

THE HAIKU CALENDAR COMPETITION 2009

WINNERS

January	'the sparrow's beak'	Peggy Willis Lyles (USA)
February	'Groundhog Day'	Francine Banwarth (USA)
March	'my thoughts'	Marilyn Appl Walker (USA)
April	'rain settles'	Peggy Willis Lyles (USA)
May	'the baby reaches'	Ferris Gilli (USA)
June	'chickadee chatter'	Andrea Grillo (USA)
July	'snakeskin'	Peggy Willis Lyles (USA)
August	'shreds'	Jim Kacian (USA)
September	'cobweb morning'	Matthew Paul (England)
October	'rain done'	Marshall Hryciuk (Canada)
November	'leaden sky'	Carolyn Hall (USA)
December	'moonlight'	Sandra Simpson (New Zealand)

Each of these haiku features prominently in *The Haiku Calendar 2010*.
The Prize Money of £300/US \$600 is divided equally between the 12 Winners.

RUNNERS-UP

_kala (India) 'summer sky'	Madeleine Findlay (USA) 'swarming ants'	Tom Painting (USA) 'first crocus' 'the pond ice'
Raquel D. Bailey (USA) 'morning appears'	Nigel Gibbions (England) 'hard frost'	Christopher Patchel (USA) 'the clamor'
Francine Banwarth (USA) 'water calls them'	Ferris Gilli (USA) 'larkspurs' 'life stories'	Matthew Paul (England) 'on a back road' 'pink moon'
Sheila K. Barksdale (USA) 'frozen stream'	Carolyn Hall (USA) 'windfall apples'	Lynne Rees (France) 'again this year'
Jack Barry (USA) 'one word missing'	Jeff Hoagland (USA) 'sorry cricket'	Bruce Ross (USA) 'one at a time'
Roberta Beary (USA) 'cul-de-sac'	Marshall Hryciuk (Canada) 'behind the Inukshuk'	Natalia L. Rudychev (USA) 'the heart'
Nola Borrell (New Zealand) 'this wide sky'	Claire Knight (England) 'beneath the afternoon moon'	John Stevenson (USA) 'marsh grass'
Terry Ann Carter (Canada) 'heat wave'	Peggy Willis Lyles (USA) 'supple reeds' 'the smoothness'	Alan Summers (England) 'allhallowmas' 'yellowing fields'
Simon Chard (Scotland) 'evening smirr' 'evening sun'	Clare McCotter (N. Ireland) 'first frost'	David Walker (England) 'collecting leaves'
David Cobb (England) 'gale force nine'	Nancy Nitrio (USA) 'spring morning'	Alison Williams (England) 'almost Christmas' 'another day'
Anne LB Davidson (USA) 'purple lilac'	Roland Packer (Canada) 'clunk of the kegs'	
Cherie Hunter Day (USA) 'January thaw'		

All runners-up are published in
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ADJUDICATOR'S REPORT

Many thanks to everyone who entered this 11th annual contest, and to those who helped to publicize what is an internationally established annual haiku 'event'.

This year 768 entries (just short of 2001's record of 781) were received from 104 entrants residing in 14 countries across 4 continents: USA (54 entrants), England (26), Canada (6), New Zealand (4), Scotland (3), Wales (3), Australia (1), Austria (1), France (1), India (1), Ireland (1), N. Ireland (1), Singapore (1), and Sweden (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 37 authors, the resulting 2010 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:

Groundhog Day
the pines leave their shadows
in the snow

Francine Banwarth (USA)

rain settles
some of the pollen
some of the plans

Peggy Willis Lyles (USA)

leaden sky
this dead finch
weighs nothing

Carolyn Hall (USA)

moonlight
on my hands the smell
of parsnip

Sandra Simpson (New Zealand)

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 2010 will be published in October 2009 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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