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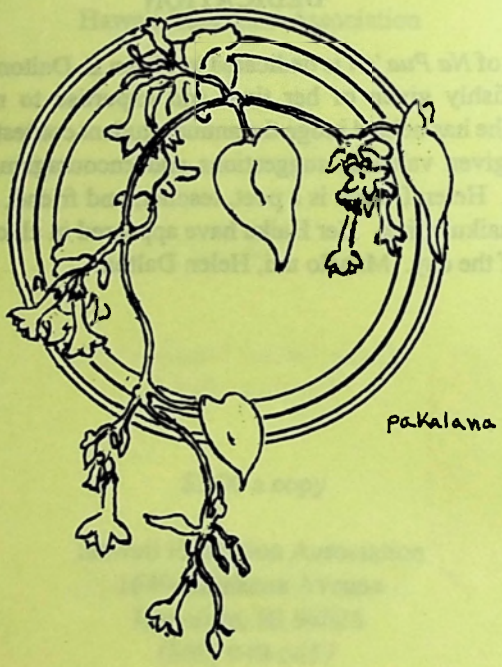
DEDICATION

This issue of *Na Pua 'oli* is dedicated to Helen E. Dalton. Ms. Dalton has unselfishly given of her time and expertise to make issue a success. She has helped judge the annual student contests, written the prefaces, given valuable suggestions and encouragement from the beginning. Helen Dalton is a poet, teacher, and friend, as well as an excellent haiku writer. Her Haiku have appeared in all of the leading journals of the day. Mahalo nui, Helen Dalton.

A Haiku Moment
Flowers of Hawaii



PREFACE

This edition of *Na Pua'oli, puke 'umi* (*Joyous Blossoms, book ten*) contains the prize-winning haiku from the Hawai'i Education Association's nineteenth and twentieth annual haiku writing contests. Each year, HEA offers haiku writers two contests: one for Hawai'i public school students and one international contest open to writers from around the world.

We chose the rainbow as the theme for our books of prize-winning haiku because Hawai'i is truly a land of rainbows. The trade winds push the clouds over the mountains, creating mist on the lee side of each island. The clear, bright sun transforms the mist into beautiful rainbows that both natives and visitors enjoy. Often a double rainbow appears, creating a special treat.

We have, with this edition of *Na Pua'oli*, reached the color yellow in our double rainbow of haiku books. Tradition has assigned each of Hawai'i's islands one of the rainbow's colors and a flower. Yellow is the color given to the island of O'ahu, and its flower is the yellow, tissue-paper thin ilima.

The people of Hawai'i are often likened to a rainbow because they are of many races and nationalities. Like the colors of the rainbow, they live together in harmony.

The haiku in this edition of *Na Pua'oli* forms a beautiful rainbow of creativity, especially the haiku of the public school students. The students represent all the different races and nationalities in the world.

Each year, HEA receives haiku entries from the Near East, Asia, North America, and Europe. These entries create a rainbow that circles the earth, touching all the different hues of humanity.

This edition of *Na Pua'oli* has been compiled and illustrated by Darold D. Braida, with help from Helen E. Dalton, Judy Hamnett, and Normita Agustin.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF HAIKU

During Japan's feudal period, the samurai and the wealthy classes entertained themselves and their friends by reciting poetry and playing word games. They memorized not only the works of the Japanese master poets but also those of China. People who became experts were in demand at the court.

At that time, Waka or Tanka was a popular type of poetry. This short poem of five lines has a syllable count of 5-7-5-7-7. The styled Waka/Tanka rules were used by the royal court in the renga, a linked poem.

Yamazaki Skan (1465-1553) and Nishiyama Soin (1605-1682) disliked the renga and began writing poetry with different types of vocabulary and with humor. They retained the renga form but discarded the Waka/Tanka spirit. Their earthy linked verse became known as renku. The first three lines were known as kokku or haikai.[1]

It was Matsuo Basho (1644-1694) who raised the haiku to the level of real literature that expressed "a meaningful reaction to reality beyond simple wit and humor."

Most Western World haiku writers can agree that a haiku is "an unrhymed Japanese poem recording a moment keenly perceived, in which nature is linked to human nature. It usually consists of seventeen symbol-sounds."[2]

1. Giroux, Joan, The Haiku Form (Charles E. Tuttle Company: 1974), p. 17.
2. A Haiku Path (The Haiku Society of America, 1994), p. 82.

