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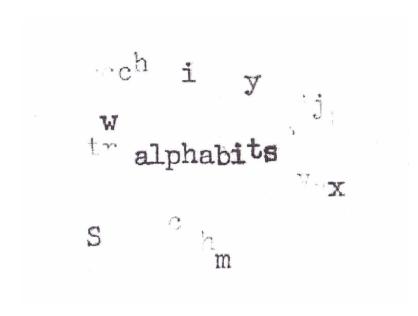
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Cover visual: *Marje A. Dyck*. Sheets this issue: *all the different colours* by *Alice Frampton* and *and I get to see it* by *barry weiler*.



andrew topel

From the Editor...

At last here it is—*Haiku Canada Review!*

For some time members have been talking about separating the news portion of *Haiku Canada Newsletter* from the literary portion. Since the last issue of the Newsletter, members have received the new e-newsletter version of Haiku Canada Newsletter. The issue in hand represents the creative output. Marco Fraticelli, Haiku Canada Newsletter Editor, will continue the news portion online. This means that any news including regional news should be sent to him.

For Haiku Canada Review, send work my way. Haiku and related forms are welcome from both members and non members. I do see haiku and haibun regularly, but also welcome tanka and haiga. Essays, interviews, letters, reviews are also sought. Haiku Canada Sheets will also accompany issues as available. For the present, there will be two issues of the Review in February and October as well s the annual Members anthology to showcase writing. For details on submissions details see the inside cover of each issue.

May your winter be haiku filled.

Your editor for all seasons,

LeRoy

Haiku Plus...

cercles d'oiseaux autour de la mangeoire soleil d'hiver birds circling circling the feeder winter sun

Micheline Beaudry

election canvas a pit bull responds to the knock fierce opposition

Sheila Bello

Selip

tar

lap

gummer,

"Knew"

"hush

yr, "c loud

pmad revoc

John M. Bennett

Between pointed spires of evergreens sunset glow.

Frances Mary Bishop

and through her hair the mirror reveals a desert sun

Patrick Campbell

animal shelter the dog without one wags his tail

Anne LB Davidson

In the time it takes to Remember when New fossils are discovered

Darnell Dean

A fall leaf between two fence boards transit rush hour

Charalene Denton

bluebells near the path a warbler sings one note

Marje A. Dyck

Behind the boring speaker clouds of mist blow past the window

David Elliott

aerobic drilling by the dentist – ice fishing

Liz fenn

farmers' market pussy-willows beside smiling hogs' heads

Muriel Ford

at my age slowly a snow angel

Alice Frampton

just before my echo in the darkness

Marco Fraticelli

gangst

Sandra Fuhringer

spurring his horse amid rush hour traffic the Civil War statue

Barry George

every step through creaking snow the arthritic feet

Irene Golas

i'm almost in fashion below my knee a varicose tattoo

hemlock black snow white the chickadee lives between two worlds

> spring brook winter rushes by

> > Arch Haslett

wet palms extended in spring rain—receive watered down handouts

> like a white rat i follow icon images with my mouse

> > Sterling Haynes

bluer than the sky the birch trees' shadows on the snow

> carved heart in the snow the busy footprints all round ...approaching ... leaving

a last cigarette—gazing at the yellowed star that's really Venus

Graham High

breathing in this heatwave rumble of distant thunder

lana holmes

last week's snowfootprints far ahead of me

> long drive back low clouds that have kept the stars back

> > Gary Hotham

stitch the scrappy wheat panels a long dark hair



Dorothy Howard

once started how quickly behind the volcano the sinking sun

Marshall Hryciuk

lost on the back roads we come upon a detour sign

peonies blooming on the north side of the shed long after the others

> in the Japanese garden beside the Marriage lantern pine cones and a feather

> > Philomene Kocher

my new rig outside three waitresses at my table

> the part where Grandpa wins his medal— Grandma's headache

> > Tim Jamieson

frozen pond a fissure cracks across the goal crease

Hans Jongman

snowy egret one foot out of the water then into pond weeds

yesterday
I fell asleep beside
a tumbling creek
tonight behind our motel room
the Atlantic ocean's roar

