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EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

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Announcing the 2016 Haiku Contest for Students

Deadline to enter is February 15.

**Selected poems will be on display at the
Oregon Asian Celebration**

February 20 & 21, 2016

Lane Events Center Fairgrounds, Eugene, OR

Skipping Stones Magazine and the Oregon Asian Celebration invite students of all ages to submit Haiku poetry with a nature theme by February 15, 2016 for display at the 31st annual Oregon Asian Celebration planned for February 20 & 21 at the Lane Events Center.

The Haiku entries should be ready for display and mounted on either 11" x 17" or 8.5" x 11" paper and include Nature art to illustrate the Haiku. Selected entries will be displayed in the Lane Events Center exhibit hall at the festival. All entries will also be considered for publication in Skipping Stones magazine, an award-winning literary and multicultural magazine for youth.

Haiku is a traditional poetry form that comes from Japan. According to Arun Toke, editor of Skipping Stones, "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 touch the heart. We encourage entries to also feature nature art to accompany the haiku," Toke adds.

Each submission must include on the back, the student's full name, school name, grade level, teacher's name and email, and school address. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 15, 2016. They can be mailed to the Skipping Stones office, P.O. Box 3939 Eugene OR 97403, or dropped off at the Skipping Stones office at 166 W. 12th Avenue, Eugene (Odd Fellows Building on 12th Ave. & Charnelton St.).

To send entries by e-mail or for more information, contact: editor@skippingstones.org.

Students with entries published in Skipping Stones Magazine will receive a complimentary copy of the issue.

A complete schedule of Oregon Asian Celebration activities and performances will be available at the door or at AsianCelebration.org.

The event is produced by the [Eugene/Springfield Asian Council](http://Eugene/SpringfieldAsianCouncil) whose mission is to create opportunities that foster greater understanding of Asian and Asian American cultures.