



HAIKU CONTEST ENTRIES

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Winners:

Seven cubic feet
Enticing, what mysteries!
Wooden cart awaits...
by Kate Mollan

Marg'ret, don't be cross:
archives now proliferate
like lakeside bunnies
by Ann Heinrichs

Hey, handsome stranger
Saw your pic in the archives
Too bad you're dead now
by Rebecca Goldman

Honorable Mentions:

In constellations
of ink, nitrate, and now bits;
our shared narratives.
by Steven Bingo

The past lives in space
Boxes cannot hold its soul,
But light glints in bytes
by Judith Adkins

First there was chaos
Then the manila folder.
Now I can find stuff!
by Debi Griffith

MULTIPLE ENTRIES BY ONE AUTHOR:

Hold time in your hands
Capture the lore of today
Preserve history!
by Debra Baxter

In the Archives,
Hidden treasures
Await me.
by Evelyn Cherpak

Silver gelatin
So smooth under your fingers
Eek! Where are your gloves?!
by Rebecca Goldman

Laid out in this vault,
dust to dust, you life's remnants
I inhale, revive.
by Ann Heinrichs

Learn today's knowledge
Preserving past and present
Archive our future
by Debra Baxter

The building, the documents,
Archives
all.
by Evelyn Cherpak

archives swathed in snow
a scholar muffled in wool
germinates within
by Ann Heinrichs

gruff oratory
barked forth in dung-strewn bazaars
this silken vellum
by Ann Heinrichs

holocene tarpit,
the sign over the doorway:
"Welcome to Archives"
by Brett Bodemer

DACS and EAD
EAC, APM
And yet, ISAD(G)
by Ricky Erway

curiosities
monstrous, hideous, startling
pink lotus petals
by Ann Heinrichs

Habitat: cobwebs
Nemesis: bookworm larvae
Métier: archivist
by Ann Heinrichs

rolling up my sleeve
for another tetanus shot;
how many staples?
by Brett Bodemer

White gloves, Tyvek tape
Hollinger box, mylar sleeves
Ah, tools of the trade
by Ricky Erway

Once vibrant, splendid,
your life's work ended in dust.
Here must mine begin.
by Ann Heinrichs

food sneak, forger, fence,
map thief, ballpoint note taker...
new bestiary
by Ann Heinrichs

pressed between fingers
typescript on onionskin paper
readable as Braille
by Brett Bodemer

Alone with the dust,
family correspondence
evokes silent tears.
by Ricky Erway

Margaret Norton
surely you're not cross, watching
bunnies from on high.
by Ann Heinrichs

The past is long gone
Archivists have preserved it
Scholars should rejoice
by Kathie Johnson

two dried rubber worms
stuck to the fat envelope
- no longer a band
by Brett Bodemer

Red rot on my hands
Red rot on my new white shirt
Red rot everywhere
by Rebecca Goldman

Does your tunneling
slake your craving for knowledge,
cigarette beetle?
by Ann Heinrichs

Many precede us
Many will follow after
Present becomes past
by Kathie Johnson

arranging bleached bones
of a collapsed skeleton;
bird, or dinosaur?
by Brett Bodemer

Swapping recipes
Twenty courses, still not full
Virtual picnic
by Rebecca Goldman

XML schema
EAD Best Practices...
where is the hushed awe?
by Ann Heinrichs

Many papercuts -
The mark of an archivist?
Don't bleed on the files!
by Kathryn Kramer

more doors than Get Smart
when you finally get there
infinite answers
by Brett Bodemer

Never quite in reach
The past has an asymptote
Archives bring you close
by Rebecca Goldman

speckles of sunlight
stippling, flickering, dappling
gold-flecked codex leaves
by Ann Heinrichs

Summer internships
Far from home, learning new things
Gaining confidence
by Kathryn Kramer

climate-controlled room,
the carbon paper rustles
a mouse resettling
by Brett Bodemer

Haikus to poems
as More Product Less Process
is to processing
by Rebecca Goldman

lamplit clerk transcribes
shifting sheaves of brittle leaves
moonlit cricket sings
by Ann Heinrichs

Processing the past
Lost memories remembered
Kept for tomorrow
by Kathryn Kramer

the time out of joint
doctor Leary's papers
preserved acid-free
by Brett Bodemer

Value of archives?
The proof is evidential,
my dear Schellenberg
by Rebecca Goldman

