

# HAIKU CONTEST



Haiku by Basho:

*I pull out grey hairs,  
And under my pillow,  
There is a cricket.*

*old pond  
frog leaps in  
water's sound.*

**Focus your poems on your experiences in the Hillside Natural Area. Celebrate the annual Trekkers Hillside Festival.**

---Use methods of classical Japanese Haiku i.e. join two subjects together

---Use image to carry meaning

---Format 17 syllables arranged by line 5-7-5 (but not strictly required)

---Incorporate trees/seasons/sounds experienced while hiking; images entering a trail/ the landscape from a trail /what changed after having hiked/what the trees said/ what the birds didn't say.

+Three age categories: 18 and over \13-17 \12 and under

First prize in each age category: \$50

Second and third prize in each age category: \$20

+A panel of three esteemed local poets will select winners. Winners will be awarded gift certificates to El Cerrito Natural Grocery and Jenny K Gifts.

+ Include your name, email, phone number, and age if 12 or under, or 13-17. Children 12 and under, please ask your parent or guardian about entering the contest before submitting. Submit to this email:

[ECTTHaiku@gmail.com](mailto:ECTTHaiku@gmail.com) . +Submit up to three poems.

+Deadline: May 31, 2021

+New submissions and contestant names posted every few days during May on El Cerrito Trail Trekkers website ([www.ectrailtrekkers.org](http://www.ectrailtrekkers.org)). Children listed by first name & first initial of last name only. Please go to website for more details.

+Winning haiku will be featured on the El Cerrito Trail Trekkers website after May 31, 2021.