jeanne jorgensen

Halloween not sure of the spider webs they skip the beat-up house

Mike Montreuil

midsummer sun a bit of the garden spills from her bucket

Pamela Miller Ness

mountain moonlight dark shadows skimming the glacier whiteness

taking the moon for just another street lamp underground exit

arguing a point. . . The tug that never moved has passed

H. F. Noyes

the man in the moon his sunny face half-shadowed by our earth

> azure sky– a crow pecking at a robin's egg

> > John B. Ower

as I pick the last persimmons the first drops of rain goldfinch keeps singing while swallowing a little caterpillar

flounder and strawberry genes spliced global warming—gulp

Brent Partridge

bending over backwards
I come face to face
with the moon

Nancy Prasad

a swarm of bumblebees among the blossoms spring bike rally

John Quinnett

mosaic birdbath the sound of water on water

Patricia Prime

in the mouth of the mountain goat spring's afterbirth

Michele Root-Bernstein

every time I slow the car crickets

> November trash heap the two jack-o'-lanterns still smiling

> > Bruce Ross

moon through clouds with my friend's "Goodnight" the first few flakes

Grant Savage

The zoo's four capybaras all facing toward
South America

Stress at work, at home . . . sofa cat moves to stay in the sunbeam

George Swede

out in the country a lookout bench where no one ever sits

Ava Kar

the train extinct the prairie breeds bison a tortoise a Muslim boy keeps pointing to the east

matadoor

barry weiler

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Letters...

Lots to like

Thanks very much for the latest HCN's – from the October 2006 issue, I particularly enjoyed "passion play" by Patricia Benedict, "the chatter" and "high water tide" by Naomi Beth Wakan, "mountains" by Loid Harvey, "freshly painted" by George Swede, "graveside rites" by John Ouinnett, "Election Day" by Pamela Miller Ness, "just before" by Marco Fraticelli, "December woods" by Bruce Ross, "by the ocean" by Munira Judith Avinger, and "tiny pine" by Liz fenn – from the stones already thrown broadside, "placing the wreath" by Hans Jongman – from The Betty Drevniok Award sheet the standout was "into his trousers" by Francine Banwarth – from the rain song collection, highlights are "little stream" by Ann Goldring, "misterogynist" by Sonja Dunn, "in the cathedral" by Philomene Kocher, "first snow" by Mike Montreuil, "like the moon" by Nancy Prasad, "parking tower" by Bruce Ross, "fingernail moon" by Michele Root-Bernstein, "under the lamp" by Cor van den Heuvel, and "still thinking about" by Michael Dylan Welch – as always, some of the finest work in the short form being published. . .

Don Wentworth, Lilliput Review

Haibun...

STORKS

In the spring Storks migrate to northern Europe from their north African wintering grounds, crossing the Mediterranean Sea between Morocco and Gibraltar. Their arrival on a church steeple or on a Town Hall chimney is welcomed by the townspeople as the Stork symbolizes fertility.

late morning gawkers beneath the old stork nest

Hans Jongman

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WRAP IT UP

WANTED— one pre-owned, but still comfortable, men's bathrobe to be donated to my neighbor, Daniel, who writes from his office. The reason he needs a robe is because this young whippersnapper of promise and worth is otherwise spending his entire life of creativity within—little kid pajammies. He needs help, perhaps, to grow into full uniformed literary maturity? Why weren't our illustrious haiku ancients 100% attired day and night—in what could be loosely termed a bathrobe?

only one bird investigates. . . late spring snow

 $Liz\ fenn$

Interview...

