

Announcing the 2026 Skipping Stones' ASIAN CELEBRATION HAIKU CONTEST

Skipping Stones Magazine and the 2026 Asian Celebration

Invite your best Nature Haiku and Tanka by May 5th, 2026

Your Haiku (and/or Tanka) entries should be ready for display. Use 8.5 x 11 paper and feel free to include your original nature art to illustrate your Haiku and/or Tanka. Select entries will be displayed at the 2026 Asian Celebration in Eugene. All entries will also be considered for publication on our website in August 2026.

Haiku and **Tanka** (short song, in Japanese) are both traditional poetry forms that come from Japan.

* Haiku consists of three lines. The first line and third line both have five syllables and the middle line has seven (But we will not be very strict).

* Haiku appeals to the senses (sight, sound, smell, taste, touch) and it touches the heart.

* Tanka is a 31-syllable poem and has 5 lines with 5/7/5/7/7 syllable count, respectively.

* Nature art can accompany your haiku or Tanka, and it is encouraged!

With your entries please provide this information (*on the backside of your printed paper copy*):

* Your full name and grade level, your teacher and school's name, your or your teacher's e-mail and a mailing address. Haiku entries must be received by 5 PM on Tuesday, May the 5, 2026 (by 5 PM on 5/5/26) at

Skipping Stones Magazine, 166 W. 12th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401 USA. We're located in the Odd Fellows Building on the corner of 12th Avenue and Charnelton Street in Eugene.

You can also choose to send your Haiku or Tanka entries electronically if you wish. In that case, send HiRez .pdf, .jpeg or .tiff files of your artwork along with haiku/Tanka. Haiku and Tanka without art can be sent as a part of your email text or as a Word .doc or .docx file.

To send by e-mail or for more info. Use [editor\(AT\)skippingstones.org](mailto:editor(AT)skippingstones.org)

We look forward to seeing your Haiku and/or Tanka (with or without nature art) by 5 pm on May the 5th, 2026. May is celebrated as the **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**.

(PS: Did you know that **Cinco de Mayo** is celebrated by Mexicans and Mexican Americans to commemorate Mexico's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla, Mexico on May 5, 1862)?