O! for just one day
sipping your cure of the soul
Alexandria
by Ann Heinrichs

House-sized donation:
Books, music, clippings, posters.
Was he a hoarder?
by Kathryn Kramer

next to the bookmark
a matchbox a shower cap;
and they call these gifts?
by Brett Bodemer

Trickle trickle fizz
That's why beverages are banned
In the reading room
by Rebecca Goldman

frog plops into pond
toes down deep clutch mud; *voilà!*
le respect des fonds
by Ann Heinrichs

Life at the iSchool
No, I did not say "high school"
This happens often.
by Kathryn Kramer

Rusty paperclips
Eat away my memories
Leaving only dust
by Sarah Campbell

Every Friday morn
From the depths of A&A
A new flower blooms
by Rebecca Goldman

Such a noisy beast
is EAD XML
'neath this vaulted roof.
by Ann Heinrichs

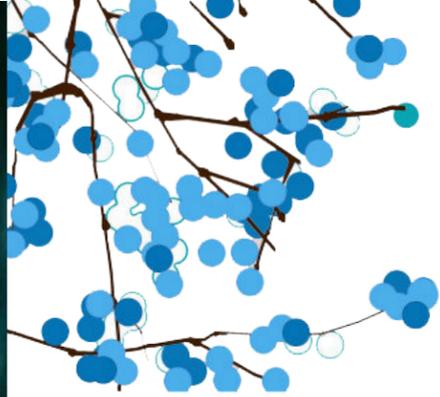
Found in the flat files:
Grizzly bears, killer bison,
Incorrect gun use.
by Kathryn Kramer

We preserve the past
Sparkling gems pass through our hands
Shedding light on time
by Sarah Campbell

Floodgates open wide
One message yields so many
000 replies
by Rebecca Goldman

once kept to caress
forever stuffed away now
tagged ephemera
by Ann Heinrichs

Juncture between times
Yesterday and tomorrow
The record lives on
by Kathryn Kramer



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Lifting fifty pounds
Not for wimps, this profession
Errant cart behave!
by Kate Mollan

Lure of the unique
Landau, Savedoff, Berger
Don't you steal our past.
by Kate Mollan

Old and new treasures
Discovered, carefully stored
Jewels beyond price.
by Sister Joan Terese Niklas

Within doors and files
Past and present united
Gifts for the future.
by Sister Joan Terese Niklas

Seventy-five years
Storing, not boring
Pregnant with new life
by Sister Joan Terese Niklas

Contained in boxes,
Documents of days gone by
Speak to the future
by Patty Rettig

Standing in hallway
Networking between sessions
Stretching legs and minds
by Patty Rettig

Yearly tradition:
Presidential addresses
Inspire members
by Patty Rettig

Forty-pound boxes
Get lifted to highest shelf.
Gym irrelevant
by Patty Retig

At conference time,
Archivists swarm vendor swag
In sensible shoes.
by Anne Sauer

Archivists at night
Their reputations belie;
Raucous rabble all.
by Anne Sauer

Bitter calendar
Brackets the 11th day.
Paper files, and ash.
by Steve VanBuren

Old paper rustles
Browned leaves in ordered boxes
A thousand autumns
by Steve VanBuren

I become archive:
a subseries of my own
doubtful provenance
by Steve VanBuren

family treasure
trash bag orphaned by my door
corn flakes for breakfast
by Steve VanBuren

For four score less five
we've said we're not "anarchists."
Our 'hood? SAA.
by Kristen Wilhelm

Cave paintings survive
Not Thermofax or floppies.
We're disappearing.
by Kristen Wilhelm

Acid-free boxes
Surrendering lamely to
Dry metadata.
by Anne Wolfe

Lonely stacks in rooms
Now shout their proud words world wide;
Continents connect.
by Anne Wolfe

Boxes in still dark
Morph into bright glowing screens;
Luminous data.
by Anne Wolfe

No musty odors;
Not in hard drives, CD-ROM's--
Old papers haunt me.
by Anne Wolfe

One human plus more,
A committee times many--
Information solved.
by Anne Wolfe

SINGLE ENTRIES:

