

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 Club	275 points
Black & White, Class B:	Boston Camera Club	244 points
Color:	Flagpole Photographers	267 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	Maker	Club
East Quoddy Lighthouse	Thomas Murray	Manchester CC
Unruffled Gaze	Margaret Harris	Norwalk CC
Teton Sunrise	Richard Ferland	Merrimack Valley CC
The Sentry	Joe Senzatimore	Nassau County CC
Lunch Break	Marty Silverstein	Syosset CC
Trailblazer	Dick Hudnall	Manchester CC
Triple Headed Steam	Theodore Thelin	Whaling City CC
Yosemite View	Ron Carran	Westchester PS
Home Sweet Home	George Gati	Mid-Hudson PC
Clouds Over the Canadian Rockies	Roy Haddock	Merrimack Valley CC
Electric	Donna Cloutier	Candlewood CC
Boothbay	Bob Legg	Manchester CC
USS Cussins	Bart Navarro	Greater Lynn PA
St. John's Door	Walter Kimmel	Westchester PS
Michael and Dominic	Glenn A. Guaraldi	Merrimack Valley CC

Color:

Title	Maker	Club
Misty Woods	James Weidenfeller	Hocomock CC
Brooklyn Bridge	Walter Kimmel	Westchester PS
Morning at Mammoth	Karen Hudnall	Manchester CC
Macaw	John C. Lowe	Merrimack Valley CC
Bass Harbor at Dusk	Glenn A. Guaraldi	Merrimack Valley CC
Stairway to Heaven	Cindy Gosselin	Charter Oak PS
Reflections of Rockport	Kathy Buckard	Photo Adventures CC
Angel Eyes	Joe Senzatimore	Nassau County CC
Wild Surf at Sunrise	Ron Wybranowski	Merrimack Valley CC
Iris	Mike Leonard	Portland CC
The Oxbow	Frank Gardner	Candlewood CC
Dawn at Great Falls	Ron Carran	Westchester PS
Feeling Secure	Bill Willis	Merrimack Valley CC
Peregrine Falcon Ripping	Ken Jordan	Greater Lynn PA
Osprey	Chang Sheng Li	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)