

THEMES FOR VOLUME 32
DEADLINES & GUIDELINES

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2011-12 themes are lines excerpted from poetry by James Penha published in *Waterways*. He currently resides and teaches in Indonesia. His poetry has appeared frequently in *Waterways: Poetry in the Mainstream* since 1982.

#1 (deadline June 15, 2011)

**"I've had a life," she said
and smiled, satisfied.**

PART OF YOUR LIFE
Waterways, Volume 19, Number 1

#2 (deadline July 15, 2011)

**Wasps thrive on the porch
of my parents. They are
allowed to be
who they are:
to nest;
to fly.**

WASPS
Waterways, Volume 16, Number 11

#3 (deadline September 15, 2011)

**And when behind me
the door closes**

A JANUARY FUN HOUSE
Waterways, Volume 16, Number 1

#4 (deadline October 15, 2011)

**The camera
does not lie
but I must**

MAZEPPA FRAMED
Waterways, Volume 18, Number 3

#5 (deadline November 15, 2011)

**Silence is
eerie,
the
way it smells
like rain**

SILENCE IS
Waterways, Volume 16, Number 9

#6 (deadline December 15, 2011)

**They had heard how harmony feels
in the skin,**

PERFECT PITCH
Waterways, Volume 17, Number 7

#7 (deadline January 15, 2012)

**Tiny trunks are curious twigs to the gray timbers
portaging great bellies back
silently into the bush
with the breeze.**

MAMMOTH PRODUCTIONS
Waterways, Volume 15, Number 3

#8 (deadline February 15, 2012)

**A history of water, color, and oil,
I am this fossil old as time.**

THE FOSSIL KNOWER
(An Old Pantun from a Java Man)
Waterways, Volume 16, Number 3

#9 (deadline March 15, 2012)

**The moon inhales
tonight – inspiration in reverse:
it sucks the soul
from the shore and the field
from the grass, the cypress**

GRAVITY OF THINGS
Waterways, Volume 20, Number 9

#10 (deadline April 15, 2012)

**Morning
incensed, inhaled.
Joss sticks smolder –
ashen dawn's dragon dreams
haunt.**

NIGHT OF THE DRAGON DANCE
Waterways, Volume 18, Number 10

#11 (deadline May 15, 2012)

**At the bird market
we sang our songs and saw who harmonized**

BECAUSE FEW MORNING GALES FLY THROUGH
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