honorable Mention	Noah	M.	Outstanding
Adeline	B.	Outstanding	Quinn	S.	Honorable Mention
Adeline	B.	Honorable Mention	Rachel	S.	Outstanding
Aidan	P.	Honorable Mention	Sally	F.	Outstanding
Aidan	P.	Honorable Mention	Sally	F.	Honorable Mention
Alec	D.	Outstanding	Samantha	S.	Honorable Mention
Alec	D.	Honorable Mention	Sarah	J.	Honorable Mention
Alison	S.	Honorable Mention	Scott	M.	Outstanding
Amutha	R.	Outstanding	Sebastian	B.	Honorable Mention
Audrey	C.	Honorable Mention	Tess	M.	Honorable Mention
Barrett	B.	Outstanding	Tess	M.	Honorable Mention
Barrett	B.	Outstanding	Tokujiro	E.	Honorable Mention
Blake	S.	Honorable Mention	Vaughn	H.	Honorable Mention
Brenhin	J.	Outstanding			
Caleb	C.	Honorable Mention			
Caleb	C.	Honorable Mention			
Catalina	C.	Outstanding			
Charlie	P.	Honorable Mention			
Cordelia	E.	Honorable Mention			
Daryn	W.	Honorable Mention			
Eshan	K.	Outstanding			
Eshan	K.	Honorable Mention			
Eshan	K.	Honorable Mention			
Ethan	W.	Honorable Mention			
Gavin	B.	Honorable Mention			
Gavin	B.	Honorable Mention			
Hannah	W.	Honorable Mention			
Harper	H.	Honorable Mention			
Ian	Y.	Honorable Mention			
Isabella	F.	Honorable Mention			
Jocelyn	K.	Outstanding			
Jocelyn	K.	Honorable Mention			
Joseph	R.	Outstanding			
Kaylee	J.	Honorable Mention			
Kyle	C.	Honorable Mention			
Kyle	C.	Honorable Mention			
Landry	S.	Honorable Mention			
Landry	S.	Honorable Mention			
Lucas	C.	Honorable Mention			
Made	D.	Outstanding			
Made	D.	Honorable Mention			
Meredith	H.	Outstanding			

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Category 4 - Grades 9-12

Andrew	M.	Honorable Mention	Meredith	F.	Outstanding
Andria	T.	Outstanding	Meredith	F.	Honorable Mention
Ariana	G.	Honorable Mention	Michael	R.	Honorable Mention
Asa	H.	Honorable Mention	Morgan	M.	Outstanding
Ashley	G.	Honorable Mention	Nathan	S.	Honorable Mention
Ashlyn	B.	Outstanding	Nicholas	J.	Honorable Mention
Ashlyn	B.	Honorable Mention	Penelope	Z.	Honorable Mention
Ashlyn	B.	Outstanding	Ryan	M.	Honorable Mention
Celtia	M.	Honorable Mention	Sarahi	V.	Honorable Mention
Celtia	M.	Outstanding	Tatum	G.	Honorable Mention
Christian	M.	Honorable Mention	Taylor	K.	Outstanding
Christian	M.	Honorable Mention	Ulises	P.	Outstanding
Christopher	S.	Honorable Mention			
Clarely	M.	Honorable Mention			
Clarely	M.	Outstanding			
Clarely	M.	Honorable Mention			
Dan Jericho	L.	Outstanding			
David	B.	Honorable Mention			
David	D.	Outstanding			
Elijah	A.	Outstanding			
Emery	L.	Outstanding			
Emery	L.	Honorable Mention			
Emily	N.	Outstanding			
Emmalia	S.	Honorable Mention			
Enrique	P.	Honorable Mention			
Erin	B.	Outstanding			
Eulises	G.	Outstanding			
Fatemeh	H.	Honorable Mention			
Heidi	R.	Outstanding			
Ian	A.	Honorable Mention			
Ian	P.	Outstanding			
Imani	C.	Outstanding			
Isabella	D.	Outstanding			
Jack	M.	Outstanding			
Janeth	C.	Honorable Mention			
Jasmin	C.	Honorable Mention			
Jordan	B.	Honorable Mention			
Jose	J.	Outstanding			
Jose	J.	Honorable Mention			
Kai	T.	Honorable Mention			
Lesli	A.	Honorable Mention			
Liam	C.	Outstanding			
Meredith	F.	Outstanding			

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Category 5 - University & Adult