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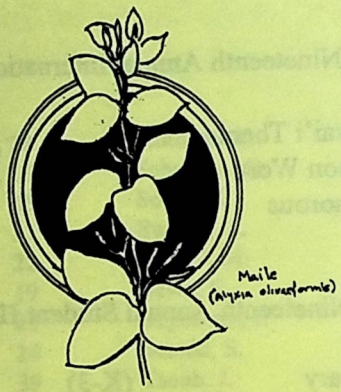

The flowers featured in this edition of *Na Pua'oli* are just a few of the blossoms used in lei making. When the first Polynesians arrived on the beaches of Hawai'i, they found none of the beautiful, scented flowers that are draped around the necks of visitors today. They did find in the rain forests sweet scented ferns and plants that they used to adorn themselves. The first sea captains who later stumbled on the islands gave plants and seeds to the island chiefs. New plants still arrive today from around the world. They are quickly turned by the lei makers into beautiful adornments; even the commonest weeds.

HEA NINETEENTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL HAIKU CONTEST

LAI'I WORD

'lace

Kona wind--
sticky even before
this mango

Susan Delaney Mech
Plano, TX

nd Place

a floor
of sand
Lahaina boutique

Ai Li
London, England

3rd Place

anthurium tilts
channeling the raindrops
to the ferns below

Sydney Bo
Memphis

1st Hon. Men.

hip wide
carved by human feet
the King's Highway

Susan Delaney Mech
Plano, TX

2nd Hon. Men.

wildlife park --
zebras' stripes stained
by the red earth of Moloka'i

Bill Pauly
Dubuque, IA

3rd Hon. Men.

on Ni'ihau Island
indigenous plants and people
speak softly

Sue-Stapleton Tkach
Rochester, NY

4th Hon. Men.

gnarled fingers pick
strings of slack key guitar
the trade winds

Rita Z. Mazur
Richland, WA

5th Hon. Men.

clifftop
ti-tree
windshaped

Ernest J. Berry
Marlborough, New Zealand

6th Hon. Men.

almost low-tide time
in the faded photographs
beach boys were smiling

Jack. L. Ford
Honolulu, HI

7th Hon. Men.

the night moon falling
in a pool of quiet light
an old taro patch

Jack L. Ford
Honolulu, HI

8th Hon. Men.

bridging Maui
and Lāna'i, a rainbow
above the whale's spray

Kohjin Sakamoto
Kyoto, Japan

9th Hon. Men.

open car window
Hāna trip
scent of wild guava

Ai Li
London, England

1996

HEA NINETEENTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL HAIKU CONTEST

SEASON WORD

1st Place

both under the snow--
the fox's footprints
and the trap

Kohjin Sakamoto
Kyoto, Japan

2nd Place

Autumn twilight;
the stray I feed every night
missing

Garry Gay
Santa Rosa, CA

3rd Place

the squirming whiteness
all over the dusky floor...
the summer silk worms

Kohjin Sakamoto
Kyoto, Japan

1st Hon. Men.

January argument
our breathes
bumping

Barbara Ressler
Dubuque, IA

2nd Hon. Men.

winter sun begins
to warm the steering wheel--
prison visit day

Lee Gurga
Lincoln, IL

3rd Hon. Men.

desert moon
a crow bronzing
on the joshua tree

Ernest J. Berry
Marlborough, New Zealand

4th Hon. Men.

winter farm field--
the soft depression of snow
where the creek runs

Bruce Ross
Rochester, NY

5th Hon. Men.

Christmas morning
toys on his window sill
wrapped in sunrise

Ernest J. Berry
Marlborough, New Zealand

6th Hon. Men.

mud-caked hands
the gardener straightens
to hear the robin

Michael Fessler
Kanagawa-ken, Japan

7th Hon. Men.

two reapers eating
in the shadow of a sheaf--
yellow summer day

Clelia Ifrim
Bucharest, Romania

8th Hon. Men.

river mist floating
through ancient oak tree branches
white heron rises

Jack L. Ford
Honolulu, HI

9th Hon. Men.

lying in the leaves–
the sun shares the shape
of her corduroys

Tom Clausen
Ithaca, NY

10th Hon. Men.

