

# MINNIBARAKI

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## Our Forty-third Year

*Minneapolis Ibaraki Sister City Association*



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## 2024 Haiku Contest – now open

The 2024 Haiku Contest is now accepting entries!  
This year's theme is "tomo (友)" which means "friend".

Entries must be received by 11:59 pm on Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

The Contest is open to students in grades K – 12 that attend a Minneapolis Public School. There is also an Adult category that is open to any adults living or working in Minneapolis. Entries are due by 11:59 pm on Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

Entries can be submitted as follows

Via Google Form (Best):

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpZWYjdGqYQVhV\\_LH-ab1oa8zH9RNNcko4CzKRyc8cEn4ZaA/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpZWYjdGqYQVhV_LH-ab1oa8zH9RNNcko4CzKRyc8cEn4ZaA/viewform?usp=sharing)

Via email to: [misca.info@gmail.com](mailto:misca.info@gmail.com)

Remember that how wonderful your poem may sound to the MISCA judges, if it doesn't follow the 5-7-5 syllable pattern it will be rejected!

Last year we received over 600 entries. In January, MISCA board members will do an initial judging of all entries and select what they feel are the best 30 Haikus in each age category, K-5; 6-8; 9-12 and Adults, to send on to Ibaraki for final judging. The top eight winners in each category will receive their awards at the Annual Haiku Contest Ceremony to be held sometime in April of 2024.

We look forward to reading all of your amazing Haiku!

**Friends of the  
Bell of Two Friends**

Diamond Friends

*Bill Deef  
Michael Rainville  
Karl Reinhard*

Platinum Friends

*Jack Sattel and Karen Sontag Sattel  
Mary Witkus & Werner Kohler*

Gold Friends

*Jessica Manivasager*

Silver Friends

*Richard & Marie-Rose Lundgren  
Dan Rolf*

Bronze Friends

*Carol Austermann  
Sharon Balke  
Carter Clapsadle & Julia Baugnet  
Richard Kathrine Fournier  
Mirja Hanson  
Cynthia & Brian Haskell  
Jim & Reiko Hoffman  
Brenda Langton & Tim Kane  
Helane Monsour  
Doug & Addona Rivord  
James & Norma Solstad  
Claire & Paul Spilseth  
Richard & Carol Stahl  
Vernon Wettternach*

**Congratulations – Richard Stahl**

Richard Stahl was honored as this year’s Mondale Award Recipient at the annual JASM Mondale Award and Scholarship Gala on Saturday, November 4, 2023.

Richard actively supports other Japanese related groups, including MISCA, St. Paul Nagasaki Sister City Committee and JASM. He has previously been Secretary, Treasurer and President of JASM and was also Honorary Consul General for the State of Minnesota.

Thank you, Richard, for promoting Japanese culture throughout Minnesota and the Midwest and congratulations on a well-deserved award.

**2023 Haiku Contest First Place winners**

(theme was “mado” or “window”)

**K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

Sabine K.  
Lake Harriet- Lower Campus -  
Debra Mattson (teacher)

Snow is beautiful  
Glides by the sunset window  
like a tap dancer

**6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

Sullivan C.  
Anthony Middle School - Wolf  
(teacher)

It is cold outside  
My breath creates stars on glass  
Winter is magic

**9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

Ifrah A.  
Heritage STEM Academy - Clayton  
Schanilec (teacher)

The birds on the pane  
Remind me of free spirits  
Which I dream to be

**Adult**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

Diana L.  
Davis Center Adult

Gaze out the window  
Rain dripping long strands like  
veins  
Trickling streams on glass

Give to the Max day will take place on Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

This is MISCA's big fundraiser for the coming year.

Again, we will be accepting donations for:

- General Fund – used to fund our programs for the year
  - Haiku Contest
  - Cherry Tree Festival
  - Sister Cities Day
  - Visitors from Ibaraki
  - Holidazzle
- “The Bell of Two Friends” repair fund
  - These funds will be used in the future when the sculpture again needs repairs around 2030
  - The last repair in 2020 cost approximately \$10,000
  - Our current repair fund balance is \$3456



Please consider donating to one of these two funds on or before November 16, 2022.

Any donations given on or before November 16, enrolls MISCA in the drawing for additional awards from Give.org.

You can donate by going to:

<https://www.givemn.org/organization/Minneapolis-Ibaraki-City-Cultural-Association>

In the “Designation” Field select: General Fund, Bell of Two Friends Repair, or both”.

Thank You!



The Zen Box Dining Room is now open! A portion of the dining room is set aside for walk ins; seating here is first come first served. Zen Box is still offering takeout delivery and is open Tuesday through Thursday from 5:00 – 9 p.m. and Friday through Saturday from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.

### MINNIBARAKI – Past Issues

Looking for some information from a past issue of MINNIBARAKI?

All past and current issues of MINNIBARAKI can be found at the following link (copy and paste into your browser):

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16FIWH9sgFta1MN8wHIQ1eCFand3iAON8?usp=sharing>

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### Upcoming Board Meetings:

November - TBD

Board meetings are usually held  
at 6:30 pm via Zoom

If you would like to participate,  
please email Karl Reinhard at:

[misca.info@gmail.com](mailto:misca.info@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Events

Haiku Contest

Entries Due 11:59 pm

Wed, Dec 13, 2023

Holidazzle - not being  
held this year

Please check out or  
Facebook page for  
additional information