



Art & Poetry Contest for Grades 2-8

CREATE AN ILLUSTRATED HAIKU

Deadline: Friday, March 19, 2010

Traditional Japanese haiku poetry celebrates the natural world and often contains an indication of a season, without actually stating the name of that season. Haiku consists of three lines with a syllable pattern of:

Five
Seven
Five

Here are two examples by Kazue Mizamura:

Walking in the wind
I listen to the bluebells
On the silent trail

Please bird, don't go yet
You are the finishing touch
To the snowy branch

We invite you to write a haiku in the traditional manner of form and content, and illustrate it with any medium you choose. Please submit your illustrated haiku **as one piece of artwork**.

The winning art will be displayed in the McChesney Room of SCPL as part of Art Night Schenectady on Friday, April 16, 2010. Contest winners and their families will be invited to a reception from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Prizes and certificates will be awarded at 7:00 pm.

Guidelines:

- You may enter the contest if you live or go to school in Schenectady County.
- Artwork may be no larger than 18 x 24 inches and no smaller than 8.5 x 11 inches.
- Please attach a registration form TO THE BACK of your entry.
- Entries will be accepted at any SCPL location until March 19, 2010.

Please print neatly and attach to BACK of art entry. All fields are REQUIRED. Thank you.

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Home address, city, zip _____

Home Phone or Email _____ School _____

School Phone _____ Teacher _____