in the mushroom
the scent
of the forest

Marijan Cekol
Samobor, Croatia

1996

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HUMOROUS

1st Place

at the coaster's crest
my five-year-old decides
he's not ready

Jack Lent
Kent, OH

2nd Place

first Christmas card
of the year--
L. L. Bean

Tom Clausen
Ithaca, NY

3rd Place

under apple blossoms
a four-year-old lookout
and his peeing pal

Glenn Gustafson
Dedham, MA

1st Hon. Men.

the baby
sucking her thumb
moongazes

Tom Clausen
Ithaca, NY

2nd Hon. Men.

in my ex-husband's wedding
my off-white shoes
on her feet

Valorie B. Woerdehoff
Dubuque, IA

3rd Hon. Men.

afternoon symphony
holding your gaze
all through the crescendo

Connie Meester
Dubuque, IA

4th Hon. Men.

Northwest parking lot
red, blue, long, short
all four-wheel-drive pick-ups

D. Ortiz
Pullman, WA

5th Hon. Men.

our dialogue
his eyes never leave
his reflection

Francine Porad
Mercer Island, WA

6th Hon. Men.

the world outside
flows into oneness
Where are my glasses?

Royal T. Fruehling
Honolulu, HI

7th Hon. Men.

campaign stop breakfast--
candidate orders waffles,
then changes his mind

Dorothy McLaughlin
Somerset, NJ

8th Hon. Men.

Sunday breakfast--
Mother sees the love bite
on the other side, too

Lee Gu[illegible]
Lincoln, IL

9th Hon. Men.

desperate to pee--
in a driving rain
driving

Tom Clausen
Ithaca, NY

10th Hon. Men.

just as we're
introduced
he yawns

Tom Clausen
Ithaca, NY

HEA NINETEENTH ANNUAL STUDENT HAIKU CONTEST

(Grades 4-6)

1st Place

leaping over waves
dolphins traveling in pods
splashing and diving

Dane Inouye, Grade 5
Waiakeawaena Elementary School

2nd Place

in our mint garden
chiso starts smelling fresher
on warm summer days

Mika Mochida, Grade 4
Hokulani Elementary School

3rd Place

evening solitude
Pleiades in the distance--
a lonely cricket

Joelle Penisten, Grade 5
Waiakeawaena Elementary School

1st Hon. Men.

plumeria blooms--
soft, yellowish-pink petals
spring has come again

Jessica Brooks, Grade 5
Hokulani Elementary School

2nd Hon. Men.

the air is humid
black and gray clouds in the sky
a storm is brewing

Daniel Oliver, Grade 6
Kea'au Elementary and Middle School

3rd Hon. Men.

deafening silence
smooth black rock is all that's left
Pele has been here

Paul Rozier, Grade 6
Kea'au Elementary and Middle School

4th Hon. Men.

heavenly body
Hale-Bopp in '97
passes near the earth

Kristen Suwa, Grade 5
Waiakeawaena Elementary School

5th Hon. Men.

humpback whales swim
from the north to Hawai'i
during winter time

Akiko Shimizu, Grade 5
Hokulani Elementary School

6th Hon. Men.

the mango tree sways
with the strong wind through its leaves
all the mangoes fall

Pia Moikeha, Grade 6
'Iao School

7th Hon. Men.

in the balmy night
insects hover silently
above the lamppost

Jennifer Takaki, Grade 5
Waiakeawaena Elementary School

8th Hon. Men.

wild pīkake blooms
beside gentle mountain streams
as cool breezes blow

Conrad Day, Grade 5
Hāna High and Elementary School

9th Hon. Men.

waves crash on the sand
turtles swim out on the waves
return to the sea

Jordan Kahihikolu, Grade 5
Waiakeawaena Elementary School

10th Hon. Men.

raindrops from the sky
watering the plants and trees
making big puddles

Bryson Kaahanui, Grade 4
Kaunakakai School

HEA NINETEENTH ANNUAL STUDENT HAIKU CONTEST

(Grades 7-9)

1st Place

walking up the hill
the moonlight shines down on me...
two shadows of me

Alliesen Young, Grade 7
Na`alehu School

2nd Place

huge ripened mangoes
dangling low on the branches
many ants marching

Alona Dinio, Grade 9
Moanalua High School

3rd Place

watching the fireworks
outside in the humid night--
sweet watermelon

Hirotake Miyata, Grade 7
Kapa`a High and Intermediate School

1st Hon. Men.

