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# HAIKU EXPO

*Arizona inspired Japanese Poetry*



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ARIZONA MATSURI - A FESTIVAL OF JAPAN

*Selection of 2015 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 this year's Arizona Matsuri festival held in downtown Phoenix on February 21st and 22nd, 2015.

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 inaugural event 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



*cacti living life  
living with me forever  
for many years, tall*

Catalina C.

St Louis The King Elementary School. Grade 3

Surprise, AZ





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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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*cacti everywhere  
a drifting leaf that is me  
scorpions and oak trees*

Catalina C.

St Louis The King Elementary School, Grade 3

Surprise, AZ



*a tiny bird hops  
shallow rivers, cactus buds  
wind whispers to me*

Catalina C.

St Louis The King Elementary School, Grade 3

Surprise, AZ



fast, small, road runners  
quickly running to his small food  
pretty little bird

Mary R..  
Montessori Children's House, Grade 1  
Phoenix, AZ

a shy roadrunner  
pretty white and black feathers  
a long slender tail

Valery A..  
St Louis The King Elementary, Grade 3  
Glendale, AZ

Grand Canyon, large, cliffs  
beautiful, sunny and fun  
nature everywhere

Calista M..  
Montessori Children's House, Grade 3  
Phoenix, AZ

*winter in Phoenix  
has no snow touching the ground  
but it is still cold*

Lucas W..  
Knox Gifted Academy, Grade 1  
Gilbert, AZ

in Arizona  
the mineral is copper  
it's abundant here

Keith S  
St Louis The King Elementary, Grade 3  
Glendale, AZ



# Grades 4-8 Haiku

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*look into the clouds  
hot air balloons dot the sky  
then float out of sight*

Melody W.

Arizona College Preparatory - Oakland, Grade 6

Gilbert, AZ



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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.



*blazing ball of flame  
giving all it's lavish heat  
to our arid land*

Sean N.

BASIS Ahwatukee, Grade 8

Phoenix, AZ



*a butterfly wing  
glides through the sky like an angel  
as a swift breeze sings*

Naomi M.

BASIS Phoenix, Grade 5

Phoenix, AZ





*pretty pink pigeons  
sitting on a cherry tree  
cooing quietly*

Noel S.  
Redfield Elementary, Grade 4  
Scottsdale, AZ

*cactus beg for rain  
the rain floods the desert floor  
cactus flowers bloom*

Melody W.  
Arizona College Preparatory Oakland, Grade 6  
Gilbert, AZ

*known for the five C's  
always hot, sunny, blazing  
my Arizona*

Cole S.  
Ryan Elementary School, Grade 5  
Chandler, AZ

*the rain is like pearls  
like jewels from a broken string  
that shatter when touched*

Naomi M.  
BASIS Phoenix, Grade 5  
Phoenix, AZ

*the snowflakes glitter  
falling from the starry night  
on that New Years Eve*

Naomi M  
BASIS Phoenix, Grade 5  
Phoenix, AZ

*raindrops fall from the sky  
like cystals from the heavens  
as the gentle wind sings*

Naomi M.  
BASIS Phoenix, Grade 5  
Phoenix, AZ

*body shivering  
warm cup of cocoa in hand  
blizzard wind blowing*

Hailey C.  
Northwest Christian School, Grade 5  
Phoenix, AZ

*the sun rises up  
bright orange streaks the blue sky  
a beautiful sight*

Bryce W.  
Arizona College Preparatory - Oakland, Grade 6  
Gilbert, AZ

*mountains pierce the sky  
blocking my surrounding view  
in all directions*

Bryce W.