Penny Harter, American Poet and Haikuist – In Her Own Words

Janick Belleau

- JB You created *A Lesson Plan* which contains rules for haiku writing. Twenty years later, these are still applied by many haikuists. Are you still abiding by your own rules?
- PH Actually, the list of rules from my lesson in *The Haiku Handbook* was created for a teacher (or poet/teacher) to use with a class, although I followed most of them and still believe in them.
- JB Thank you for sending me your paper *Why I Write Haiku*. I see it as an extension of *A Lesson Plan*. Everything one needs to know is there.
- PH What I sent you was a slightly earlier version of the essay as it recently appeared in the book *The Unswept Path: Contemporary American Haiku*. My writing the essay, and revising it as the years have passed, has been central to my understanding of writing haiku which forms only a portion of the poetry that I write. The title of the paper in the book is *Seeing and Connecting*.
- JB To see a poem means that there is an image one could connect with.
- PH The haiku presents the event in an image, SHOWS us what happened, does not tell us about it or tell us what emotion to feel. It presents a specific event or observation.
- JB Already in 1985, you were writing that one could

create "emotions by connecting two or more images together in new and strange ways." Where do images come from?

- PH An image is a group of words which presents an object or objects, and possibly some action that appeals to the senses. They appear from three sources: here and now; memory; and fantasy. "Imagination" has the word "image" in it, and can refer to all three categories.
- JB You also wrote in 1985: "The important thing about writing haiku is that it makes us look at things, hear things, notice the touch and taste of things in ways that will connect us with the world around us."
- PH Writing haiku opens my mind, my senses, and my spirit. It helps me get in touch with what is most important—paying attention to what I've called, "that click in the gut", or "leap of the spirit". When asked to define poetry, I have always said that writing a poem is, first and foremost, an act of SEEING, followed by CONNECTING. Writing haiku helps me to feel relationship between myself and OTHER, so that, in a way, I become OTHER.
- JB Let's talk about kigo. Many haikuists seem to think that a haiku must have a kigo which they've been told is a season word. It leads them to think that the name of a season must appear.
- PH Although I say (in 1985) one should indicate the season by a kigo, I sometimes do not include a season word, as in the following favorite haiku of mine:

evening rain— I braid my hair into the dark JB – In your paper *Why I Write Haiku*, you write: "I believe it is important to set the poem in a particular time and place." Why do you believe it is important?

PH – Setting a haiku in a particular time and place makes it more immediate. All life is local, each personal moment of experience, if depicted well, can resonate for others, and the specific is always more powerful than the general. However, I do not believe that all haiku must be written from immediate experience in the present tense. One may certainly use memories and even imagined material in a haiku, as long as the end result is a haiku that seems immediate.

JB-So, one can, and should, write, and rewrite, her poem / haiku as long as it seems necessary?

PH – Bashō did say many things about haiku, including "On your lips a thousand times" i.e. one should be working and reworking one's haiku as necessary to get it into proper poetical shape. Please note that this does not have anything much to do with 5/7/5, but rather to do with "the best words in the best order" as Samuel Taylor Coleridge once said about poetry.

JB- One last question. For you, haiku is the micro cosmos in the macro cosmos, is it not?

PH – For me, each haiku I write is like breathing out, giving back to Earth recognition, affirmation, and gratitude. Writing haiku is one way of translating the Earth – honoring what the mountain, the dragonfly, the neighbor, and even the dirt under our feet mean to our existence. The writing and sharing of haiku can bring us together as we celebrate our connections with the larger world that we share, while

at the same time affirming the particular times and places of our lives and our human responses to them.

JB – Thank you very much, Ms Harter.

The interview with Penny Harter was conducted in Québec city, last August. A French translation was published in *Gong*, the Haiku magazine of the Association française de haïku in October 2006.

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Three Haiku

Penny Harter

migrating butterflies cover the names the war memorial

> beekeeper humming back

a spiral of gnats from branch to branch rain-wet pine

Between Mountains Renku

smoke from a boat as if a mountain between mountains

Marshall Hryciuk

a column of young girls smelling of plum trees

Mariko Kitakubo (translated by Amelia Fielden)

