

# Results from the Seventh Annual Jack Stamm Paper Wasp Haiku Contest, 2005

## ***First Prize***

rusted hinge  
the butterfly's wings  
close, open ...  
*Lorin Ford*

## ***Second Prize***

May sunset  
dandelions surround  
the bulging udder  
*Verica Zivkovic*

## ***Equal Third***

shortening days  
golden foliage holds  
the sunlight  
*Quendryth Young*

the coming storm —  
a cricket has hold  
of the Chevrolet  
*Timothy Russell*

## ***Commended***

red dust road  
a cattle truck reaches  
the vanishing point  
*Lorin Ford*

Clickety-clack  
Over old wooden bridge  
Loose teeth and small change  
*Julie Constable*

## ***Finalists***

blue mountains  
a bellbird's song  
spills down  
*John Bird*

spring tide  
the ferry diesel throbs  
in my crotch  
*John Bird*

harmonica ghost —  
African hands cup a match  
blow smoky blues  
*Rodney Williams*

en route to the solstice  
the sun  
on our windscreen  
*Helen Buckingham*

distant thunder  
the cicada throbs  
in my hand  
*Nathalie Buckland*

Cut down forest  
behind the deer antlers  
waxing moon  
*Verica Zivkovic*

weekend visit  
the kite string dangles  
just out of reach  
*Sue Mill*

children's laughter  
sun and moon share  
a summer sky  
*Kirsty Karkow*

spring morning  
two more tulips  
missing  
*Ernest J. Berry*

log cabin  
the sun moves up  
another crack  
*Ernest J. Berry*

mobile phone  
he shares with me  
the first sunrise  
*Jan O'Loughlin*

two blue wrens  
alight on a railing —  
the child stops crying  
*Dawn Bruce*

the cry of a tern  
pierces the sea's roar~  
misty horizon  
*Quendryth Young*

toddler's bedside  
the cry of plovers  
in the night  
*Quendryth Young*

moonrise  
shadow to deeper shadow  
the whisper of wings  
*Jean Rasey*

in black stilettos  
strutting through the café  
— the old crow  
*Karen Dooley*

sunshine  
streaming through the church door  
the bride's veil  
*Karen Dooley*

winter solstice —  
the moon wants me  
to swim in it  
*Timothy Russell*

gentle rain —  
twitch of a branch  
where the bird was  
*Nathalie Buckland*

day moon  
a stingray skims  
the riverbed  
*John Bird*

early morning  
the raindrop ripples  
of feeding fish  
*Sue Mill*

Monday morning ~  
in the iron's steam  
her perfume  
*Paul Hodder*

a one-strand web  
stretches the width  
of the pond  
*Jan O'Loughlin*

most of the leaves  
on the ground now  
the open sky  
*Jan O'Loughlin*

haiku stone  
too late  
to revise  
*Ernest J. Berry*

winter dawn  
the cat snuggles closer  
to my face  
*Sue Mill*

lowering itself  
from itself ...  
bathroom spider  
*George G. Dorsty*

blackbird  
working the lawn  
beneath sheet lightning  
*John West*

year's end  
the old farm  
for sale  
*Joyce Austin Gilbert*

summer's end —  
the receptionist's  
butterfly nail  
*Helen Buckingham*

winter seascape  
the thin eyebrow  
of a distant gull  
*André Surridge*

morning walk  
trees with old scars  
blossoming  
*Jan O'Loughlin*

touching  
her lips  
the new grandson  
*Nola Borrell*

fog  
the bus stops  
for blurs  
*Nola Borrell*

Opening my eyes  
under Winter stars  
~ the earth has turned  
*Paul Hodder*

Coffee break ~  
someone's else's breadcrumbs  
in my library book  
*Paul Hodder*

sunrise  
mandarine skin  
in a dead tree  
*Quendryth Young*

shoreline ~  
I inhale the breath  
of a dolphin  
*Quendryth Young*

Christmas Eve —  
the full moon lighting  
the carol singers' way  
*author unknown*  
*Romanian Society of Haiku*

