

THE HAIKU CALENDAR COMPETITION 2007

WINNERS

January	'dawn at last'	Peggy Willis Lyles (USA)
February	'the way he leans'	Ferris Gilli (USA)
March	'almost spring'	John Stevenson (USA)
April	'spring sunshine'	Phillip Murrell (England)
May	'prairie morning'	Billie Wilson (USA)
June	'first fireflies'	Chad Lee Robinson (USA)
July	'katydid chorus'	Christopher Patchel (USA)
August	'a butterfly'	Carolyn Hall (USA)
September	'autumn chill'	Carolyne Rohrig (USA)
October	'street by street'	Marianna Monaco (USA)
November	'All Souls'	Helen Buckingham (England)
December	'winter dusk'	Carole MacRury (USA)

Each of these haiku features prominently in *The Haiku Calendar 2008*.
The Prize Money of £360/US \$600 is divided equally between the 12 Winners.

RUNNERS-UP

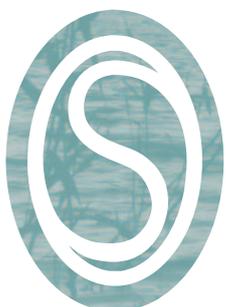
Susan Antolin (USA) 'still composing'	Garry Gay (USA) 'dandelion wind'	Roland Packer (Canada) 'budding warmth'
Francine Banwarth (USA) 'slow bend in the river' 'spring dawn' 'starry night'	Ferris Gilli (USA) 'he is the first'	Tom Painting (USA) 'the stray key'
Jack Barry (USA) 'cold rain' 'dark early' 'reaching deeper'	Andrea Grillo (USA) 'morning dew' 'winter stars'	Christopher Patchel (USA) 'catching a maple leaf' 'in like a lion'
Marjorie Buettner (USA) 'dark of the moon'	Carolyn Hall (USA) 'circle of lamplight' 'night descending'	Matthew Paul (England) 'larch leaves' 'oystercatchers'
Owen Bullock (New Zealand) 'blowing'	Penny Harter (USA) 'a spiral of gnats'	Vanessa Proctor (Australia) 'starless night' 'toddler clothes'
Ellen Compton (USA) 'season of lights'	John Kinory (England) 'distant clouds'	Lynne Rees (England) 'market stall'
Norman Darlington (Ireland) 'Saint Brigid's Day'	Peggy Willis Lyles (USA) 'in spite of everything' 'long afternoon'	Ronald Rubin (England) 'summer heat'
Cherie Hunter Day (USA) 'New Year's Day'	Carole MacRury (USA) 'late summer'	Fred Schofield (England) 'autumn twilight' 'hanging from a branch'
Jasminka Nadaskic Diordjevic (Serbia) 'noon stillness'	Scott Mason (USA) 'late December evening'	Malcolm Williams (England) 'dawn frost'
Katherine Gallagher (England) 'cherry tree'	Marianna Monaco (USA) 'doctor's waiting room'	

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ADJUDICATOR'S REPORT

Many thanks to everyone who entered this 9th annual contest, and to those who helped to publicize what is an internationally established annual haiku 'event'.

This year 745 entries were received from 190 entrants residing in 18 countries across 4 continents: USA (87 entrants), England (55), Canada (13), Australia (8), New Zealand (7), Ireland (3), Scotland (3), Wales (3), Japan (2), Bosnia and Herzegovina (1), Bulgaria (1), Croatia (1), Denmark (1), France (1), Israel (1), N. Ireland (1), Philippines (1), and Serbia (1).

As ever, in the initial stage of adjudication each poem entered faced one simple criterion – its quality as a haiku. The shortlisted haiku were then judged according to their originality and relevance to their assigned months, particularly with regards to seasonal references.

With 52 haiku by 35 authors, the resulting 2008 calendar continues a rich tradition exploring and celebrating the continuing relevance of seasonal references in English-language haiku. The existence of the calendar, which is only made possible by participation in this contest, also allows us to appreciate individual haiku such as these:

almost spring
she tells the whole story
in a single breath

John Stevenson

a butterfly
so long at my window
summer dusk

Carolyn Hall

katydid chorus
nothing that can't wait
until tomorrow

Christopher Patchel

All Souls'
a wasp returns
to the lintel

Helen Buckingham

Many thanks again to all entrants for making both this contest and the calendar a worthwhile, and ongoing, experience. I would like to congratulate all the winning poets, and hope that their haiku will be widely appreciated throughout the coming year.

John Barlow

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