

Tucson Organic Gardeners  
2021 Haiku Contest

TOG Board Member Barbara Cain wanted to be sure the celebration of TOG's 50th Anniversary was festive even though we would not be able to meet in person. She proposed having a haiku contest about our garden, having them anonymously judged by the UA poetry center representative, Barb Sherman and Tony Luebbermann.

It was a fun contest, many learned about writing haikus and discovered a new talent within. There were 12 poems submitted with the winners being announced at the celebration.

**Here are the comments from the judges and the winners...**

"Please let everyone know we enjoyed reading their poems and it was hard to make a decision. All the poets followed the form closely and we wondered how they learned about it. Our number one pick had an oriental feel to it and mentioned the season, as is very typical of haiku. A big "well done" to everyone." Barb and Tony

**First Place:**

Scattered rose Pedals  
Green tomatoes on the vine  
Rainy Fall morning  
Victoria Beall  
TOG member

**Second Place:**

Oh Joy! 5 AM!  
Sun rises over mountains  
Garden veggies smile  
Kathy Lackow  
TOG Board Member

**Third Place:**

Weeds are just flower  
Growing where they are not wanted  
Begone! Out of here!  
Brenda Earle  
TOG Board Member

**Honorable Mention:**

We shovel compost  
Squirrel on the water heater scolds  
Black Tuxedo Cat!  
Melody Peters  
TOG Board Member