

Grade 5 Winners

1st Place: Davi Munafo, The Cold Rain

2nd Place (tied): Klayton Maskey, Barrel Cactus

2nd Place (tied): Evangeline Lollar, Spines, Janis Mortensen

2nd Place (tied): Minerva Hallmark, Pocket of Green

3rd Place: Asher Mobley, The Sonoran Sunset

HM: Zelda Rodriguez, Desert Lizards

HM: Phineus Yetman, The Desert Morning

HM: Aidan Soto, Cinquain Poem - Snakes

HM: Liam Ballesteros, Haiku Poem - Cacti

HM: David Gillespie, Desert Morning

HM: Ryan Hogeboom, Haiku Poem - Mountains

HM: Amia Cropper, The Song of the Desert



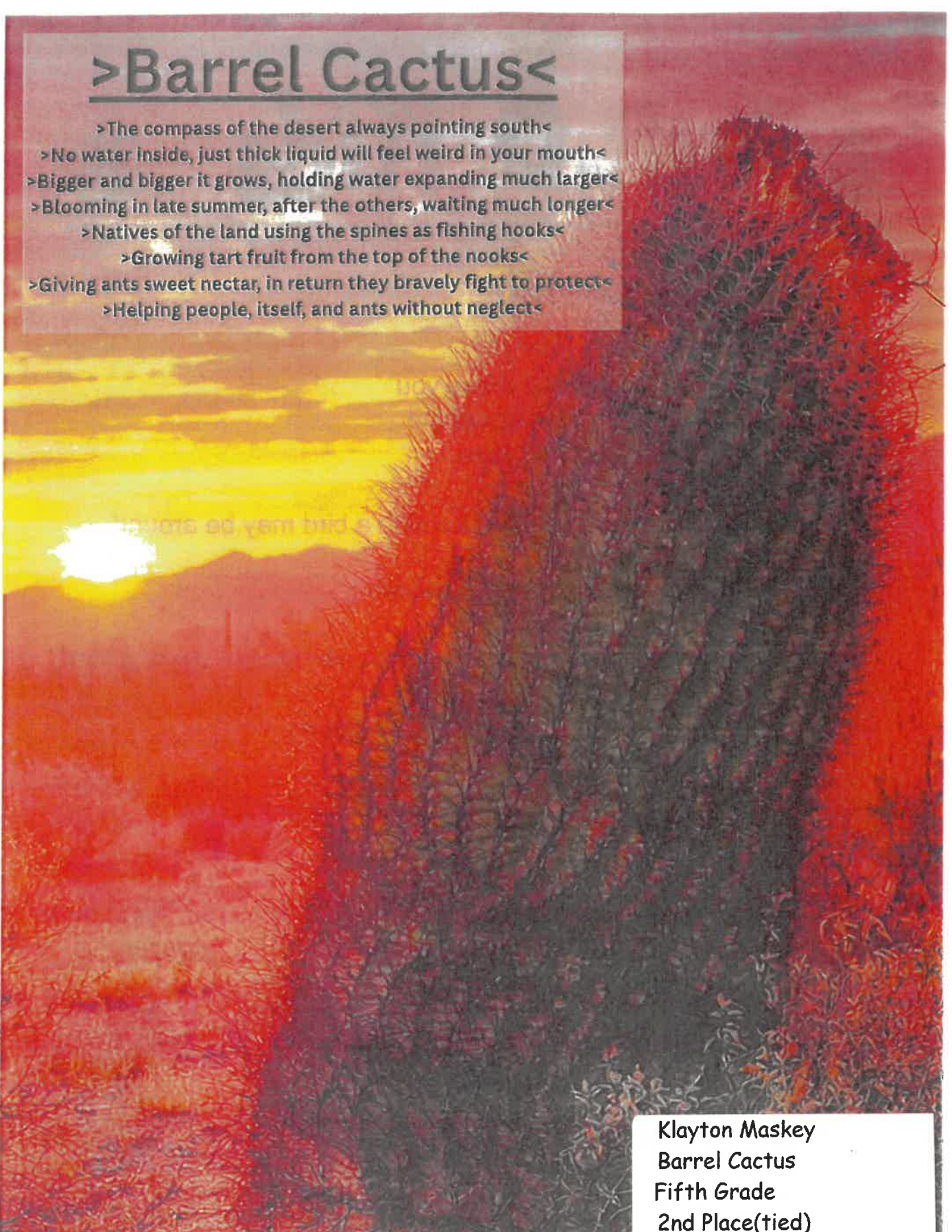
The Cold Rain™

Fall has ended, and the cold comes in,
Summer has left but is coming again .
Most believe that rain comes in the summer.
But another rain comes in the cold , sometimes late,
or doesn't,
but it is never early.
As clouds come over the mountains, a cold breeze comes in.
Not too strong, not too weak,
but good enough for me to notice.
I sit on the top of a rock and then,
boom-thunder struck.
I sit there confused,
then a cold rain starts to come from the sky.
It sounds like music tip tip teptip.
Soon it is coming down hard,
all the creatures come and dance,
run and frolic in the cold rain,
I go for a walk,
my friends think it's summer.
As the rain hits my snout, a shiver goes through my young bones.
Down to my paws
I go into my shelter, and curl up into a ball.
As I start to doze off, my pack comes home.

Davi Munafu
The Cold Rain
Fifth Grade
1st Place

>Barrel Cactus<

- >The compass of the desert always pointing south<
- >No water inside, just thick liquid will feel weird in your mouth<
- >Bigger and bigger it grows, holding water expanding much larger<
- >Blooming in late summer, after the others, waiting much longer<
- >Natives of the land using the spines as fishing hooks<
- >Growing tart fruit from the top of the nooks<
- >Giving ants sweet nectar, in return they bravely fight to protect<