playing in the sea
dolphins jump and surf the waves--
each day is a game

Sarah Rogers, Grade 9
Waialua High and Intermediate School

2nd Hon. Men.

on a still hot night
night blooming cereus blossoms
an old owl hoots

Tara Fujiyama, Grade 7
'Iao Intermediate School

3rd Hon. Men.

laying on the sand
a starfish in the sunlight
washed back to the sea

Crystal Corona, Grade 9
Moanalua High School

4th Hon. Men.

hear the whistle blow
on the North Shore for the last time--
sugar plantation

Armando Langaman, Grade 9
Waialua High and Intermediate School

5th Hon. Men.

the spider dangles
waiting for wind to swing him
to another limb

David Yoshida, Grade 9
Moanalua High School

6th Hon. Men.

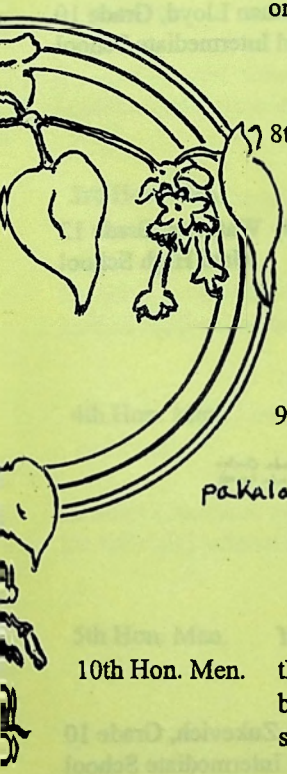
at the textile plant--
almost dyed by accident
the red cloth to blue

Joshua Bassan, Grade 8
Na'alehu School

7th Hon. Men.

as a ghost crab runs
the hot sun beats down on him
on the black sand beach

Mathew Morris, Grade 9
Moanalua High School



8th Hon. Men.

fishermen are here
all the fish swim away fast--
ripples on the pond

Connie Tsang, Grade 7
Ilima Intermediate School

9th Hon. Men.

sticky leaves crunching
off the kukui nut tree
on muddy sidewalks

Preston Keliihoomalu, Grade 9
Moanalua High School

10th Hon. Men.

through the forest runs
broken twigs and fallen branches
something is out there

Damon Baugh, Grade 9
Waialua High and Intermediate School

HEA NINETEENTH ANNUAL STUDENT HAIKU CONTEST

(Grades 10-12)

1st Place

a crack of light
a flood of color follows--
the kitten's eyes open

Jonathan Lloyd, Grade 10
Waialua High and Intermediate School

2nd Place

a cart squeaks and stops
in the deserted hallway
English class

Wendy Watimar, Grade 12
Maui High School

Vanda Orchid
(vanda teres)

3rd Place

big blue parrot fish
thrashing through the reef
shot by my speargun

Kapono Zukevich, Grade 10
Waialua High and Intermediate School

1st Hon. Men.

knocking on the door
wondering who it could be
the swoosh of the wind

Roland M. Bolosan, Grade 12
Moanalua High School

2nd Hon. Men.

white long clouds
draped over the mountains
flowing waterfall

Yu-Ho Cheng, Grade 10
Moanalua High School

3rd Hon. Men.

cold lighted room
Sharp pains all through my body--
My own baby boy

Liana K. Espaniola, Grade 1[illegible]
Moanalua High School

4th Hon. Men.

pushing through the rock
starved by the barren landscape--
a lehua grows!

Cody Chung
Maui High School

5th Hon. Men.

under a hot sun
sweating and watching the trees--
a beautiful yard

Wendy Watimar, Grade 12
Maui High School

6th Hon. Men.

glowing silver moon
scampering of little feet
night of the barn cats

Doreen Rupal Prasad, Grade 10
Moanalua High School

7th Hon. Men.

high above
a red plumeria
waits to be picked

Janine Wong, Grade 12
Moanalua High School

8th Hon. Men.

under the moon
the conductor raises his baton
the concert begins

Thomas Kim, Grade 10
Moanalua High School

9th Hon. Men.

dark nights can be bright
a ring purchased at the store--
getting married soon

Norilyn Ancheta, Grade 10
Moanalua High School

10th Hon. Men.

warm summer's day
sitting on the porch--
melting ice-cream

Jessica Crowover, Grade 11
Radford High School

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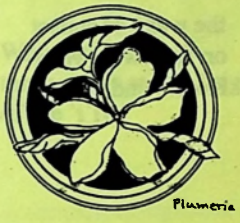
HAWAI'I WORD

