

## **A Full Afternoon of Loving Remembrance**

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The San Jose Poetry Center and the Yuki Teikei Haiku Society have an agreement with the San Jose Parks Department to hold poetry-related events and literary open houses for the public at the Markham House in San Jose's History Park. In the upstairs bedrooms our volunteers maintain select libraries on American Poetry and on Haiku. The poet Edwin Markham lived in this house near downtown San Jose. Later, the house was moved to the History Park because of its historical value.

YTHS holds several meetings a year at Markham House, sometimes to walk about the park and write haiku; sometimes for other topics. On February 13, 2016, we held a meeting in memory of our members who have passed away. Since YTHS has now been in existence for more than forty years many of the newer members were never acquainted with the work of earlier members.

Before the meeting, Roger Abe and Clysta Seney (our haiku librarian) worked to list those members and locate examples of their poems in the library's holdings. Each member was introduced by one of us, who shared some haiku the member had written.

The presenter (and others present) also shared other memories as appropriate. Roger had done Internet searches and brought several obituaries. In preparation, June Hymas had her photos of most of these members printed 8x10. The photos were held up during the discussion of each person and will now be kept in the Haiku Library. All this preparation resulted in a truly memorable and deeply moving meeting.

We heard excellent haiku, some tanka and haibun, and got to remember our dear friends in a atmosphere of fellowship and sharing. This is a list of the people we remembered, together with the name of the person who presented the remembrance.

Pat Shelley (1997)—June Hopper Hymas  
Mary Hill (2008)—Ann Bendixen  
Emile Waldteufel (2000) & Eugenie Walteufel (?)—Carolyn Fitz Hank  
Dunlap (2005)—Alison Woolpert  
Jerry Kilbride (2005)—Carol Steele David  
Priebe (2006)—Eleanor Carolan Kay F.  
Anderson (2007)—Ann Bendixen Jim "Ouzel"  
Arnold (2007)—Bill Peckham Paul O.  
Williams (2009)—Clysta Seney  
D. Claire Gallagher 2009)—Carolyn Fitz  
Beth Stevenson Brewster (2011)—Roger Abe Tei  
Matsushita-Scott (2013)—Carol Steele John  
Schipper (?)—Roger Abe

Thank you, Roger and Clysta for all your work in preparation!