- >Helping people, itself, and ants without neglect<



Klayton Maskey
Barrel Cactus
Fifth Grade
2nd Place(tied)

Spines

Evangeline Lollar
Spines
Fifth Grade
2nd Place(tied)

Minerva Hallmark
Pocket of Green
Fifth Grade
2nd Place(tied)

Pocket of Green

A Pocket of green hidden among the dust

The cactus fades away

Into

Squishy moss balls

Climbing the sparking canyon walls

Where trees connect

Earth

To

Moon

The sand like glass

Fills canyon cracks

For ants to

Hide from

Big birds starlight

Black!

Soaring the golden desert

Sky

High above the mountains

pride

Have you seen us?

We're super tiny

Prickly and spiny

Small, yet mighty

For protection, we have a knack

Sitting tall on our Mother's back

We give a warning to ward off strangers

Get too close, you'll be in danger!

Despite our prickles, birds peck through

Making small homes, where their babies coo

On the barrel, we're long and tall

On bunny ear, we're super small

On old man, we're white and wisp out

On ocotillo we're strong and stout

Though we have a bad reputation

We're deserving of adoration

If you haven't already guessed,

We are the spines of the cactus!

THE SONORAN SUNSET

Asher Mobley
The Sonoran Sunset
Fifth Grade
3rd Place

Mountains glow
Cacti shine
Predators awaken
Prey scurry to avoid getting eaten
Red and pink make cotton candy clouds
Nighttime follows
The Sonoran sunset

DESERT LIZARDS

Desert Lizards very agile as fast as lightning

Quicker than you

You try to catch em' but it's too soon

Running around like desert dogs dining with crickets

Desert Lizards faster than you can blink

Running away from predators

Not becoming dry meat

They have rough, rocky colorful or faint skin to blend in

Hiding from vicious birds, coyotes, javalinas and YOU!

Not because you're a threat but because their scared

To them, you're a giant!

