Honorary Curator Cor van den Heuvel

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Introduction

Cor van den Heuvel began writing haiku in a small cottage by the Webhannet River in Wells Beach, Maine, in 1959, after discovering the genre the year before in San Francisco during that city's celebrated poetry renaissance.

He published his first chapbook of haiku in 1961 and over the years has published his haiku and senryu regularly in the major English-language haiku journals. A past president (1978) of the Haiku Society of



America, his honors include three Merit Book Awards from the society, a World Haiku Achievement Award at the World Haiku Festival in London in 2000, and in 2002 the Masaoka Shiki International Haiku Prize in Matsuyama, Japan.

He has edited three editions of *The Haiku Anthology*, and also coedited *Baseball Haiku*. His most recent book is *A Boy's Seasons: Haibun Memoirs*, published by Single Island Press in 2010, about his growing up in Maine and New Hampshire. He was born in Biddeford, Maine in 1931.

Selected Haiku by Cor van den Heuvel

snow on the saddle-bags sun in skull

> deep snow the amusement park lit by a single bulb

tundra

the sun goes down my shovel strikes a spark from the dark earth

summer afternoon the long fly ball to center field takes its time

> changing pitchers the runner on first looks up at a passing cloud

an empty wheelchair rolls

in from the waves

a tidepool in a clam shell the evening sunlight

a stick goes over the falls at sunset

November evening the wind from a passing truck ripples a roadside puddle

end of the line the conductor starts turning the seats around

the shadow in the folded

napkin

city street the darkness inside the snow-covered cars

> lingering snow the game of catch continues into evening

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