footprint in the sand  
holding  
the sea's bubbles  
*André Surridge*

mid-day hush  
a dragonfly darts  
pose to pose  
*Quendryth Young*

Japanese garden ~  
in the fresh snow  
Australians!  
*Paul Hodder*

suddenly ...  
in the rainforest gloom  
a white orchid  
*Petrus Heyligers*

even an apple core  
on this dusty lift floor  
sweetens the air  
*John West*

Down the mountain  
larvae scribble bark  
I pocket a scroll  
*Julie Constable*

longest night  
between labour pains  
distant rain  
*Ernest J. Berry*

first cicada  
the neighbour's cat  
flattens  
*Ernest J. Berry*

on the cenotaph  
chilling his fingertip  
the lad's own name  
*Karen Dooley*

Raindrop slides  
down the sunflower leaf  
slow thunder  
*Verica Zivkovic*

Morning frost ~  
my empty coffee cup  
still warm  
*Paul Hodder*

prickly pear —  
two old graziers blame  
each other

*Lorin Ford*

sliver moon  
the sheath of a cat's claw  
on the doormat

*Lorin Ford*

bush stillness~  
a bandicoot.  
in the python's coil

*Quendryth Young*

last rites  
the stars  
in her eyes

*Ernest J. Berry*

sudden breeze  
a ladybird clings  
to a floating petal

*Sue Mill*

first flush of dawn  
down river a lone oarsman  
easy with the ebb

*Jean Rasey*

autumn chill  
the mother's t-shirt  
reaches her jeans

*Greg Piko*

harvest dance —  
the cricket's last song  
is a slow one

*George G. Dorsty*

Christmas party —  
mynahs watch over the nest  
in the garage

*Lorin Ford*

sunday speedboats  
a water beetle circles  
back to shore

*Lorin Ford*

blackout  
... frogs and crickets

*Quendryth Young*

trial separation  
i break bread  
with the birds

*Ernest J. Berry*

through lace curtains  
the ripples of light quiver  
on her coffin

*Carla Sari*

puccini aria  
a breeze floats in  
from nowhere

*Greg Piko*

bible camp  
a massive gathering  
of sandflies

*Ernest J. Berry*

backyard kayak —  
flowers flicker  
across the bow

*George G. Dorsty*

In an old hat  
hailstones melting  
a beggar whistling  
*Verica Zivkovic*

Smiling Buddha ~  
on his ear  
a mosquito  
*Paul Hodder*

retreat dormitory ~  
sounds of people  
trying to be quiet  
*Paul Hodder*

farmers and aborigines  
their women  
learn computing  
*Greg Piko*

wire-framed glasses  
lost  
among dry twigs  
*John West*

prowling cat  
the praying mantis  
keeps at it  
*Ernest J. Berry*

country dump  
buttercups  
in a hubcap  
*Ernest J. Berry*

rocky outcrops  
the ouches  
we used to run on  
*Ernest J. Berry*

One mosquito whines  
within my quiet bedroom –  
sleep has fled tonight  
*Mary Mageau*

summer dusk  
the gum tree's decibels  
at their peak  
*Ernest J. Berry*

After the rain  
an army of snails  
on manoeuvre  
*Estelle Randall*

children squabbling –  
fruit bats  
in the mango tree  
*Connie McKenzie*

caged corella ~  
a crested pigeon pecks  
the dropped seed  
*Quendryth Young*

calling me  
to watch him  
... bellyflop  
*Ernest J. Berry*

in the dim temple  
we kneel to brush a sutra ...  
aroma of ink  
*Beverley George*

frosted windows  
vague shapes of trees below  
this way and that  
*Jan O'Loughlin*

new kitten  
besides his kennel  
the sleeping dog drools  
*Shirley May*

cherry blossoms  
pale shadows against  
a darkening sky  
*Beverley George*

with their prayers  
the constellation expands  
tsunami lanterns  
*Cecily Stanton*

silent prayer  
in the family chapel  
no one answers  
*Ernest J. Berry*

styrofoam cup  
full of wasp  
office  
picnic  
*Ernest J. Berry*

bank atrium  
a bird-of-paradise  
behind bars  
*Ernest J. Berry*

separated  
their mobility scooters  
parked together  
*Ernest J. Berry*

childhood sweet-heart  
wild daisies  
on her grave  
*Ernest J. Berry*

milking time ~  
a ragged mist gathers  
in the paddock  
*Ernest J. Berry*

the shock  
of jacaranda-purple —  
Spring morning  
*Dawn Bruce*

autumn ::  
the trembling  
cosmos  
*Timothy Russell*

First drops of rain ...  
from Juliet's statue  
rising steam  
*Verica Zivkovic*

spider silk  
a stick insect  
spins the wind  
*Ernest J. Berry*