The sun is setting behind the dark rocky Mountains

behind the mountains looks

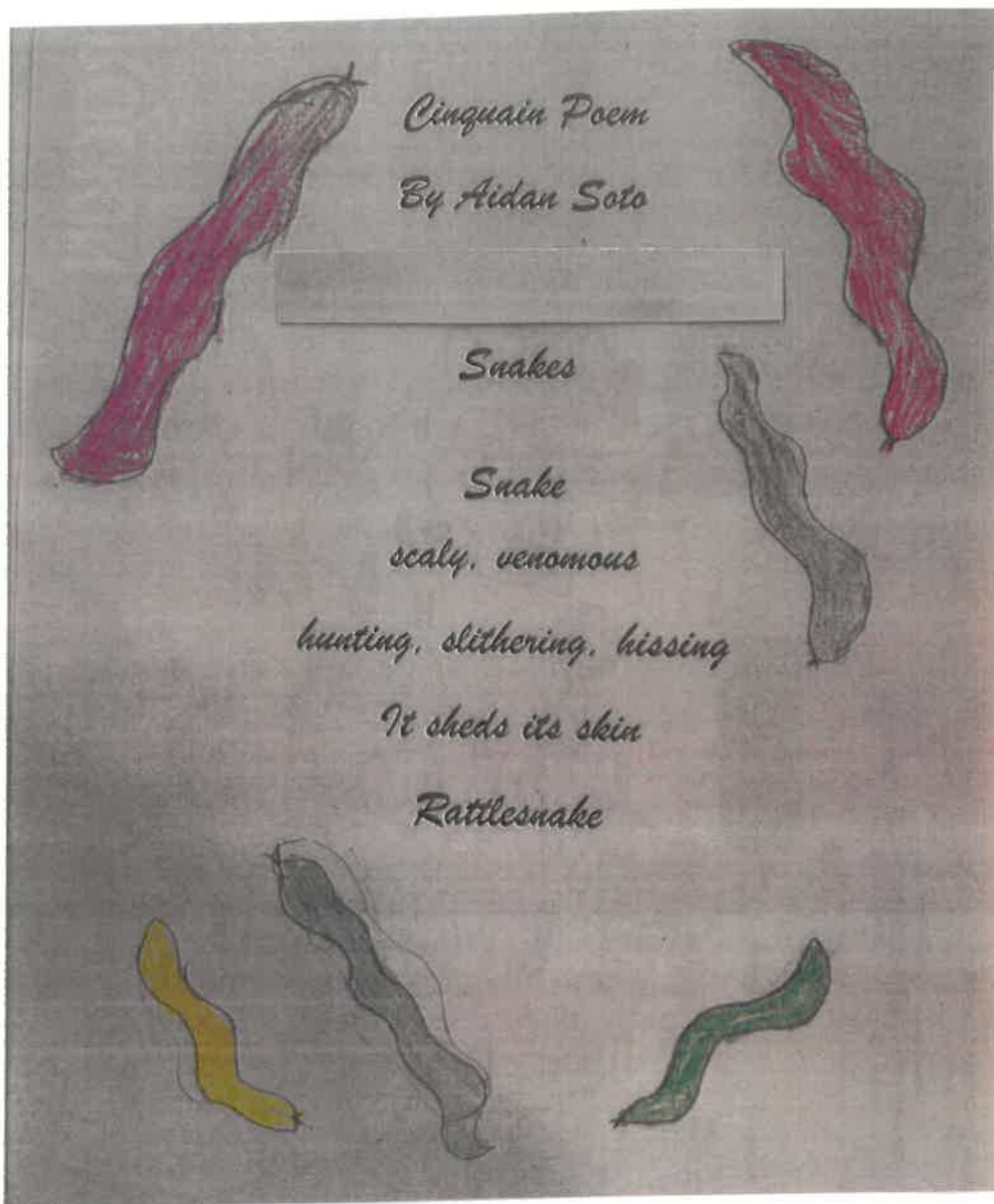
like a beautiful orange pink and yellow collage

Resembling the end of day and the start of a new one

The lizards quickly snatch a little bug to munch on, a cricket, maybe a grasshopper or something new.

Finally, its night the lizards are fed and it's time for bed and everyone is asleep and all is well.

