

Delta County Libraries presents:

2016

Tomato Haiku Contest Entries

So many great poems.

Read them all here!



The Winners, Under 16

Youth Award

A burst of flavor
 Enhancing tasteful salad
 With a tiny bite
 Meg M.

Heirloom tomatoes
 A variety of shapes
 Deviate from norm
 Meg M.

Plump, red, and juicy
 It's summertime in a bite
 Afternoon picnics
 Meg M.

Honorable Mention

i love tomatoes
 tomatoes are a red fruit
 they are good to eat
 :-)
 Emma Beeson

tomatoes are red
 tomatoes are good for you
 eat them every day yay
 Emma Beeson

Most Humorous

Tomato, I mean Bacon haiku
 Big red juicy yum
 A savory sensation
 Quite good with bacon.
 Ian Van Horn



The Winners, Over 16

First Place

Green leaves hanging from fawns mouth
 Cedaredge breakfast
 Tomato plants trimmed today
 Kathleen Ray

First Place Staff Entry

She liked hers on toast
 Every time I slice one fat
 I remember her
 Tracy Innot (staff)

Second Place

Vine-ripe tomatoes,
 Sunshine, true love, a good book -
 That's a happy heart!
 Sally Bennett

Third Place

Fruit of the Summer
 Succulent juicy and tart
 Life's fleeting pleasure
 Walter Anderson

Honorable Mention

Tomato Haiku
 Warm just like the sun
 Tomato lets go the vine.
 Falls into my hand, a gift.
 Marylee Hauze

Got a juicy stain
 In the middle of my shirt
 Couple 'a seeds too.
 Mark Vlosky

Most Humorous

A slow Tomato
 Gets told by a faster one
 You better Ketchup
 Mary Bauer (staff)

The Competition

Tomato Battles

Over-ripe, dripping,

pick, throw, duck, pick, throw, splat. Luck!

Ripe tomato fight!

Sarah Marshall

First tomato seed

Becomes rich green flower plant

Then red tasty smile.

Helen Denison

Best Cultivar:

the mortgage lifter
good, but no house payment made
how I wish it would

Tom Gifford

best camping ever -
barbecue merges gathers family
with perfection of tomatoes

Goran Gatalica



Sweet tomato scent
fills the warm night air
as gentle rain falls.

Karen Erskine

Fried green tomatoes
Mock apple pie for dessert
BLT good lunch

Kathleen Ray

Sprouting high and wide
Tomatoes give a thrill
Love takes many forms

L. J. Davis

Tomato Hornworm
A gardener's nemesis
Under the shoe, pop.

Valarie Stucker

Tomatoes taste bad
Tomato ketchup tastes good
Tomatoes suck bad

John C Sell Jr

Oh, Mama Mia!
If you are from Italy,
It's your favorite.

Laura Refka

A beautiful sight
Juicy sweet and lovely pulp
A tomato red

Lorraine Mees

night in the hospital -
fragrance of tomato sauce
on hot grandfather's pizza.

Goran Gatalica

My guilty pleasure
Drives me to cut into flesh
Then I devour!

Kent Church



Paonia summer almost ending

hummingbirds fly off
bright mid august , leave for us
sun gold tomatoes

J.E.K. Martin

Homegrown tomatoes
a rainbow of colorful orbs
shining on the vines.

Karen Erskine

John Denver sang it -
true love, homegrown tomatoes -
Ain't nuthin' better!

Sally Bennett

Summer tomatoes
Green ones and hard as fall gourds
Garden-challenge me and you!

L. J. Davis

Plump red tomato
just bursting with Lycopene!
Sliced, diced, sauteed or saucy.

Laura Refka

Best Tomato Sandwich:

Golden, toasted bread
 Fresh tomato, mayonnaise
 Peanut butter spread.
 Valarie Stucker

A beautiful sight Juicy sweet and lovely pulp A tomato red	<i>Lorraine Mees</i>	All I want to know, non-GMO tomato? That's the way to go.	<i>Robert Wright</i>
Juicy, sweet, tangy flowing with summer sunshine tomato divine.	<i>Karen Erskine</i>	Tomato relish Basil and tomato delight Home grown delight	<i>Connie Syas</i>
cherokee purple colorful, sweet and juicy tis my favorite	<i>Tom Gifford</i>	Bright as blood on snow Fruit of my August garden Slice of summertime	<i>Donald Paul Benjamin</i>
Ripe and rosey red, tomatoes filling my head, fore and after bed.	<i>Robert Wright</i>	Tomatoes are green Red ones I am hoping for Sun-shine, rain-water!	<i>L. J. Davis</i>
Cherry tomato got lodged in a woman's throat and caused a great fright!	<i>Laura Refka</i>	This one's not so bad I thought I'd be throwing it But ate it instead.	<i>Mark Vlosky</i>
Over ripe tears fall No tomatoes will I grow Wait hidden red seen	<i>Kathleen Ray</i>	Tomatoes for lunch More tomatoes at dinner It must be August	<i>Tom Conlon</i>
tomato sauce - on the shirt of dictator some losted time	<i>Goran Gatalica</i>	Want a yummy lunch? Eat a tomato sandwich. Beats peanut butter!	<i>Sally Bennett</i>

Staff entries (more on back)

You write a Haiku With tomatoes as your theme You might win the prize	<i>Tracy Innot</i>
Rosy Red Blood Merry Maker Heart Taker Sunny Globe Staker	<i>Cara Morton</i>
Little hands reach out Cherries to mouth for warm bursts Eyes, lips, heart smiles	<i>Tracy Innot</i>
Delta County Libraries Cultivate knowledge, Nurture ideas, and eat the best tomatoes.	<i>Leah Morris</i>
So hot the road melts Take a salt shaker to garden Eat tomatoes 'till mouth hurts	<i>Dianne Foss</i>



More staff entries

Sliced diced crushed and creamed
Stewed whole pulped halved scraped to stuff
Men are not this tough!

Cara Morton

Most

To a Politician:
If tomatoes were
your words, the acid would sting
after a sweet bite

Leah Morris

Acidic:

Red green or yellow
Plump juicy strong or mellow
Proud fruity fellow

Cara Morton

red and succulent
a gastronomic delight
a big summer smile

Mari-Emilie Sweigart

Tomatoes are good
Pick them from the garden soon
Then make some salsa!

Mari-Emilie Sweigart

I love tomatoes
and look forward every year
to the vines so red!

Susan Hamrick

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