1st Place

banyan tree
into its wilderness
a mongoose vanishes

Ruth Holter
Eugene, OR



2nd Place

the wind shifts
from the burning cane field
flakes of Maui snow

Lesley Einer
Phoenix, AZ

3rd Place

Lahaina banyan
...an acre
of squawking mynahs

Susan Delaney Mech
Plano, TX

1st Hon. Men.

pale day moon
the rainbow shine
of the'ahi's belly

Susan Delaney Mech
Plano, TX

2nd Hon. Men.

L.A. Airport--
a cool wind stirs
her paper lei

Ernest J. Berry
Picton, New Zealand

3rd Hon. Men.

the wake of sunset
on furrowed water--
Kona wind

D. Claire Gallagher
Sunnyvale, CA

4th Hon. Men.

the hollow sound
our boots make
hiking on lava

Sharon Lee Shafii
Prospect, KY

5th Hon. Men.

early evening
tradewind picks up
shakes the hibiscus

Thomas Williams
Newtown Square, PA

6th Hon. Men.

bracing for the big one
the little kid next door
surfs past

Ernest J. Berry
Picton, New Zealand

7th Hon. Men.

in the center
of the molten rock--
a STOP sign

Sharon Lee Shafii
Prospect, KY

8th Hon. Men.

Waikamoi--
through the mist a bright flash
of the `i`iwi

Yvonne Hardenbrook
Columbus, OH

9th Hon. Men.

aloha
the departing plane becomes
earring small

Lesley Einer
Phoenix, AZ

10th Hon. Men.

sunset's red sky
vog from smoldering Kīlauea
scent of sulfur

Lesley Einer
Phoenix, AZ

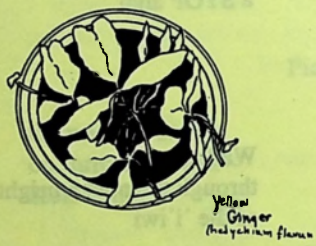
HEA TWENTIETH ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL HAIKU CONTEST

SEASON WORD

1st Place

snow flurrying...
the deer, one by one, look back
before they vanish

Tom Clausen
Ithaca, NY



2nd Place

the night watchman sits
in a pool of light--
summer heat

Ken Dorman
Kerola, India

3rd Place

Sunday afternoon--
asking her father the name
of every flower

Lee Gurga
Lincoln, IL

1st Hon. Men.

licking millet grains
from my fingertip
the hatched tortoises

Kohjin Sakamoto
Kyoto, Japan

2nd Hon. Men.

our good-byes
all the way to the curb--
bare wisteria

D. Claire Gallagher
Sunnyvale, CA

3rd Hon. Men.

first spring day peas taut in the pod

Donald McLeod
Sherman Oaks, CA

4th Hon. Men.

November chill--
the garden hose ends
in a puddle of ice

John S. O'Connor
Chicago, IL

5th Hon. Men.

television light
flickers on my children's faces--
autumn sunset

Lee Gurga
Lincoln, IL

6th Hon. Men.

country road
a cloud of dust
bringing someone

Helen J. Sherry
San Diego, CA

7th Hon. Men.

into the cold night
making cookies
in the shape of stars

Valorie Broadhurst Woerdehoff
Dubuque, Iowa

8th Hon. Men.

autumn rain--
the smell of fabric softener
from a dryer vent

Susan Delaney Mech
Plano, TX

9th Hon. Men.

April breeze--
the artist paints a rainbow
on her face

Peggy Willis Lyles
Tucker, GA

10th Hon. Men.

old family farm:
graves inside the rusty fence
next to the cornfield

Louise Somers Winder
Hartfield, VA

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HEA TWENTIETH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL HAIKU CONTEST

HUMOROUS

1st Place keeping low sidling along to Jenny Craig's

Ernest J. Berry
Picton, New Zealand

2nd Place my dentist yawns--
I look
into his mouth

Donald McLeod
Sherman Oaks, CA

3rd Place inflatable *zafu*--
visa and mastercard
accepted

Donald McLeod
Sherman Oaks, CA

1st Hon. Men.

through the bottom
of the drinking glass
my smiling teeth

Susan Delaney Mech
Plano, TX

2nd Hon. Men.

