2012 Annual Conference Print Competition

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Images follow the scores

The annual B&W and Color print competitions were held at the 67th NECCC Conference in Amherst, MA on Saturday, July 14, 2012. A total of 108 color and 93 black & white prints were entered. The number of prints submitted was just about the same as last year's conference, with the judging and medal winner selection process running a bit over 2 ½ hours.

Judges for this competition were Elizabeth Keery, APSA, Joe LeFevre, and Jennifer Wu. Viewing and scoring the prints moved along at a fairly steady pace, with the selection of the Honor Award and Medal winning images requiring more time. Making the selections for Judges Choice took longer than usual, with the competition finishing around 3:30 PM. Our judges all did a great job, thoroughly enjoying the afternoon. Their effort, and the work performed by all the members of the print competition committee, is greatly appreciated.

Sharing this season's print room and competition duties were Richard Cox, Glenn and Jane Guaraldi, MNECs, Susan Hall, Karen Hosking, Gary and Judy Hoyt, John Lowe, MNEC, Dave Powell, Sandy McMillan, and Valerie Whittier. The members of the NECCC equipment committee deserve a "well done!" for their work in preparing the print room, and clearing everything away on Sunday.

As usual, thanks must go to all those folks who spent their time and effort in preparing their entries. Without the level of interest that the print competition receives each year, there could be no competition. Thanks also go to the folks who stopped in to view the competition judging, and to the many, many people who visited the print room, both before and after the competition. Having over two hundred prints on display in one area really does draw people in. Observing their interest and hearing the comments made before and after the competition makes all the time and effort spent in operating the print room and running the conference print competition worthwhile.

Listed below are the awards presented for this year's Conference and Interclub Print Competitions.

Interclub Competition:

Gold Medal, Interclub Competition Winners (Clubs) 2011-2012:

Black & White, Class A:Merrimack Valley Camera Club275 pointsBlack & White, Class B:Boston Camera Club244 pointsColor:Flagpole Photographers267 points

Gold Medal, Interclub Print of the Year:

Black & White, Class A: Great Egret, by Sandy McMillan, Merrimack Valley Camera Club Black & White, Class B: Little Bit Country, by Doug Bartel, Camera Club of Oxford Greens

Color: Hanging In There, by Cindy Gosselin, Charter Oak Photographic Society

Conference Competition:

Black & White:

Best of Show (Conference Competition Winner)

Electric, by Donna Cloutier, Candlewood CC

Special Categories (B&W Only)

Willem Pannebaker Award (Best Still Life) Still Life, by Sandy McMillan, Merrimack Valley CC

John Vondell Memorial Award (Best Landscape)

Trailblazer, by Dick Hudnall, Manchester CC

William J. Barrett Memorial Award (Best Nature)

Lunch Break, by Marty Silverstein, Syosset CC

Douglas H. Wanser Memorial Award (Best Portrait)

Electric, by Donna Cloutier, Candlewood CC

Claude C. Sibley Memorial Award (Best Seascape)

Boothbay, by Bob Legg, Manchester CC

Color:

Best of Show (Conference Competition Winner)

Misty Woods, by James Weidenfeller, Hocomock CC

Yankee Photographic Society Gold Medals

(Judges Choice, Color Only)

Judge: Liz Keery Angel Eyes, by **Joe Senzatimore**, Nassau County CC Judge: Joe LeFevre Stairway to Heaven, by **Cindy Gosselin**, Charter Oak PS

Judge: Jennifer Wu Bass Harbor at Dusk, by Glenn A. Guaraldi, Merrimack Valley CC

Connecticut Association of Photographers Gold Medals

(Selected Categories, color only)

Best Landscape Misty Woods, by James Weidenfeller, Hocomock CC Best Seascape Brooklyn Bridge, by Walter Kimmel, Westchester PS

Best Creative Reflections at Rockport, by Kathy Buckard, Photo Adventures CC

Honor Award Blue Ribbon Winners (Medal Round)

Black & White:

Title East Quoddy Lighthouse Unruffled Gaze **Teton Sunrise** The Sentry Lunch Break Trailblazer Triple Headed Steam Yosemite View Home Sweet Home Clouds Over the Canadian Rockies Roy Haddock

Electric Boothbay **USS Cussins** St. John's Door Michael and Dominic

Maker

Thomas Murray Margaret Harris Richard Ferland Joe Senzatimore Marty Silverstein Dick Hudnall Theodore Thelin Ron Carran George Gati Donna Cloutier **Bob Legg** Bart Navarro Walter Kimmel Glenn A. Guaraldi