Arizona College Preparatory - Oakland, Grade 6  
Gilbert, AZ

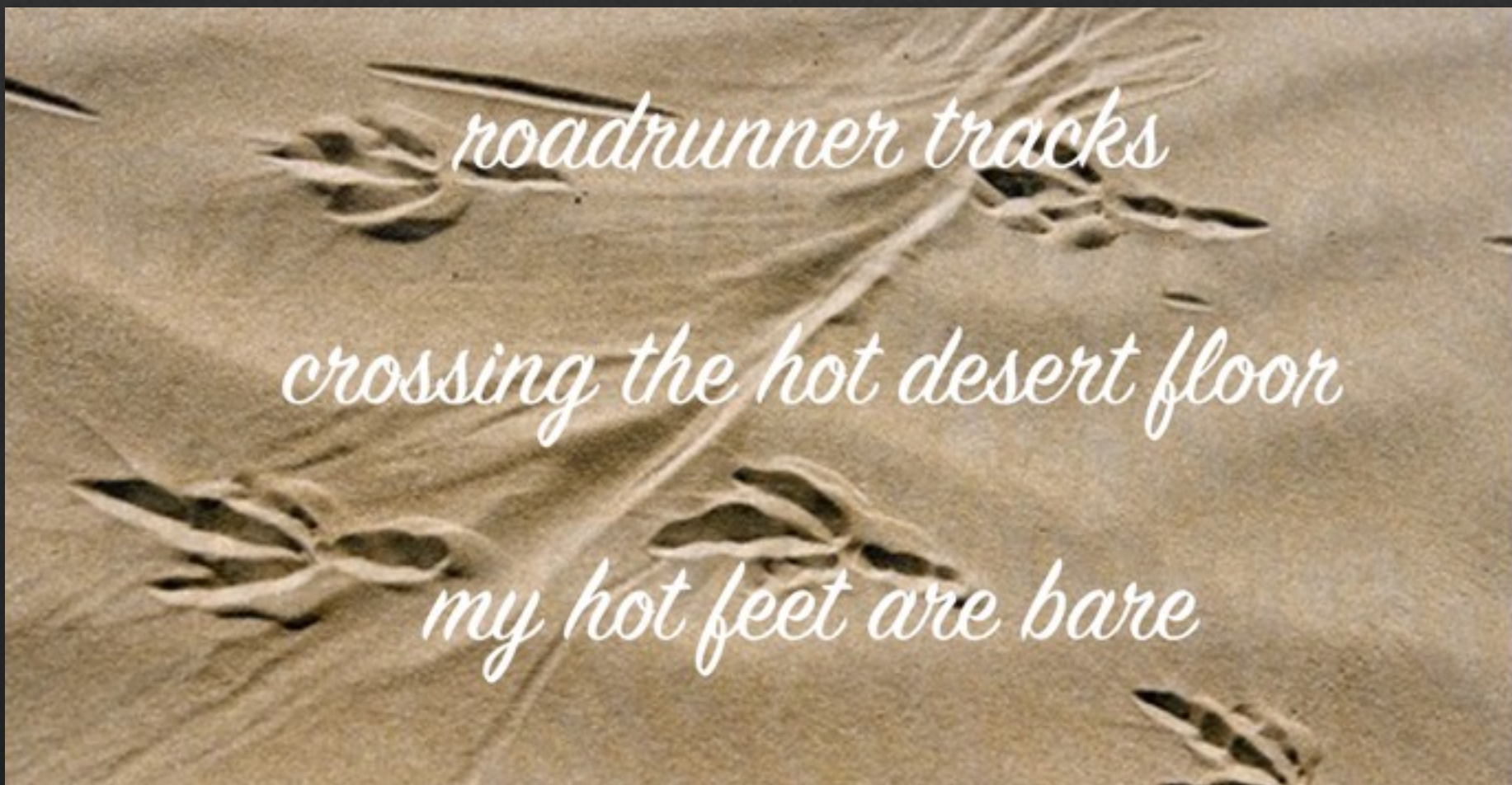
*land of rough mesas  
home of vast desert creatures  
and to the five C's*

Sean N.

BASIS Ahwatukee, Grade 8  
Phoenix, AZ



# Grade 9-12 Haiku



*four tall, stoic peaks  
on a lonely desert site  
watching over us*

*Richelle H*

*Apache Junction High School, Grade 12*

*Apache Junction, AZ*





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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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*paint dotting the sky  
here's the sun's daily goodbye  
bright colors fading*

Cemeryn J

Apache Junction High School, Grade 12

Apache Junction, AZ



*listening at night  
coyotes howling loudly  
lulling me to sleep*

Tatiana C.

Apache Junction High School, Grade 12

Gold Canyon, AZ





*this tree tall and proud  
growing in the sunny plain  
watching the river*

Joshua H.  
Camelback High School, Grade 10  
Phoenix, AZ



*water droplets shine  
like small incandescents stars  
that pass by at night*

Adolfo L.  
South Mountain High School, Grade 10  
Phoenix, AZ



*the fierce coyote  
walks the dim lonley desert  
seeking his purpose*

Hector A.  
Cesar Chaves High School, Grade 10  
Phoenix, AZ



*warm gusts bring fresh air  
to wake the sleepy desert  
blossoms now emerge*

Gina S.

