

# Cultural Daily

Independent Voices, New Perspectives

## Haiku at Filoli

Cultural Weekly · Wednesday, February 17th, 2021

*the birds in winter  
arrive like a thunderstorm  
refreshing and threatening*

Filoli is known for its flowers, and winter has been thought of as a slower and quieter time. Yet the staff recognized what a special time winter is at Filoli. The bare branches, the grey skies, the just-about-to-blossom magnolias. Beauty in a winter garden is spare, resonating. Haiku with its similarly spare form and focus on nature seemed like a perfect way for Filoli to showcase the beauty of winter. Since 2020, a total of over 2,000 haiku poems have been written about Filoli's winter garden. Here are this year's winners and finalists.

— Hilary King, Filoli Public Programs Coordinator



---

In the white petals,  
crinkled cups holding yellow  
centers, a bee dines.

— **LiAnn Yim (First Place)**

Child of winter—  
I hold between my hands  
your pink camellia face

— **Monica Korde (Second Place)**

The soft hum of wings  
darting among the flowers  
seeking winter blooms

— **Lydia Becker (Best Under 18)**

Have you ever walked into  
the foliate womb of a mother redwood  
wanting to be unborn again

— **Preetika Anand (Under 18 Finalist)**

The sky wept softly  
over hedges rust, poppies white  
such grace in fallow times

— **Heather Bourbeau (Finalist)**

Fragrant air  
narcissus pushing through  
the rich earth

— **Garry Gay (Finalist)**

The trees blow and breeze  
baby blue eyes push through dirt  
pink camellias bloom

---

— **Kennedy Marek (Under 18 Finalist)**

Hedges watch over  
buds birthed by barren branches  
winter's young emerge

— **Julie Rogers (Finalist)**

The shape  
of sky  
under a blooming magnolia

— **Sharon Walter (Under 18 Finalist)**

Down the garden path  
wild turkey's feathers shimmer  
in the winter sun

— **Alliana Lili Yang (Under 18 Finalist)**

This entry was posted on Wednesday, February 17th, 2021 at 2:22 pm and is filed under [Destinations](#), [Poetry](#)

You can follow any responses to this entry through the [Comments \(RSS\)](#) feed. You can skip to the end and leave a response. Pinging is currently not allowed.