Zelda Rodriguez
Desert Lizards
Fifth Grade
Honorable Mention



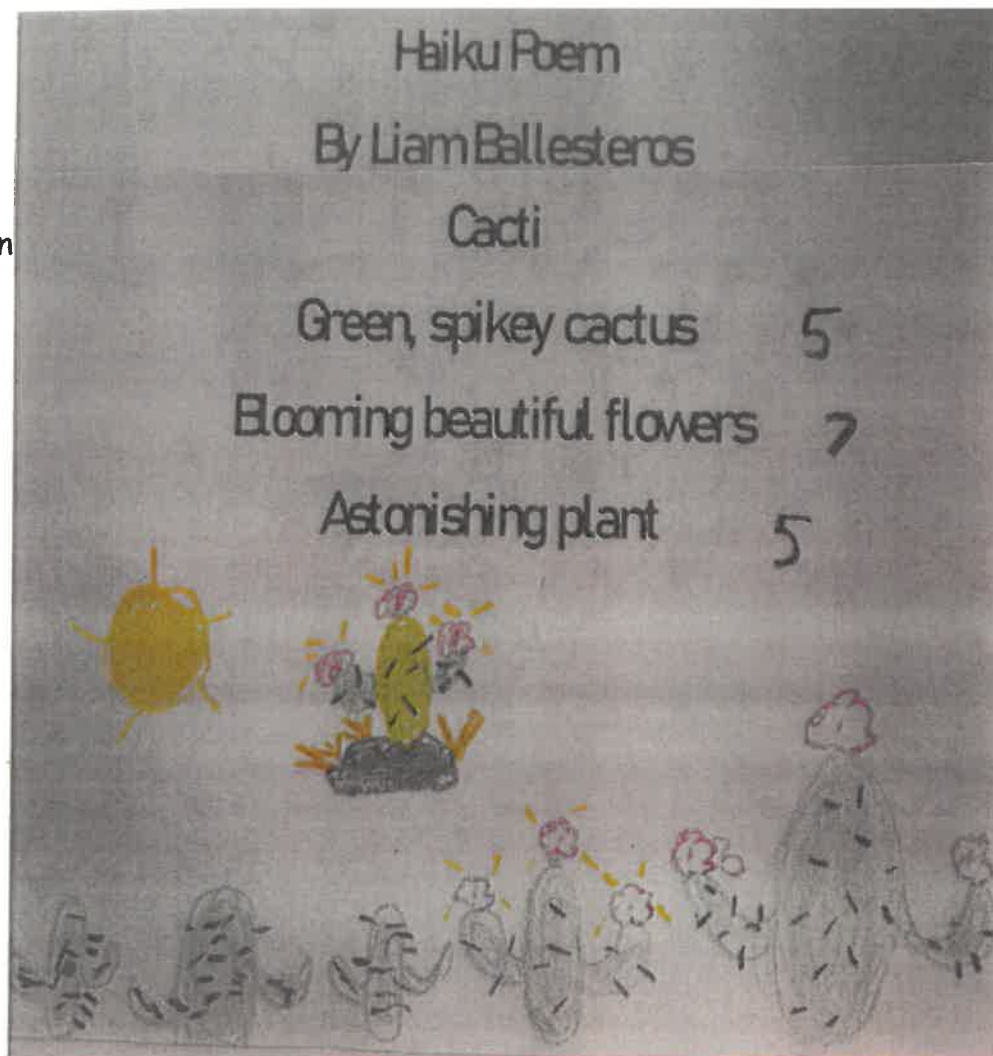
Aidan Soto
Cinquain Poem-Snakes
Fifth Grade
Honorable Mention

The Desert Morning

*The sun comes up,
Animals wake,
Deer graze,
Snakes slither,
Birds sing,
The sun shines bright over the desert,
The day is here.*