newly seeded lawn not noticing until I reach its centre

Karen Sohne

the church bell rings into my dream

Inga Uhlemann

stick figure tells him a story with a blackbird

Lin Geary

grain dust reddens the harvest moon

DeVar Dahl

a scrabble of mice in my ceiling

Amelia Fielden

sunburnt
I ask for vinegar
not words

Lin

there, and not there the firefly

Michael Dylan Welch

the Campus Police hauling away all the cars

Inga

another suicide bomber in the restricted zone

Priscilla Van Valkenburgh

no going there she tells him forcefully

Tenzig

how to find my way back to a place that never was

Tami Fraser

all i have left is the bank loan

Claudia Coutu Radmore

after the carpenter sawdust in the spider web

Terry Ann Carter

the bulbs already rooted in their bags

Chandra Bales

surrounded by the glow of poppies

Tenzig

I pinch back the spruce candles with my fingernails

Christine Nelson

white foam fills the hollows left by plovers' feet

Mariko (translated by Amelia)

first snowman looking for Dad's old scarf

Amelia

the sun still over the frozen pond and its silence

Tenzig

darkening sky– the ski instructor shifts his weight

Michael

hot stone massage

Terry

she gives grampa a butterfly kiss

DeVar

so what do you call the cross between a polar bear and a grizzly

Claudia

ice creams dripping rainbow colours

Amelia

tight shave for a bikini

Lin

the classroom breaks up after the teacher's Freudian slip

Tenzig

raccoons wobble among the fermenting apples

Claudia

we part the moon follows us both

Ava Kar

we exchange funny looks no seasoning

Michael

New Year's Day lunch at McDonald's

Inga

champagne cork in the light fixture

Christine

hot cross buns in the bakery again

Claudia

heart-shaped locketinside, you tell me, is the blossom i caught

Michael

finger painting in the hills

Mariko (translated by Amelia)

Between Mountains Renku was composed at the Haiku Canada Weekend, Vancouver, between 10 pm Friday May 19 and 2:35 am May 20, 2006.

Favorite Haiku...

H. F. Noves

nightfall the zookeeper lets himself out Sandra Fuhringer 1

We let the cat out, but too often forget tolet ourselves out. At 88, I feel obliged to Sandra for expressing so well the situation. I too often find myself living as if not only my body but my self as well is bound. In my years as a psychotherapist, I was amazed to discover under how many layers our true self can be buried.

our making up lasts
well into morning
the eavestrough overflowing

Jack Case 2

How beautifully crafted this inner comparison. The overflowing happens in readers' hearts too.

spring rain
a small memory
washes away

Jeffrey Winke 3

Such delivery is rare in haiku, though it's so natural an element in *karumi* lightness. You want to give a hug of special recognition to the poet who can be so simple and true to the miniature element in haiku and life.

ducking for cover we dry off by posters of people in the sun Angela Leuck 4

Imagination is a valuable ally that should be used more often in haiku: "the living power and prime agent of all human perception," according to Coleridge. "The sails of poetry," Shelley called it. Angela's playful humor is a delight, and I admire her choice of "le mot juste" in "ducking."

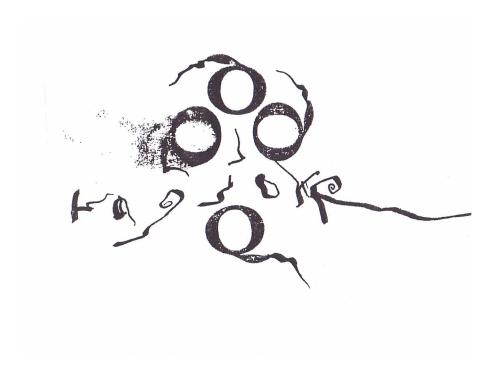
In the snow around the carousel tracks of a horse vincent tripi 6

Our poet is asking of his readers what Coleridge called "that willing suspension of disbelief which constitutes poetic faith." 7 We are well rewarded for this slight concession, as those hoof prints actually *do* begin to appear.

from leafless trees
crow follows crow
into a cold wind
Martin Lucas 8

"A condition of complete simplicity. . . and all shall be well," wrote T. S. Eliot. 9 For me this haiku rivals Bashō's celebrated "crow on a bare limb" in poetically capturing the aura of late autumn. Lucas's haiku, in addition to its appealing "lifeful" rhythm, imparts the chill as well as the desolation of approaching winter.