Club

Manchester CC Norwalk CC Merrimack Valley CC Nassau County CC Syosset CC Manchester CC Whaling City CC Westchester PS Mid-Hudson PC Merrimack Valley CC Candlewood CC Manchester CC Greater Lvnn PA Westchester PS Merrimack Valley CC

Color:

Title Misty Woods Brooklyn Bridge Morning at Mammoth Macaw Bass Harbor at Dusk Stairway to Heaven Reflections of Rockport Angel Eyes Wild Surf at Sunrise Iris The Oxbow

Dawn at Great Falls

Peregrine Falcon Ripping

Feeling Secure

Osprey

Maker

James Weidenfeller Walter Kimmel Karen Hudnall John C. Lowe Glenn A. Guaraldi Cindy Gosselin Kathy Buckard Joe Senzatimore Ron Wybranowski Mike Leonard Frank Gardner Ron Carran Bill Willis Ken Jordan Chang Sheng Li

Club

Hocomock CC Westchester PS Manchester CC Merrimack Valley CC Merrimack Valley CC Charter Oak PS Photo Adventures CC Nassau County CC Merrimack Valley CC Portland CC Candlewood CC Westchester PS Merrimack Valley CC Greater Lynn PA Bronx, NY

Medal Winning Images Follow

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"Boothbay", by Bob Legg, Manchester Camera Club Claude C. Sibley Memorial Award (Best B&W Seascape)



"Lunch Break", by Marty Silverstein, Syosset Camera Club William J. Barrett Memorial Award (Best B&W Nature)



"Still Life" by Sandy McMillan, Merrimack Valley Camera Club Willem Pannebaker Memorial Award (Best B&W Still-life)



"Trailblazer" by Dick Hudnall, Manchester Camera Club John Vondell Memorial Award (Best B&W Landscape)



"Electric", by Donna Cloutier, Candlewood Camera Club Douglas H. Wanser Memorial Award (Best B&W Portrait) Best of Show (Best B&W Print in Conference Competition)



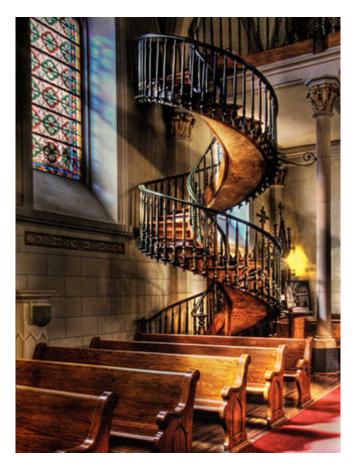
"Great Egret", by Sandy McMillan, Merrimack Valley Camera Club Interclub Competition Print of the Year (Class A B&W)



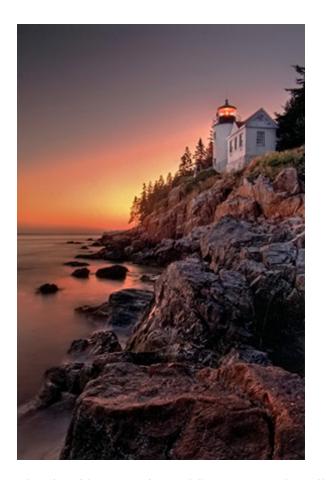
"Little Bit Country", by Doug Bartel, Camera Club of Oxford Greens Interclub Competition Print of the Year (Class B B&W)



"Angel Eyes", by Joe Senzatimore, Nassau County Camera Club Yankee Photographic Society Gold Medal (Judge's choice: Liz Keery)



"Stairway to Heaven", by Cindy Gosselin, Charter Oak Photographic Society Yankee Photographic Society Gold Medal (Judge's choice: Joe LeFevre)



"Bass Harbor at Dusk", by Glenn A. Guaraldi, Merrimack Valley Camera Club Yankee Photographic Society Gold Medal (Judge's choice: Jennifer Wu)



"Brooklyn Bridge", by Walter Kimmel, Westchester Photographic Society Connecticut Association of Photographers Medal (Best Color Seascape)



"Reflections of Rockport", by Kathy Buckard, Photo Adventures Camera Club Connecticut Association of Photographers Medal (Best Color Creative Print)



"Misty Woods", by James Weidenfeller, Hocomock Camera Club Connecticut Association of Photographers Medal (Best Color Landscape Print) Best of Show (Best Color Print in Conference Competition)



"Hanging In There", by Cindy Gosselin, Charter Oak Photographic Society Interclub Competition Print of the Year (Color)