Desert Ridge High School, Grade 10  
Apache Junction, AZ



*desert rain is rare  
turning dirt to muddy sludge  
revealing lost stones*

Alexandra W.

Valley Vista High School, Grade 12  
Surprise, AZ



*snow covered desert  
small paw prints in the cold snow  
foxes sneaking by*

Kaitlyn A.

Paradise Honors High School, Grade 10  
Surprise, AZ





*In hot summer days  
sun burning down on pavement  
no one to be seen*

Nayely G.  
South Mountain High School, Grade 9  
Phoenix, AZ

*rain seeps underground  
forgotten toads awaken  
yawning little chirps*

Thomas C.  
Apache Junction High School, Grade 12  
Apache Junction, AZ

*Indians stand still  
guardians of the rock now  
the floods left a ring*

Richelle H.  
Apache Junction High School, Grade 12  
Apache Junction, AZ

*beads fall down my face  
burn baby burn the sun screams  
so unmerciful*

Cemeryn F.  
Apache Junction High School, Grade 12  
Apache Junction, AZ

*buds, once again new  
trees shake the cold from within  
now they face lightning*

Jordan B  
Apache Junction High School  
Apache Junction, AZ

*strange weather today  
the Superstition Mountains  
vanish in the fog*

Lanae W.  
Apache Junction High School  
Apache Junction, AZ

*empty road I walk  
tumbleweeds rolling down  
light dusty winds blow*

Kaitlyn A.  
Paradise Honors High School, Grade 10  
Surprise, AZ

*the weeping sky's sound  
echoing through the canyons  
suddenly washed out*

Molly H.  
Paradise Honors High School, Grade 10  
Surprise, AZ

*a soft summer breeze  
the sky painted bright orange  
a desert sunset*

Kolbe W.  
Paradise Honors High School, Grade 10  
Surprise, AZ

*a great myriad  
of changing rainbow rays  
it rests in the west*

Rigel B.  
Paradise Honors High School  
Surprise, AZ

*clouds cry many tears  
the sky is melancholy  
flowers bloom in joy*

Rigel B.  
Paradise Honors High School  
Surprise, AZ

*waves of heat burn twice  
cool waters dry and warm clouds melt  
cacti bloom - this is Summer*

Andrew M  
Paradise Honors High School, Grade 10  
Surprise, AZ

*as cool rain withdrawls  
the scorching sun dries land to dust  
and cacti wither*

Hayley S.  
Paradise Honors High School, Grade 10  
Waddell, AZ

*bright rays of the sun  
across the empty desert  
rain is bound to come*

Ryan M..  
Paradise Honors High School, Grade 10  
Surprise, AZ

*the thundering rain  
echoing through the canyons  
in another world*

Molly H.  
Paradise Honors High School, Grade 10  
Surprise, AZ

*Arizona's sun  
blazing bright on sun-kissed skin  
wind like a heater*

Diane E.  
South Mountain High School, Grade 12  
Phoenix, AZ



*the beautiful sun  
shinning as much as it can  
my Arizona*

Jacqueline P.  
South Mountain High School, Grade 9  
Phoenix, AZ

*a moment of peace  
fog moves into the clearing  
with the moist sigh*

Estafania L.  
South Mountain High School, Grade 11  
Phoenix, AZ

*the haboobs are big  
I was on the roof that day  
it was very cool*

Yamil R.  
South Mountain High School, Grade 9  
Phoenix, AZ

*the two-faced desert  
raging day and stoic night  
connected by sky*

Morgan E.  
Mesquite High School, Grade 12  
Gilbert, AZ

*AZ states my birth place  
where thePhoenix bird can rest  
knowing it has arose from the ashes*