I just don't get it--
every last time I tell her
she doesn't get it

Charles P. Trumbull
Evanston, IL

3rd Hon. Men.

how hard it is
to look at something
besides her tattoo

Charles P. Trumbull
Evanston, IL

4th Hon. Men.

Hawaiian village...
the short queue of tourists
for poi

Ai Li
London, England

5th Hon. Men.

weightwatchers--
a newcomer chooses
the wide door

Ernest J. Berry
Picton, New Zealand

6th Hon. Men.

Where did the week go?
According to my pillbox...
this is Saturday

Robert Major
Poulsbo, WA

7th Hon. Men.

gray-haired Lothario
crooning to me off-key
I turn my deaf ear

Sue Stapleton Tkach
Rochester, NY

8th Hon. Men.

the waitress yawns
as she fills my cup--
I yawn back

Ross Figgins
Claremont, CA

9th Hon. Men.

more apples growing
on my neighbor's side
of the tree he hates

Thomas Williams
Newtown Square, PA

10th Hon. Men.

home from work
the little one brings me
an empty wine bottle

Tom Clausen
Ithaca, NY

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HEA TWENTIETH ANNUAL STUDENT HAIKU CONTEST

(Grades 4-6)

1st Place

at the crack of dawn
mynah birds break the silence
from the banyan trees

Sarah Saito, Grade 5
Kahului School

2nd Place

Haleakalā
peaceful, dormant volcano
brisk, cold, crisp air

Kevin Migita, Grade 5
Mililani Mauka Elementary School

3rd Place

picking and strumming
playing the'ukulele--
jamming to the beat

Michael Rabacal, Grade 6
Mililani Mauka Elementary School

1st Hon. Men.

rumbling sky above
lightning streaks across the sky
umbrellas are out

Jasmine Jordan, Grade 6
Salt Lake Elementary School

2nd Hon. Men.

millions of stars
twinkling in the dark night sky
fireflies of space

Rochie Mamalias, Grade 5
Kalihi Uka Elementary School

3rd Hon. Men.

rain pounds, thunder booms
lightning arcs across the sky--
thunderstorm begins

Jennifer Reichard, Grade
Mililani Mauka Elementary School

4th Hon. Men.

slowly drifting down
creating white sheets of snow
delicate snowflakes

Stacy Thompson, Grade 6
Mililani Mauka Elementary School

5th Hon. Men.

waves crashing the shore
as the scent of salt lingers
seagulls start to cry

Jenna Ushijima, Grade 6
Mililani Mauka Elementary School

6th Hon. Men.

in the afternoon
palm trees sway back and forth
waves crash in the sand

Tehani Nagata, Grade 6
'Iao School

7th Hon. Men.

fishing at the beach
poles shaking vigorously
a huge pāpio!

Kelly McCrone, Grade 6
Mililani Mauka Elementary School

8th Hon. Men.

a puffer swimming
blown up like a balloon
inflates so neatly

Kody Kim, Grade 6
'Iao School

9th Hon. Men.

hand off the football
blocking for the running back
he scores a touchdown!

Matthew Cardenas, Grade 5
Kalihi Elementary School

10th Hon. Men.

in the muddy ground
that squishes between my toes
I leave my footprints

Laurie Hozaki, Grade 5
Kahului Elementary School

HEA TWENTIETH ANNUAL STUDENT HAIKU CONTEST

(Grades 7-9)

1st Place

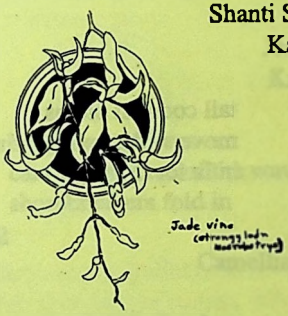
ocean's mighty waves
pound the rugged lava shore
thunder in the sea

Linden Wada, Grade 8
'Iao School

2nd Place

dark, black waves roar in
their jagged icy edges
slice into the rocks

Shanti Suyetsugu, Grade 9
Kahuku High School



3rd Place

sweet mango juice
covers my face and hands
Eeew ... Sticky!!