- 1. Haiku Canada Newsletter
- 2. pawEprint 82
- 3. Haiku Canada Anthology 2004
- 5. From Renga, General Motors Jazz, HC Sheet 2005
- 6. white, Swamp Press, 1993
- 7. Biographia Literaria, 1817
- 8. Haikü sans frontières, ed. André Duhaime, Les Editions David.1998
- 9. "The Dry Savages", Four Quartets, 1935



John M. Bennett

Nitobe Meditation

A collection of tan-renga written by Michael Dylan Welch in collaboration with fourteen other poets attending the Haiku Canada Weekend at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., May 19-21, 2006. Most of these tan-renga were written at Nitobe Japanese Garden at UBC on Michael's birthday, May 20, with one tan-renga finished later.

quiet Japanese garden a branch cut on the side facing away from the path

Michael Dylan Welch

a painter and a pond share the loneliness

Karma Tenzing Wangchuk

floating leaf a raindrop pushes it in

Jessica Tremblay

at the video shop Titanic out of stock

Michael

chilly morning the moss springs back after my step

Michael

pink petals float in the pond above the carp

Marshall Hryciuk

black branches and a silver lamp post ducks on the frozen pond

Ava Kar

the old wardrobe now stained red

Michael

a crowd on the garden path I walk around the crows

Chandra Bales

in need of a wash the black BMW

Michael

pond's edge the last plum blossom drifts to a stop

Carole MacRury

a mourning dove flushes upward

Michael

garden stroll we raise our voices near the bubbling stream

Michael

my friend, the raven, settles on a high cedar in the wind

Howard Lee Kilby

searching in the garden a twisted trunk

Lyle Rumpel

finding myself at the end of the path

a stone lantern covered with moss next to one without

Michael

visiting friends who still live in our old suburb

Amelia Fielden

under halogen lights translucence of a million petals

Claudia Coutu Radmore

in Spanish she asks me the way

Michael

"way of teenage rebellion" cedar stump rotted at its core

Vicki McCullough

paint faded on the entire totem pole

Michael

garden walk each rock in its right place

Carmen Sterba

a shiny penny in the snow-viewing lantern

Michael

a lull in our conversation—maple tree roots crisscross the moss

Michael

chopsticks down the meal is over

Terry Ann Carter

Nitobe meditation traffic and waterfall sounds become one

elehna de sousa

my reflection in the pond wobbled by a koi

Michael

Contributing Poets: Chandra Bales ~ Albuquerque, New Mexico; Terry Ann Carter ~ Nepean, Ontario; elehna de sousa ~ Salt Spring Island, British Columbia; Amelia Fielden ~ Buff Point, New South Wales, Australia; Marshall Hryciuk ~ Toronto, Ontario; Ava Kar ~ Oliver, British Columbia; Howard Lee Kilby ~ Hot Springs, Arkansas; Carole MacRury ~ Point Roberts, Washington; Vicki McCullough ~ Vancouver, British Columbia; Claudia Coutu Radmore ~ Carleton Place, Ontario; Lyle Rumpel ~ Victoria, British Columbia; Carmen Sterba ~ University Place, Washington; Jessica Tremblay ~ Vancouver, British Columbia; Karma Tenzing Wangchuk ~ Port Townsend, Washington; Michael Dylan Welch ~ Sammamish, Washington

Books...

The following publications were received or discovered and found to be of interest. Publications are welcome for consideration.

Blithe Spirit: Journal of the British Haiku Society, 16:4 (December 2006), Graham High, Editor, 12 Eliot Vale, Blackheath, London SE3 0UW, UK., £28 or \$55 US/4 issues. Publishes members only except for the Pathway section which is bilingual. Membership inquiries may be directed to Stanley Pelter, Maple House, 5 School Lane, Claypole, Notts. NG23 5BQ, UK. Along with the usual variety of prose and poetry, there are some interesting Basho translations by Keith Coleman in this issue.

