

Results of THF Monthly Kukai — August 2023

theme: **swelter**

First Prize (tie)

burning pyre
my father never liked
heat

— Vandana Parashar (57 points - 7; 3; 3; 0; 1)

First Prize (tie)

scorching sun —
a new hat for the old
scarecrow

— Kashinath Karmakar (57 points - 4; 4; 2; 7; 1)

Third Prize

heat wave . . .
only a sparrow
at the outdoor cafe

— Greg Schwartz (54 points - 6; 1; 3; 3; 5)

Honorable Mentions

menopause swelter
becoming a stranger
to myself

— Patricia Hawkhead

charred trees
the silence
of insects' chorus

— Anna Maria Domburg-Sancristoforo

sultry day —
the constant buzz
of a housefly

— Mona Bedi

a hot pavement
the dog carried in the arms
of the barefoot girl

— Urszula Marciniak

power outage
now we can hear
the bullfrogs
— Joshua St. Claire

scorcher
she slips ice cubes
in her bra
— David Green