Vaueli Ma Sun, Grade 9
Kahuku High School

1st Hon. Men.

sitting next to Dad
I can hear his tender voice
singing about life

Tasi Kilo, Grade 9
Waialua High School

2nd Hon. Men.

the ipu rumbles
without skipping a beat
as the kumu chants

Kalani Souza, Grade 7
Kawananakoa Middle School

3rd Hon. Men.

knee deep in water
lining Ka'a'awa shore
men cast their lines

Masina Tutor, Grade 9
Kahuku High School

4th Hon. Men.

tall coconut palms
move with tropical wind
hula for the gods

Shauna Suzuki, Grade 8
'Iao School

5th Hon. Men.

under the bright moon
paper lanterns float away
O'bon season

Stacy Pladera, Grade 7
'Iao School

6th Hon. Men.

the sleek blue glider
soaring over Dillingham
through the cool crisp air

Charles Wickware, Grade 9
Moanalua High School

7th Hon. Men.

small black opihi
cling to the rocky coastline
of the Big Island

Lindsey Pang, Grade 7
'Iao School

8th Hon. Men.

the roar of the crowd--
the sudden rush of adrenaline
she shoots; swish–

Jerome Pulu, Grade 9
Kahuku High School

9th Hon. Men.

body boarders move
carving the face of the wave--
shorebreakers fold in

Camellia Emmsley, Grade 8
Hāna High School

10th Hon. Men

hear water roar
gliding in clear flawless tubes--
a surfer's dream

Flora Ramirez, Grade 9
Kahuku High School

HEA TWENTIETH ANNUAL STUDENT HAIKU CONTEST

(Grades 10-12)

1st Place

he is on his back
I try to hold him down, TOOT!!!
the whistle, I win!!!

Aaron Sumile, Grade 11
Waialua High School

2nd Place

sitting on my board--
offshore winds spraying showers
off perfect wedges

Joshua Titow, Grade 11
'Olomana School

3rd Place

thundering waves crash
against jagged rock cliffs--
winter swells have come

Cameron Watterson, Grade 10
Kohala High School

1st Hon. Men.

curling toward shore
masses of water and salt--
southern swells

Charla Makua, Grade 11
King Kekaulike High School

2nd Hon. Men.

whales break water
making waves with every jump
then dive out of sight

Jonathan Furtado, Grade 11
King Kekaulike High School

3rd Hon. Men.

light rains turn heavy
thunder, lightning, and dark clouds
a wintery storm

Janell Ito, Grade 1
King Kekaulike High School

4th Hon. Men.

lovely hula girls
with graceful hands; swaying hips
winking at the boys

Portia Macadangdang, Grade 11
Moanalua High School

5th Hon. Men.

in the warm twilight
waves crash on the sandy beach
a summer day ends

Brianna Corbett, Grade 11
King Kehaulike High School

6th Hon. Men.

looking at the wave
thinking I'm going to die--
trying to duck-dive

Calvin Melendres, Grade 10
Waialua High School

7th Hon. Men.

the whales have returned
to the warm Hawaiian sea--
the autumn sun

Minh Nguyen, Grade 11
Farrington High School

8th Hon. Men.

cruising the North Shore
along the sandy beaches
watching the waves crash

Ezra Rose, Grade 12
Honoka'a High School

9th Hon. Men.

walking down the beach
leaving footsteps in the sand
North Shore, Oahu

Timmy Honorato, Grade 10
Waialua High School

10th Hon. Men

nature's awesome roar
of consistent crashing waves--
winter rumbles in

Kihei Burgess, Grade 11
King Kekaulike High School

HEA 19th Annual Student Haiku Contest - Grades 1-3

1st Place

deadly scorpions
with their poisonous stingers
creatures of the night

Gavin Soberano, Grade 3
Haleiwa Elementary School

2nd Place

until food comes by
little ghost crabs hide and wait
peeking out of holes

Katrina Schweithelm, Grade 3
Mt. View Elementary School

3rd Place

tonight it is dark
stars twinkle above the beach
I see shiny waves

Debi Bolosan, Grade
Mānana Elementary School

HEA Twentieth Annual Student Haiku Contest - Grades 1-3

1st Place

bumpy chicken skin
in the dark when I am scared
creeping up on me

JR Cabana, Grade 3
Haleiwa Elementary School

2nd Place

sun melts the snowman
charcoal eyes and a carrot
lying on the ground

Jasmine Tacub, Grade 1
Kōloa School

3rd Place

an eel bites a fish
drags it into his hole
Gulp! the fish is gone

Trent Allianic, Grade 1
Kōloa School