Luz M.  
South Mountain High School, Grade 10  
Phoenix, AZ

*the desert is hot  
winter is what we wait for  
soon those days will end*

Jassmine B.  
High School, Grade 11  
Phoenix, AZ

*saguaro cactus  
standing still as the wind blows  
with arms that don't move*

Yatziro R.  
South Mountain High School, Grade 9  
Phoenix, AZ

*the simmering days  
it will never change, it's hot  
I wish it would snow*

Zabrina E.  
Cesar Chavez High School, Grade 11  
Phoenix, AZ

*the hot sun beats down  
on those who call this place home  
thank God for AC*

Heidi S.  
Betty H. Fairfax High School, Grade 9  
Phoenix, AZ

*you make people melt  
Arizona you are hot  
I love you so much*

Maritzn F.  
South Mountain High School, Grade 9  
Phoenix, AZ

*bright sunlight  
sunsets that will stun you  
night skys that are cool*

Gilberto O.  
South Mountain High School, Grade 10  
Phoenix, AZ

*saguaros stand still  
on warm Arizona sand  
with arms that don't move*

Yatziro R.  
South Mountain High School, Grade 9  
Phoenix, AZ

*beautiful sunset  
so many amazing sights  
it's Arizona*

Yulissa B.  
South Mountain High School, Grade 11  
Phoenix, AZ

*our beautiful wren  
representing this state  
in the hot, hot heat*

Marya G.  
South Mountain High School, Grade 10  
Phoenix, AZ

*hot chiming wind blows  
across the crystalline sand  
but no one listens*

Molly H.  
Paradise Honors High School, Grade 10  
Surprise, AZ

*flowers bloom softly  
on a single cactus branch  
the beauty of spring*

Jenna B.  
Paradise Honors High School  
Surprise, AZ



*the coyote howls  
at the bright and misty moon  
as darkness descends*

Haily S.  
Paradise Honors High School, Grade 10  
Waddell, AZ

*always been a dreamer  
the golden sun shining bright  
western setting sun*

Marya G.  
South Mountain High School, Grade 10  
Phoenix, AZ

# University & Adult Haiku

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*night's shadow broken  
above Superstition Mountain  
monsoon lightning*

*Andrea Jane Dickens*

*Mesa, AZ*





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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.



*misty morning light*  
*shimmers yellow cottonwoods*  
*the eagle's wings shine*

Steven D.

Phoenix, AZ



*under winter sun*  
*seven turtles share a log:*  
*Phoenix Zoo canal*

John E.

Tempe, AZ



*majestic mountains  
standing tall against the sky  
river running through*

Salli M.  
Phoenix, AZ



*wild flowers blooming  
the desert awakening  
bursting with color*

Salli M.  
Phoenix, AZ



*mountains sing with glee  
as the desert explodes  
in an array of blossoms*

Gayle S..  
Mesa, AZ





*pale light follows dawn  
mountains ripple in the sky  
coyote's last howl*

Candace D.  
Phoenix, AZ



*tall, green saguaro  
arms laced white, with frozen snow  
sunlit from behind*

Martha K.  
Cave Creek, AZ



*summer's end is near  
clouds of dust and monsoon rain  
hover in the sky*

Candace D.  
Phoenix, AZ



*night falls on desert plain  
no cell, no people, just Pisces  
and the milky way*

Scott W.  
Tucson, AZ



*bolts of lightning play the earth  
thunder adds the bass  
desert monsoon symphony*

Linda K.  
Sun City, AZ



*seen from the night sky  
city lights glow like embers  
fire bird, born from dust*

Haley D.  
Tempe, AZ





*In snowfall silence  
the night is mutely humming;  
a branch cracks and falls*

Karen C.  
Sierra Vista, AZ



*a whirlwind of sand  
rustle of sage and cactus  
voice of the desert*

Andy S.  
Mesa, AZ



*a dry twilit sky  
hulls the slanting Tempe sun  
into winter sleep*

Don F.  
Phoenix, AZ



*monsoon sunset clouds  
fading crimson lips whisper  
an apology*

Steven D.  
Phoenix, AZ

*fog settles in yard  
ghosts come out of the closet  
cat under the bed*

Paula A.  
Glendale, AZ

*eighty beats per sec  
hummer flutters almost still  
sucking sugar juice*

Pinna J.  
Scottsdale, AZ

*the gray clouds opened  
quickly quenching earths yearning thirst  
monsoons arrived*

Jesus D.  
Maricopa, AZ

*mockingbird greets day  
my leaden heart is lightened  
by his joyful song*

Rhonda B.  
Mesa, AZ

*sonoran magic  
magnificent saguaro  
sun drenched magesty*

Steven K.  
Phoenix, AZ

*badge hidden by lapel  
rustler's campfire crackles  
justice in billowing smoke*