Adam	Johnson	Honorable Mention	Kimberly	Shaffer	Honorable Mention
Albrecht	Classen	Honorable Mention	Kimberly	Solis	Outstanding
Alex	Stumer	Honorable Mention	KM	Zafari	Honorable Mention
Alex	Stumer	Honorable Mention	KM	Zafari	Honorable Mention
Andrew	S	Honorable Mention	Leigh		Honorable Mention
Anthony	Foggiano	Honorable Mention	Mark	Redfearn	Honorable Mention
Anthony	Foggiano	Outstanding	Mary Hope	Lee	Honorable Mention
Anthony	Luna	Honorable Mention	Michael	Marcanti	Honorable Mention
Candy	Cruse	Honorable Mention	Michael	Marcanti	Honorable Mention
Candy	Cruse	Outstanding	Miguel	Fernandez	Honorable Mention
Candy	Cruse	Honorable Mention	Mike	McKeel	Honorable Mention
Carl	Welsh	Honorable Mention	Monique	Clement	Honorable Mention
Carolyn A.	Jones	Honorable Mention	Naushita	Sharma	Honorable Mention
Carolyn A.	Jones	Outstanding	Nicholas	J	Outstanding
Catherine	Crary	Honorable Mention	Noelani	Verdy	Honorable Mention
Catherine	Crary	Outstanding	Noelani	Verdy	Honorable Mention
Chris	Griffin	Honorable Mention	Norine	Heinrich	Outstanding
Chris	Griffin	Outstanding	Norine	Heinrich	Honorable Mention
Cindi	Reiss	Honorable Mention	Salli	McCartin	Honorable Mention
Cindi	Reiss	Honorable Mention	Scott	Shields	Honorable Mention
Dennis	Pinon	Honorable Mention	Sonja	Martinez	Honorable Mention
Dennis	Pinon	Outstanding	Steven	De Frates	Honorable Mention
Donna	Magee	Honorable Mention	Stuart	Watkins	Honorable Mention
Donna	Magee	Outstanding	Tanni	Whitlock	Outstanding
Doria	Dphrepaulezz	Honorable Mention	Veronica	Hosking	Honorable Mention
Emma	Sansone	Outstanding	William	Barden	Honorable Mention
Ernesto	Abeytia	Honorable Mention	William	Barden	Honorable Mention
Eva	Alle Miles	Honorable Mention	William	Brown	Honorable Mention
Eva	Alle Miles	Outstanding			
Fran	Block	Honorable Mention			
Fran	Block	Honorable Mention			
Gena	Hatch	Honorable Mention			
George	Nakada	Outstanding			
Gina	Sleeper	Honorable Mention			
Gina	Sleeper	Outstanding			
Ginger L	Franklin	Honorable Mention			
Hillary	Frank	Honorable Mention			
Jacob	Churosh	Honorable Mention			
John	Fedyna	Honorable Mention			
John	Sachen	Honorable Mention			
Jonathan	Levine	Honorable Mention			
Katherine	Sorensen	Honorable Mention			
Kimberly	Shaffer	Honorable Mention			

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Category 6 - Japanese Language 日本語

Aira	T.	Honorable Mention
Aira	T.	Honorable Mention
Aira	T.	Outstanding
Akemi	S.	Honorable Mention
Akemi	S.	Outstanding
Alexander	R.	Outstanding
Ayala	Z.	Honorable Mention
Azumi	U.	Outstanding
Azumi	U.	Outstanding
Azumi	U.	Honorable Mention
Caitlyn	K.	Honorable Mention
Caitlyn	K.	Honorable Mention
Cara	C.	Honorable Mention
Devin	J.	Honorable Mention
Hana	M.	Outstanding
Hana	M.	Outstanding
Hitomi	M.	Outstanding
Hitomi	M.	Outstanding
Jack	B.	Outstanding
John	H.	Outstanding
Josh	G.	Honorable Mention
Matthew	P.	Honorable Mention
Miki	P.	Outstanding
Miki	P.	Outstanding
Miki	P.	Outstanding
Susan	C.	Honorable Mention
Yueh-Yun	C.	Honorable Mention



The Arizona Matsuri is an annual festival which celebrate Japanese culture and heritage, traditional and modern. The two-day event held at Heritage & Science Park in downtown Phoenix features the sights and sounds of Japan, art, crafts, music, dance and much more. The family friendly Matsuri is free to all. Japanese food and goods from over 60 vendors are available for purchase and the beer and sake garden is a great place to relax. The Arizona Matsuri was first held in 1984 and celebrated its 35th anniversary in 2019.

The Haiku Expo celebrated its 5th year in 2019 following its inaugural event in 2015 where we had over 600 entries, 800 in 2016 , 900 in 2017 and this year it continues to grow with over 1000 entries in 2018 and 2019. The e-Book collections from 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and now 2019 winners is available as a free download from the Arizona Matsuri website. The Haiku Expo festival displayed a selection of all Outstanding Haiku from the current and previous years for participants to read and experience the winner's haiku.

Thank you to all participants in this 5th year of the Arizona Matsuri Haiku Expo. We are very pleased with the growing number of participants this year and can only hope to grow this event in the future. Please help us by spreading the word about our event among faculty members, colleagues, friends, clubs and poet enthusiasts.

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

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

Thank you,
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