

THE HAIKU CALENDAR COMPETITION 2008

WINNERS

January	'Colonel Mustard'	John Stevenson (USA)
February	'white wind'	Carolyn Hall (USA)
March	'evening chill'	Renée Owen (USA)
April	'spring breeze'	Kala Ramesh (India)
May	'finally'	Jack Barry (USA)
June	'sunset'	Kala Ramesh (India)
July	'thunder moon'	Marilyn Appl Walker (USA)
August	'distant thunder'	Jamie Edgecombe (England)
September	'hurricane'	Ernest J. Berry (New Zealand)
October	'autumn rain'	Chad Lee Robinson (USA)
November	'touch of sleet'	Matthew Paul (England)
December	'the year passes'	Kala Ramesh (India)

Each of these haiku features prominently in *The Haiku Calendar 2009*.
The Prize Money of £300/US \$600 is divided equally between the 12 Winners.

RUNNERS-UP

Raquel D. Bailey (Jamaica) 'afternoon'	Jamie Edgecombe (England) 'streamside elms'	Fonda Bell Miller (USA) 'not yet day'
Francine Banwarth (USA) 'egg moon'	David Giacalone (USA) 'ice floes'	Christopher Patchel (USA) 'milkweed puffs'
Jack Barry (USA) 'end of summer' 'lily pads' 'your arm'	Ferris Gilli (USA) 'how I still fit'	Matthew Paul (England) 'solstice night' 'summer's end'
Roberta Beary (USA) 'spring break'	Andrea Grillo (USA) 'indian summer'	Vanessa Proctor (Australia) 'breastfeeding'
Helen Buckingham (England) 'Leonids night'	Carolyn Hall (USA) 'dark comes early now' 'year's end'	Kala Ramesh (India) 'passing clouds'
Simon Chard (Scotland) 'freshening wind' 'summer graffiti'	Marilyn Hazelton (USA) 'in bitter wind'	Chad Lee Robinson (USA) 'buffalo bones' 'stars at dawn' 'train tracks'
Glenn G. Coats (USA) 'September dusk'	Keith Heiberg (USA) 'evening walk'	Dave Russo (USA) 'summer dusk'
Ellen Compton (USA) 'dandelion wind' 'morning prayer' 'snow on forsythia' 'the tips of my fingers'	Claire Knight (England) 'windfall apples'	Sandra Simpson (New Zealand) 'one egg'
Cherie Hunter Day (USA) 'sharing my plan'	Daniel Liebert (USA) 'old well-house'	Marilyn Appl Walker (USA) 'winter drizzle'
	Peggy Willis Lyles (USA) 'oyster shells'	Diana Webb (England) 'popping balsam pods'
	Kate MacQueen (USA) 'his song'	

All runners-up are published in *The Haiku Calendar 2009*.

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ADJUDICATOR'S REPORT

Many thanks to everyone who entered this 10th annual contest, and to those who helped to publicize what is an internationally established annual haiku 'event'.

This year 728 entries were received from 121 entrants residing in 17 countries across 4 continents: USA (48 entrants), England (40), Scotland (6), Wales (6), Canada (5), Australia (3), New Zealand (2), N. Ireland (2), Cyprus (1), France (1), India (1), Ireland (1), Israel (1), Jamaica (1), Romania (1), Serbia (1), and Spain (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 33 authors, the resulting 2009 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:

finally
the last boxcar
falling apple blossoms

Jack Barry (USA)

distant thunder—
the lobster pots dry
in evening sun

Jamie Edgecombe (England)

autumn rain
a baseball card softens
in the bicycle spokes

Chad Lee Robinson (USA)

the year passes . . .
longing for cranes
to color the sky

Kala Ramesh (India)

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

The Haiku Calendar 2009 will be published in August 2008 and is available from Snapshot Press, priced £7.00 (UK); £8.50/US \$17 (Overseas). Prices include postage and packaging. Orders may be sent on the slip below.

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