Virgil M.  
Glendale Community College  
Phoenix, AZ

*north winter winds blow  
snowbirds escape to the south  
sunshine warms the heart*

Kathy C.  
Sun City West, AZ



*old friend coyote  
crosses blacktop stealing home  
down dry arroyo*

Kerry W.  
Mesa, AZ

*ancient red mountains  
reach for the pink and gold sky  
dawn of a new day*

Rachel H.  
Arizona State University  
Tempe, AZ

*chiricahua cliffs  
a great apache stronghold  
arizona speaks*

Denise K.  
Phoenix, AZ

*saguaro's sweet fallen fruit  
desert's charming, vibrant red gift  
for musky scented grunting forager*

Donna M.  
Glendale, AZ

*begging rain  
kachinas dance to flute music  
old dog seeks the sun*

Jean Ellen W.  
Cottonwood, AZ

*sandal-footed desert explorer  
leaping over fallen saguaro's decaying ribs  
frozen by rattles sudden warning*

Donna M.  
Glendale, AZ

*Life is a red rose  
Opening itself to me  
And I am the sun*

Braxton H..  
Arizona State University  
Tempe, AZ

*Solar radiance  
sizzle, sweat and blooming smiles  
for us Arizonians*

Marie M.  
Chandler, AZ

*the sweet aroma  
hundreds of orange blossoms  
summer comes too soon!*

Brad M.  
Phoenix, AZ

*sunblock melts my face  
eggs fry on a sidewalk  
desert in August*

Linda K.  
Sun City West, AZ

*Arizona summer  
hundred degrees in the shade  
but, it's a dry heat*

Jonathon L  
Phoenix, AZ

*sweet, sweet black cherries  
juice dripping, seed spitting joy  
stains my fingers red*

Donna M.  
Prescott, AZ

*under the Lath House  
shiba inu undisturbed  
by taiko thunder*

Emma S.  
Chandler, AZ

*a black wall of dust  
engulfs the control tower  
haboob delay*

Bridget M.  
Tucson, AZ

*a White Mountain elk  
bugles in a midnight meadow  
city camper wakes*

Virigl M.  
Glendale Community College  
Glendale, AZ

*head down and homeless  
chilled by winter's wind and cold  
warmed by a stranger's smile*

Jan C.  
Peoria, AZ



*cry from treetops  
flapping wings encircle  
I yell back at the screech owl*

Jarrett E.  
Tucson, AZ

*low in the night sky  
the brilliance of the moon  
illuminates all*

Elizabeth M.  
Gilbert, AZ

*the lonely cricket  
fiddles in his solitude  
saddening the heart*

Robert J.  
Glendale, AZ

*sparkling in the sun  
black fur ripples on the cat  
sun goddess blessing!*

Ben W.  
Surprise, AZ

*cascading runnel  
through tight sandstone canyon walls  
feeds new life below*

Eva W.  
Phoenix, AZ

*early morning rain  
and the cool pitter patter  
gift me with sweet sleep*

Ben W..  
Surprise, AZ

*fluttering fall leaves  
an explosion of colors  
changing the landscape*

Elizabeth M.  
Gilbert, AZ

*creosote bush scent  
floats under grey clouds; pearls drip  
from twigs: desert tears*

Emma S.  
Chandler, AZ

*apricot tinted  
crimson-edged, gold on turquoise  
Phoenix sunset glow*

Emma S.  
Chandler, AZ

*thunder, lightning, rain  
daybreak outside the window  
whole mountains missing*

Jean Ellen W.  
Cottonwood, AZ

*datura blossoms  
a hawk-moth labors  
against the night wind*

Autumn M.  
Tucson, AZ

*saguaros at noon  
provide the narrowest shade  
bliss for the lizard*

Sharon S.  
Tempe, AZ

*rainbow in the clouds  
sun shining thru heaven's tears  
there is always hope*

DM R.  
Scottsdale, AZ

*looming, arms raised high  
magnificent silhouette  
saguaro at dawn*

Scott W.  
Tucson, AZ

*spacious open skies  
sunset colors desert floor  
moon hears howls of night*

Cindi R..  
Phoenix, AZ

*as the lily slept  
she dreamed of the coming rain  
but, she never woke*

Ginger S.  
Phoenix, AZ



# Japanese Language Haiku



穴だらけ野鳥の棲家大サワロ

*ana-darake*

*yachō no sumika*

*dai saguaro*

Miki P.

