

Nicholas A. Virgilio Memorial Haiku Competition Collection

The Nicholas A. Virgilio Memorial Haiku Competition for Grades 7-12 was founded in 1990 by the Sacred Heart Church in Camden, N.J. It is sponsored and administered by the Nick Virgilio Haiku Association in memory of Nicholas A. Virgilio, a charter member of the Haiku Society of America, who died in 1989. The Haiku Society of America co-sponsors the contest, provides judges, and publishes the contest results in its journal, **Frogpond**, and on its Website (<http://www.hsa-haiku.org>).

2004 The judges for the 2004 competition were an'ya and kirsty karkow.

Emily Cornish, Age 15, School of the Arts, Rochester, NY

summer cottage
the bullfrog
slips my grasp

2003 The judges for the 2003 competition were Claire Gallagher and Anne Homan.

Laura Santiago, Age 15, Grade 9, School of the Arts, Rochester, NY

summer breeze
the flutter of clothes
thrown over a chair

Henry Aigetsinger, Age 15, Grade 9, School of the Arts, Rochester, NY

pebbles underfoot
in the cold stream
stars

C. J. Welch, Age 17, Grade 12, Walhert High School, Dubuque, Iowa

in front
of the meth lab
three children hopscotch

2002 The judges for the 2002 competition were Raffael DeGruttola and Judson Evans.

Fourth Place, James Isaak, grade 12, Wahlert High School, Dubuque, Iowa

on an old
cemetery stone
my name

Sixth Place, Colin Murray, grade 8, School for the Arts, Rochester, N.Y.

Monday morning
kicking the slush
from behind the wheels

2001 The judges for the 2001 competition were Randy and Shirley Brooks.

First Place, Travis Moore, age 13, Grade 8, School of the Arts, Rochester, N.Y.

autumn wind
rattles the glass—
a child's breath

Third Place, Deborah Meyer, age 18, Grade 12, Wahlert High School, Dubuque, Iowa

from the tanning salon
to her car
January chill

Fourth Place, Heidi Streit, age 17, Grade 12, Walhert High School, Dubuque, Iowa

strep throat
she kisses him
anyway

Sixth Place, Kali Smith age 16, Grade 11, Wahlert High School, Dubuque, Iowa

new beau
fingering the tattoo
with her name

2000 The judges for the 2000 competition were Ruth Yarrow and Kathleen Decker.

Nathaniel B. Gach, age 18, grade 12, Marple Newtown High School, Newtown Square, Pa.

spring morning
the dewy grass
holds the shape of her step

1999 The judges for the 2003 competition were Yvonne Hardenbrook and Cherie Hunter Day.

Paula Faber, age 18, grade 12, Wahlert High School, Dubuque, Iowa

at the movie
their hands meet . . .
in the buttered popcorn

1996 The judges for the 1996 competition were Lee Gurga and Paul Mena.

Margaret Miller, age 17, grade 12, Hopewell Valley Central High School, Pennington, N.J.

first snow
the whole pomegranate
one seed at a time

Adam Dodds, age 18, grade 12, Wahlert High School Dubuque, Iowa

rain
finding
the hole in my shoe

Scott Splinter, age 17, grade 12, Wahlert High School, Dubuque, Iowa

first date
her dog
likes me

1995 The judge for the 1995 competition was Paul O. Williams.

First Place, Anne Alfredo, 9th grade, Wahlert High School, Dubuque, Iowa

solitary swimmer
ripples
the early-morning sun

Third Place, Katie O'Connor, 9th grade, Wahlert High School, Dubuque, Iowa

after the flood
our flag waves
from the clothesline

1993 The judges for the 1993 competition were Tom Clausen and Jack Ervin.

Third Place, Keith Habel, age 14, grade 9, Wahlert High School, Dubuque, Iowa

emergency room:
watching the spider
cross the floor

Honorable Mention, Becky Atkinson, age 17, grade 12, Eastern Alamance High School, Mebane, N.C.

goodnight embrace
by the dusty road—
all the stars

1991 The judges for the 1991 competition were Joyce Walker Currier and Michael Dylan Welch.

First Place, Gina Valentine, age 18, grade 12, Wahlert High School, Dubuque, Iowa

new mother . . .
her old cat appears
at nursing time

First Honorable Mention, Haiku, Matt Richards, age 17, grade 12, Wahlert High School, Dubuque, Iowa

Christmas Day
the hunters
feed the deer

First Honorable Mention, Senryu, Noelle Bellaver, age 17, grade 12, Wahlert High, Dubuque, Iowa

day after the big test
the nurse's office
empty

Second Honorable Mention, Senryu, Matt Richards, age 17, grade 12, Wahlert High, Dubuque, Iowa

beautiful girl
I turn my head and run
the red light