Phineus Yetman
The Desert Morning
Fifth Grade
Honorable Mention

Liam Ballesteros
Haiku Poem-Cacti
Fifth Grade
Honorable Mention



Desert Morning

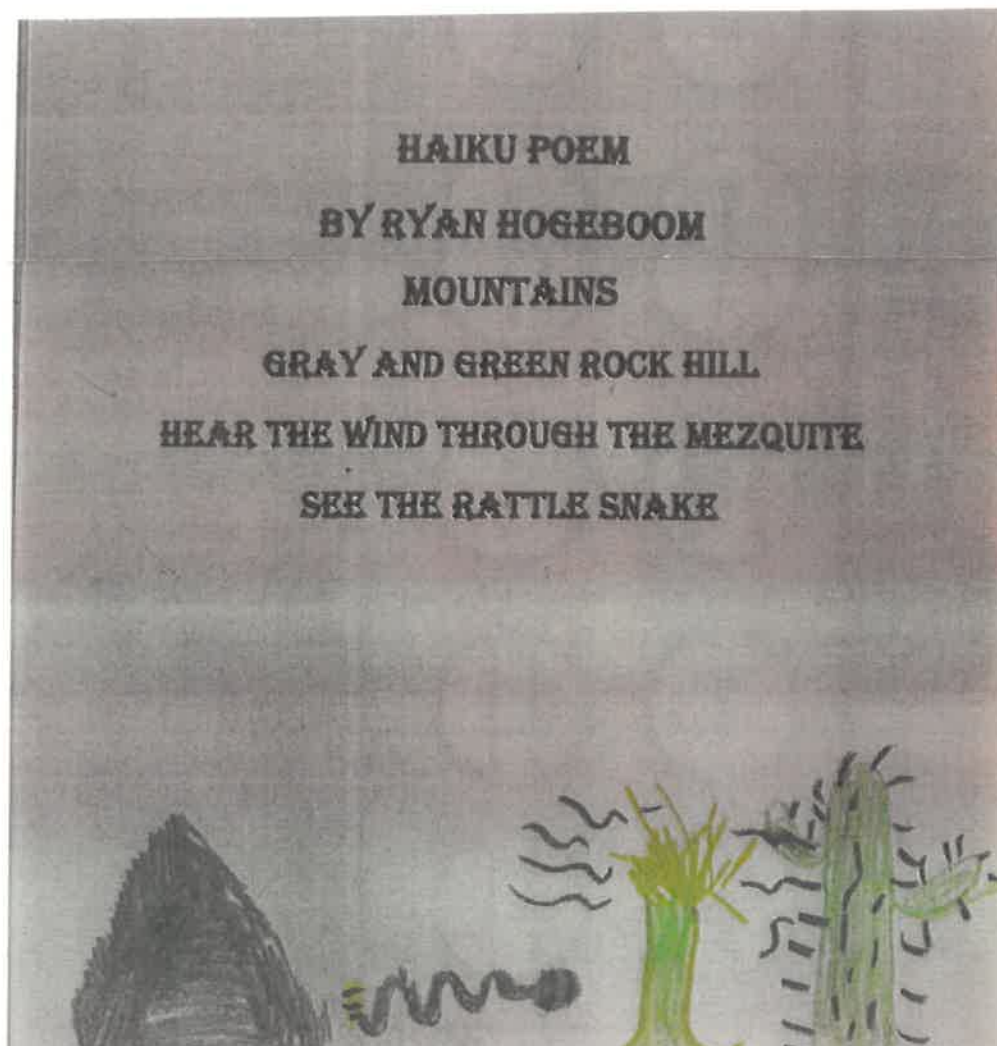
David Gillespie
Desert Morning
Fifth Grade
Honorable Mention

*As the sun rises
Birds awaken
Stars fade, mountains rise
The cooing of doves
Crackling leaves
The desert morning has arrived
Ants scavenge for food
Howling of coyotes
Fill the misty air
Owls hoot, birds chirp
Bobcat yawns, snakes rattle
The morning dew, drip drop
Saguaros stand tall and proud
Watching over the desert*

Amia Cropper
The Song of the Desert
Fifth Grade
Honorable Mention

The Song of the Desert

*The birds speak, the sun winks
At the song of the animals below
The howls, the rattles, the clicks
Full of sounds and life
Yawns, crunches, buzzes and hoots
What a melodious tune to know
All the sounds and noises
Come together and make
The beautiful song of the
Desert below !*



HAIKU POEM
BY RYAN HOGEBOOM
MOUNTAINS
GRAY AND GREEN ROCK HILL
HEAR THE WIND THROUGH THE MEZQUITE
SEE THE RATTLE SNAKE

Ryan Hogeboom
Haiku Poem-Mountains
Fifth Grade
Honorable Mention