Tucson, AZ





## 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.



干上がった川もとうとうモンスーン雨

*hiagatta  
kawa mo tōtō  
monsūn ame*

Miki P.

Tucson, AZ



連山を染め行く夕焼火のごとし

*renzan wo  
some yuku yuyake  
hi no gotoshi*

Shima N.

Fountain Hills, AZ





アリゾナの冬が明ければ長い夏

Arizona no  
fuyu ga akereba  
nagai natsu

Kana K.  
Grade 5  
Phoenix, AZ



風吹けば砂舞い上がり砂嵐

kaze fukeba  
suna mai agari  
suna arashi

Shoko W.  
Gilbert, AZ



影長く 鮮烈な大空夕焼け映像

kage nagaku  
senretsu na oosora  
yuyake eizo

Caitlyn K.  
Surprise, AZ



金の空と紫の雲今日の夕焼け

kin no sora to  
murasaki no kumo  
kyo no yuuyake

Michele N.  
Glendale, AZ



雨がふるつきとたいよねたい強いかなぜ

ame ga furu  
tsuki to taiyo netai  
tsuyoi kaze

Aspyn A.  
Tempe, AZ

砂漠にも赤とんぼ飛び里心

sabaku ni mo  
akatonbo tobi  
satogokoro

Shizumi N  
Scottsdale, AZ

いきをしない天ごくはなきたいしぼうのえがお

iki wo shinai  
tengoku ha nakitai  
shibou no egao

Aspyn A.  
Tempe, AZ

遠吠えの砂漠に響く星月夜

tōboe no  
sabaku ni hibiku  
hoshi zukiyo

Shima N.  
Fountain Hills, AZ



行く年の砂漠の風も寂しけれ

yukutoshi no  
sabaku no kaze mo  
samishikere

Shima N.  
Fountain Hills, AZ

夏が来て水筒満タン氷入り

natsu ga kite  
suitō mantan  
kōri-iri

Kana K.  
Grade 5  
Phoenix, AZ

一粒の雨に震える蓮の花

hitotsubu no  
ame ni furueru  
hasunohana

Hisako P.  
Mesa, AZ

はてしない大地と山と青い空

hate shinai  
daichi to yama to  
aoi sora

Shoko W.  
Gilbert, AZ

真夏には暑い日続いて40℃

manatsu ni wa  
atsui hi tsuzuite  
40 °C

Kana K.  
Grade 5  
Phoenix, AZ

くろい空こころもくらく寒いもだ

kuroi sora  
kokoro mo kuraku  
samui mo da

Kevin N  
Mesa, AZ

灼熱に舌も伸びきるペット犬

shakunetsu ni  
shita mo nobi kiru  
petto inu

Miki P.  
Tucson, AZ

雨止みて秋の匂ひに包まれり

amayamite  
aki no nioi ni  
tsutsuma reri

Hisako P.  
Mesa, AZ

春の雨大地の息吹き蘇る

haru no ame  
daichi no ibuki  
yomigaeru

Shizumi N.  
Scottsdale, AZ

失敗を重ねて学ぶ老いの冬

shippai wo  
kasanete manabu  
oi no fuyu

Hisako P.  
Mesa, AZ

今生きる証の俳句秋の声

ima ikiru  
akashu no haiku  
aki no koe

Shizumi N.  
Scottsdale, AZ

満月や思ひは彼方千里まで

mangetsu ya  
omoi wa kanata  
senri made

Kayoko V.  
Phoenix, AZ



異国にて大和魂我れ想う

ikoku nite  
yamato damashii  
ware omou

Akiko H.  
Phoenix, AZ

灼熱の暑さ気にせぬゴルフ馬鹿

shakunetsu no  
atsusa ki ni senu  
gorufu baka

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Gilbert, AZ

# Haiku Expo Statistics

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*clouds appear and bring  
to men a chance to rest from  
looking at the moon*

## HAIKU EXPO 2015 ENTRY STATISTIC

- Total haiku submissions received: 609
- Total haiku submissions accepted: 590
- Total unique Arizona zip code locations from across Arizona: 103
- Total unique Arizona cities of participants: 28
- Total number of participating schools: 36
- Total number of Outstanding Haiku selections: 45
- Total number of Honorable Mention Haiku: 99



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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.