Dusty boxes in stacks,
Patiently waiting to be discovered
Historical gems.
by Teddy Adebé

Archival pressure:
How can one know all those things?
ACA Exam
by Rich Adam

Jameson's offspring
Posner, Schellenberg and all
Cool seventy-five
by George Bain

So long antelope?
Crowded corridors of bits
Weigh on students minds.
by Adam Berenbak

Weighing out the past,
Wheat from chaff, and stuff from junk,
George Carlin, our Saint.
by Larry M. Brow

The march of oxford gray,
Holds spring's bloom to fall's fade
A Schellenberg smile
by Wesley Chenault

Letters, notebooks, thoughts,
Memories and history
Finds for the future.
by Dorothea J. Coiffe

Two birthday digits
Zero, one, zero, zero
One zero, one, one
by Mark Custer

Yellow paper, old--
Resting in your special box
Does anyone know?
by Beth Davis-Brown

Memories of yore
Saved and kept in shielded rooms
For new eyes to see.
by Sister Sandra DeNardis

Saves our history
Documents all evidence
In boxes on shelves
by Janet DeVries

With great care preserve
Delicate strong still beating
Wings of history
by Kathryn Donahue

Haikus on archives...
That's too hard, I can't make one now
So I'll make dinner
by Owen Ellis

Letters, unsent, may
Still emerge amongst clutter
Memory keepers...
by Anne Engelhart

Colored paper clips
Replace the old, rusty ones
Too much processing?
by Aimee Ergas

Clamshell boxes stand
In serried ranks, triumphant
Order from chaos
by Bill Fliss

Pieces of paper--
Lives, thoughts, cared for, respected...
Past saved for future
by Dee Gallo

Many documents
Entering and leaving shelves
The touchstone of Man
by Elaine Harris

No climate control
During frigid winter months
Carpet beetles die
by Tim Hawkins

Processing nightmare
Stack of misfits left over
"Miscellaneous"
by Jessica Higgins

time is then and now
papers hold marks of writers
readers in two times
by David Horn

Dusty boxes yield
secrets of the distant past;
I suppress a sneeze
by Dolores Hooper

All of this wonder
75 years have past
This is my 1st
by Mary E. Hope

Archives save the world
History is ever blessed
Eternal reward
by Judy Huenneke

Past words echo
Images scatter decades
Beholden to all
by Diane Hummel

Dig and search, research
Libraries, archives, museums,
All is connected
by Carol S. Jacobs

Lust of forgotten,
Unified in profession
Present now the past
by Orson Kingsley

History is old.
Archives preserve memory.
Unlock the treasures.
by Garret B. Kremer-Wright

in a dusty tome
centuries beyond today...
history awaits
by Emilie Gagnet Leumas

My love for archives
Beats like a butterfly's wings;
Except...our roof leaks.
by Maggie McNeely

Ink scribed long ago,
Lovingly preserved in time,
Secrets yet untold.
by Gwen Thomas Mays

Susurrus. The fall
Leaves stir--Archives too evoke
Voices of the past.
by Jeff Miller

time is a mirror
reflecting the nature of
enduring value
by Cyns Nelson

Overlapping dust-
jackets shield from conditions,
pieces sew knowledge.
by Jennifer O'Brien

Caught between the stacks
Circled by words of others
Boxes press me down
by Susan Otto

Can you believe it?
A dodranscentennial!
Now *that's* long-lasting!
by Brittany Bennett Parris

Preserving with care
our past, gift for the future
like shade from new trees.
by Jason G. Speck

Hey, I found something
In my damp musty garage
History's treasure
by Amy Stevenson

Seventy five years
History preserved, conserved
Let Spring rivers rise
by Bertram Tillet

Long lost memories
Discover preserve with care
Future memories
by Tena Toews

If archives were food,
Menu no doubt would include,
Gerald Ham Sandwich
by Deborah Torres

Would that you could know,
The Archivists' glowing love
Of your History...
by G. Mark Walsh

The past never ends,
Leaving remnants to process
Job security
by Katherine White

Researching archives
Gems frozen between bookshelves
Times aging stories
by Derek Wilmott

I am Archivist
Master to History's accrual
Slave to forms at hand
by Sarina Rodrigues Wyant

On clay baked by sun,
A new profession born from
Ancient business.
by Josh Zimmerman