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SUSTAINABILITY HAIKU CONTEST
The Next Fifty Buzz
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To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Seattle World's Fair in 2012, Seattle Center Foundation partnered with the Haiku Society of America to host a haiku contest on the theme "sustainability" – one of the areas of focus for the upcoming celebration. The 112 entries are below.

[Haiku Entry](#)

This post was submitted by sharkey.

*on the beach
many shells
not in my hand*

*hazy moon-
the promise of tomorrow
sings to my father*

[Haiku Contest Entry](#)

This post was submitted by artpoetess25.

*Universe allows
for Earth to be possessed...
Must show our respect.*

*We use God's blessings
for sustainability.
The Green is grateful.*

[Haiku for contest](#)

This post was submitted by jacek_jaal.

*kite festival
a dragon's tail whips
the clouds*

*abandoned tower
the weather cock turns
to the sun*

[Sustainability Haiku](#)

This post was submitted by dickwhyte.

*climate change
the pot
boils over*

Haiku Contest – Sustainability

This post was submitted by Seren Fargo.

*school project–
stealing soda cans from
my neighbor's recycling bin*

Nature Forever

This post was submitted by Vishnu P Kapoor.

*sunset-
glows
the firefly*

*after the squall-
a new twig
in bird's beak*

Butterfly

This post was submitted by fay.

*surge of flame
a monarch flutters
close*

sustainability haiku

This post was submitted by phil_kou.

*tiny footprints
a little bundle of energy–
Mother smiles*

*a child scolds father
for using the wrong bin
Mother joins in*

Sustainability Haiku Contest

This post was submitted by eduard_tara.

*Maple seeds –
a tree behind a tree
behind a tree*

*Echo –
the cuckoo's song
leaves us behind*



[Haiku Contest, Sustainability](#)

This post was submitted by dan iulian.

*Clam palpitate
on the beach sand at ebb tide -
in hourglass a pearl falls.*

*In the fir forest
the chain saw rests in peace-
mosquito in amber.*

[Two Haiku](#)

This post was submitted by cara.holman.

*river fog -
out of nowhere
a skein of geese*

*winter stream -
catching the rain
drop by drop*

[What Sustainability Means to Me \(in Haiku Form\)](#)

This post was submitted by jublke.

*our carbon footprint
reduced
to diamonds*

*grandmother's beadwork
the length of her sneaker*

[Sustainability Haiku](#)

This post was submitted by Saaji Zullah.

*On a thirsty day
a tap drips
down the drain*

*On a sweaty day
a fan whirs
in an empty room*

[butterfly](#)

This post was submitted by Damien Gabriels.

*old farm's roff -
a butterfly lands
on the solar panel*

*freeway -
a wind turbine in the center
of the rising sun*

[sustainability haiku](#)

This post was submitted by butt3rfly.

*turbine arms
holding the wind's
promise*

*wild horses
chasing the wind
to a new dawn*

[Haiku Contest – Sustainability](#)

This post was submitted by anya.

*leafless trees
the many-hued sounds
of walking*

[alchemy](#)

This post was submitted by chrispix.

*earthworms
transmuting
lettuce into gold*

[wildfire](#)

This post was submitted by chrispix.

*wildfire
sunset
ablaze*

[Sustainability](#)

This post was submitted by AndyMcBride.

*slow food
and money–
enlarging life*

*at vantage point–
towering green
all around*

[Forest](#)

This post was submitted by Thomas Martin.



*pine shade
the quiet sound
of a stream*

[Container Garden](#)

This post was submitted by Thomas Martin.

*ripe peppers
a squirrel's cheeks
full of fall*

[Compost](#)

This post was submitted by JesseLee.

*In my shoes and socks
I feel the fertilizer
The compost bin split*

[Pedal Power](#)

This post was submitted by haikumonk.

*rush hour gridlock
a column of bike commuters
freight training it*

[Haiku Contest](#)

This post was submitted by suzana.