South by Southeast, 14:1, 2007, The Richmond Haiku Workshop, 3040 Middlewood Rd., Midlothian, VA 23113, triannual, \$16 in US, \$25 US elsewhere. A unique feature is the Haiku Party by Mail (contributors send one haiku for each of two themes for judging by the readership). Submissions may be sent by postal mail or email to: saddiss@richmond.edu. Deadlines are September 15, December 15 and April 15. Each issue usually has a haiga or two. The current issue has one by Stephen Addiss and one by Lynne Steele

red lights, 3:1, January 2007, Pamela Miller Ness, Editor, 33 Riverside Dr., Apt. 4-G., New York, NY 10023-8025, \$10 US, \$13 US to Canada, \$15 US elsewhere for two issues, (semi-annual, January and June). Submissions are invited (a maximum of 10 tanka an/or 2 tanka sequences no longer than 10 stanzas each). June issue deadline is April 15 and November 15 for January. Poets receive \$1 per tanka.. Featured poet this issue is Michael Dylan Welch.

Ribbons: Tanka Society of America Journal, 2:1 Spring 2006, 2:2 Summer 2006, an 'ya, Ed,, POB 3627, La Pine, OR 97739, <anya@empnet.com>. Membership/subscription is \$25 US, \$30 US in Canada and Mexico, \$35 US elsewhere. Tanka and related commentary fill the pages. The quality and variety of work in both the poetry and prose is impressive.

HI, #67, 2006, Haiku International Assoc., 7th Floor, Azuma Building, 2-7 Ichigaya-Tamachi, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, 162-0843, Japan. Membership: \$50 US. Haiku appear in English and Japanese. Poems by both Japanese poets and English-language haiku poets, including Haiku Canada members, are included. The variety in both style and content continues to be interesting.

Kō, 21:4, Autumn-Winter 2006, Kōko Katō, Editor, 1-36-7 Ishida cho, Mizuho-ku, Nagoya, Japan 467-0067, 20 IPRC's/two issues. Numerous haiku in English and Japanese from Japan and around the world fill the pages. Seventeen-syllable works are the norm. There is plenty to read, both poetry and commentary, in this the 20th anniversary issue.

Gusts, #4, Fall/Winter 2006, biannual publication of Tanka Canada edited by Kozue Uzawa. Membership includes 2 issues and the right to submit 3 unpublished tanka or unpublished tanka translations per submission period. Due dates are February 15and August 15. Fee period is January to December (Cdn residents \$20, US residents \$20 US, International \$25US). Send to Kozue Uzawa, Dept. of Modern Languages, University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, AB T1K 3M4. Angela Leuck has stepped down from the position of co-editor. Tanka Canada homepage: http://people.uleth.ca/~uzawa/TankaCanada.htm As with the first three issues, there is plenty worth reading here.

Lilliput Review, 152, 153, 154 (November 2006), Don Wentworth, Ed., 282 Main, Pittsburgh, PA 15201, <*www.members.tripod.com/donw714/lillieindex.html*>, \$1 US/issue. Specializing in the short poem, haiku is always present. The four issues contain work by HC members as well as others who write engaging little pieces. 154 is a one-poet issue– *Shorties* by Jack Collom. Lilliput is always looking for poems, 3 to a page with a 3 page limit.

Murderous Signs, #14, October, 2006, Grant Wilkins, Editor, POB 20517, 390 Rideau St., Ottawa, ON K1N 1A3, e-mail: grunge@achilles.net, \$5/2 issues, \$8/4 issues (2 years). The editor is always looking for work "dedicated to presenting perspective on subjects literary and cultural, and to the notion that the printed word, well crafted and aimed, can be used as a weapon." Signs strives to print work not found in the mainstream. There is no haiku this issue, but haiku could be considered providing work fits the magazine's mandate. Anna Panunto is the poet featured in this issue.

Gong: Revue Francophone de Haïku, #13, Octobre 2006, l'Association Française de Haïku, 14 Rue Molière, 54280 Seichamps, France, <www.afhaiku.org>., 58pp, 2.50 Euros or \$4 per issue. This offers a good introduction to those not familiar with haiku writers in France. At least one Haiku Canada member, Liette Janelle, is present with three haiku. The issue contains the interview with Penny Harter that appears in this issue of *HCR*, along with haiku by Quebec poets and much more.

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