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### *Arizona participant cities*

Apache Junction	Phoenix
Avondale	Prescott
Cave Creek	Scottsdale
Chandler	Sierra Vista
Cottonwood	Snowflake
Flagstaff	Sun City West
Fountain Hills	Surprise
Gilbert	Tempe
Glendale	Tolleson
Gold Canyon	Tucson
Green Valley	Waddell
Laveen	Wickenburg
Maricopa	
Mesa	
Paradise Valley	
Peoria	

### *Arizona participant schools, clubs*

Agua Fria High School  
Anime Club  
Apache Junction High School  
Arizona Buddhist Temple  
Arizona College Preparatory - Oakland  
Arizona State University  
BASIS Ahwatukee  
BASIS Phoenix  
BASIS Phoenix Central  
Betty H. Fairfax High School  
Camelback High School  
Catalina Hills High School  
Cesar Chavez High School  
Coyote Ridge Elementary School  
Desert Ridge High School  
Glendale Community College  
Greenway High School  
International School of Tucson  
Knox Gifted Academy  
Madison Heights  
Mesquite High School  
Montessori Children's House  
Northwest Christian School  
Our House Montessori Elementary  
Paradise Honors High School  
Redfield Elementary  
Ryan Elementary School  
Santan Elementary  
Snowflake High School  
South Mountain High School  
St Louis The King Catholic School  
Tavan Elementary  
Trevor G. Browne High School  
Valley Vista High School  
Ward Traditional Academy  
Willow Canyon High School

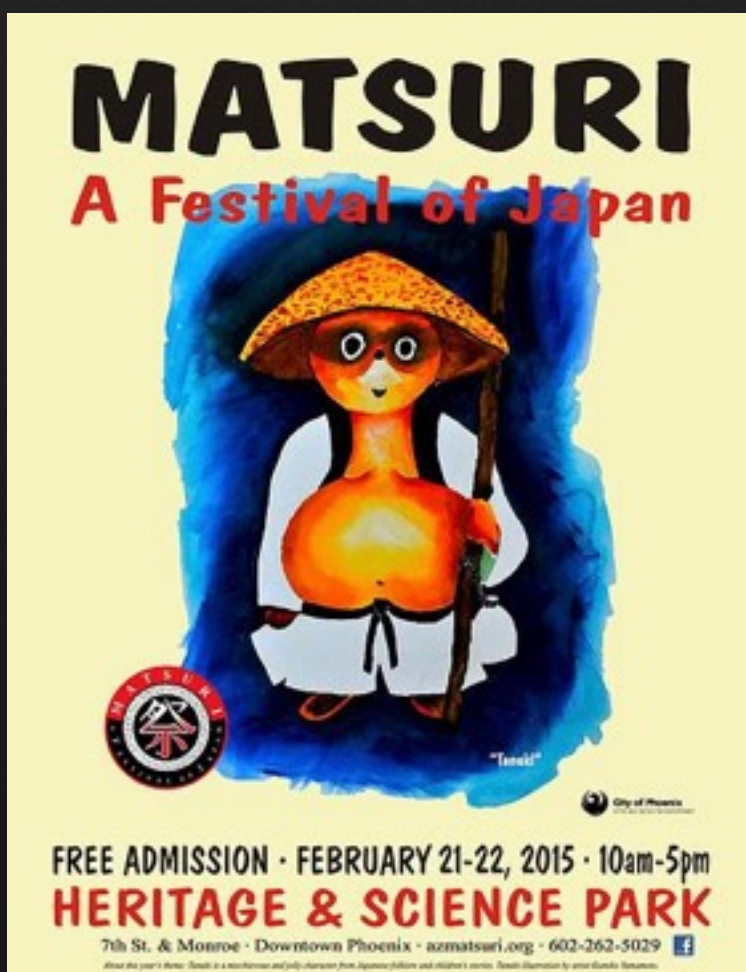




## ARIZONA MATSURI 2015

The 2015 Arizona Matsuri, a Festival of Japan.

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 31st anniversary in 2015. The Haiku Expo is a new event at Matsuri starting in 2015.





Thank you to all participants in this inaugural year of the Arizona Matsuri Haiku Expo. We are very pleased with such great participation in this first year and can only hope to grow this event in the future.

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 web site and updates and notices will be posted on the Arizona Matsuri Facebook page so be sure to check back with us from time to time.

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