*In the rocky field
emptiness of a stone
blooming wildly*

*Bonfire –
above the red-hot faces
cold space*

*birds flying
in all directions –
out of the shelter*

*never ending war –
a little girl's memory park
full of fighting children*

[lighting up...](#)

This post was submitted by Darrell Lindsey.

*lighting up
the coffee shop conversation
wind farms*

Haiku Contest

This post was submitted by danielgargo.

*Rewinding the video
when I was 6,
cycling*

forests. . .

This post was submitted by Jenny Angyal.

*forests
still breathing out
our grandchildren's air*

Icon

This post was submitted by nbrady.

*green technology
change Seattle's Space Needle
into wind turbine*

Monarch butterflies

This post was submitted by nbrady.

*thousands of miles
that Monarchs take to wing
milkweed sustains*

Monarch migration

This post was submitted by nbrady.

*four generations
of Monarch butterflies
~genetic memory*

Farmers Market

This post was submitted by templecone.

*I pay the farmer
extra for greens unsprayed, clean,
see Buddha smiling*

the ghosts of leaves

This post was submitted by templecone.

*when the trees are gone
the ghosts of leaves will still be
whispering our names*



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Greed

This post was submitted by Pairsa.

*Animal and man
This world is not ours alone
Preserve life and hope*

Sustain Ability

This post was submitted by Tanjamaltija.

*Waste not and want not.
Reduce, reuse, recycle;
Make this your mantra.*

Sustainable Future

This post was submitted by blnadri.

*Seattle living
With sustainability
Verdant, green future*

Sustain to maintain

This post was submitted by blnadri.

*Emerald City
Chase sustainability
Life's continuance*

The future has changed

This post was submitted by tworsandtwols.

*We once looked to space
we seek to shrink footprints now.
The future has changed.*

Re-Gift

This post was submitted by krisridenour.

*Unwanted treasure
Brings a huge smile when unwrapped
White Elephant gift*

Mother Earth Endures

This post was submitted by ronwalley.

*Mother Earth Endures
Forgive my consumptive ways
It is not too late.*

*Recycle we must
Seven generations out
We crumble to dust.*

Haiku Contest – Sustainability

This post was submitted by JulesPaige.

*Green is the new black
Everyone wants to wear 'it'
Recycle daily*

*Please Don Quixote
Let the windmill blades spin free
They create power*

sagging

This post was submitted by Neal Whitman.

*the used book deal
paid me by the pound
spring cleaning*

" past the corn field"

This post was submitted by Darrell Lindsey.

*past the corn field
a green bus running
on corn*

My ancestors, "Cherokee Indians"

This post was submitted by sasquatchbigfoot.

*Cherokee Nation
piercing arrows swiftly kill
venison drying.*

I, Anonymous Earth

This post was submitted by kcrobinson.

*I watched you reach down,
Pick up a dirty wrapper,
and earn my respect.*

The sustainable way...

This post was submitted by ecd25.

*To keep World turning
The answer is just simple
Listen to Mother.*



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[The Coming War](#)

This post was submitted by mistere.

*Center glass half full
The World somewhere burning
Divine more water*

[Sustainability II](#)

This post was submitted by beckybenson.

*Aware at the fair
Knowledge of circumstance since
Onward and Upward*

[Sustainability Haiku](#)

This post was submitted by beckybenson.

*The nifty fifty
since Century 21
Brings innovation*

[My share](#)

This post was submitted by jeffrejf.

*Rush hour...
she blows by on light rail
reading in the sunlight*

[Bequeath](#)

This post was submitted by jeffrejf.

*Lush green...
A Seed placed in the soil
grows in the mind*

[Celebration](#)

This post was submitted by annamaniac.

*Enjoy living green
Seattle tops the nation
Walk, bike and live long...*

[Footprint...](#)

This post was submitted by annamaniac.

*Ecological;
Capacity to endure;
Positive impact.*

[Flowers in Spring](#)

This post was submitted by kcrobinson.

*From this weary world,
We are all made anew;
Rejoice and give back!*

Haiku

This post was submitted by sasquatchbigfoot.

*Green to brown to bare
generations of knowledge
sustainable feast.*

sustainable haiku

This post was submitted by cherimossy.

*Sustainable you:
Reduce, reuse, recycle
And eat local, too*

Two haiku from Flanders

This post was submitted by Geert Verbeke.

*in the garden
a sustained comedy
our cat and dog*

*on the piano
he sustains a bluesy note
Dave Brubeck*

Haiku from Frances Jones (Mailed entry)

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*back to the future
turn it, use it again
save it, wear it out*

*the stripper
all the branches gone
all the fish*

This post was submitted by Kathy Lippard Cobb

*scheduled blackout . . .
the lake glittering
with fireflies*

*summer concert
a rainbow of bikes spinning
'round the river*



Ciobîcă Cezar-Florin, Romania

*near dusk -
my grandfather lingers
in the birch sapling*

*on a green pancard
two caterpillars share a word-
recycling*

Ida Freilinger

*stream soapy water
to get rid of cabbage worms—
organic garden*

*winter mulch of leaves—
the garden plot free of weeds
for this planting day*

Haiku Contest – Sustainability

This post was submitted by Origa.

*a camellia bud
in the orphanage garden
full of snow*

*Coliseum
wandering through
the fat cats*

HAIKU 1 and HAIKU 2

This post was submitted by peter newton.

casting prism light through the room reels me back to the sun

*down the screen
a trickle of snowmelt
starts the day*

86 Days

This post was submitted by ilvs.

*sea the slick wet dog
despite years of neglect, spoil,
still laps at our sands.*

two haiku

This post was submitted by Katherine Raine.

*now this view
of a third century
recycled window*

*stem by stem
the grainfield streams in a bright wind
strawbale house*

Sustainability Haiku Contest Submission

This post was submitted by Michele Harvey.

*daisy chain...
the grandson's farm
in the grandfather's hands*

*homegrown...
seeds of change
on the wind*

Ruth Yarrow

This post was submitted by Ruth Yarrow.

*double pane windows –
the candle's flame reflected
many times over*

*her hot suggestion –
save energy by taking
showers together*

for the contest

This comment submitted by magdabor magdabor@yahoo.com

*day after day
the grass grow up under the snow
invisible for us*

*flood rain
the cherry blossoms
sustained it*

Mindy Forrester

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*I love my fast food
It come in a paper bag
plenty of napkins*



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*petrified forest
no sign of the woodpecker
that made these holes*

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The Earth is Special

*Keep the Earth healthy
Turn off lights and pick up trash
The Earth is special!*

Do not Pollute

*Care for the ocean
Use old things to make new things
Do not pollute Earth*

Recycle all Day

*Recycle all day
Make new stuff out of old stuff
Be very happy*

Tahira

*We should recycle
We should be sustainable
We should not litter*

*We should use white boards
We should care for animals
We should pick up trash*

Maya

*Keep the earth healthy
Turn off lights and pick up trash
The earth is special*

Brooke

*We recycle, clean
We love the Earth very much
Be sustainable*

*Earth is very clean
Keep oceans clean always please
Care for animals*

Chris

*Pollution no bad
No pollution no no no
We love the Earth much*

Lantz45

*✂ plans – methods – systems ✂
✂ maintain fertile potent deeds ✂
✂ hearts as furnaces ✂*

Sustainability Haiku contest entry

submitted by tp, helloterumi@gmail.com

*coffee house sketch births
space needle defines city
starts coffee empire*

C.Sterba

Carmen Sterba

*spring planting–
fir tree seedlings where
the fire was*

haiku sustainability contest entry:

Poetisa, chutchison4@msn.com

*State budget savings-
used underwear reissued
to the new inmate*