

Winter 2015 Inter-club Print Competition

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The winter 2015 inter-club print competition, hosted by the Candlewood Camera Club, was held on Tuesday, February 24th at Hatter's Park Hall in Danbury, CT. The judges for this competition were: Maria Fuller, Bill Marcy, and Brad Stanton. Maria Fuller has an on location photography studio located in Fairfield County, Connecticut, and specializes in documenting the many stages of motherhood. Bill Marcy is a Past President of Candlewood Camera Club, and Brad Stanton has an advertising, commercial, and industrial photography studio in Danbury, CT. Many thanks go to the Candlewood Camera Club for taking on the task of hosting this competition, and especially to each member of its NECCC interclub competition support team: Donna Cloutier, Tom Peterson, Kevin Rabito, Candi Valeri, and Dennis Yates. Many thanks for a job well done.

This winter has been one for the record books, with many clubs having to cancel and reschedule meetings multiple times. For any New England organization, a calendar of events having dates falling between Halloween and Easter, always poses the risk of having one or more "snow events" upset the schedule. Clubs that meet weekly probably have a better shot at making adjustments... working around snowstorms, than clubs meeting less frequently. Candlewood has bi-weekly meetings, and did well to work the winter competition into their schedule for February. One obvious "fix" would be to run the cycle of interclub print competitions so that competitions aren't held in any month that snow is likely to fall. This might be practical if we were a Florida organization, but we're not. Another possibility, dropping the winter competition and going with just fall and spring events, would lessen the overall interclub print competition "experience", and significantly reduce the number of prints eligible for entry into the annual Print of the Year competition. The best option is to continue with winter competitions, and hope that when Mother Nature schedules her snow events, they fall only on weekends.

For the winter competition a total of 168 prints were submitted... 48 in class "A", 32 in class "B", and 88 in Color. Participating were 22 clubs... 12 in class "A", 9 in class "B", and 22 in Color. A total of 30 prints received awards... 11 in class "A", 6 in class "B" and 13 in Color. Clubs that submitted less than their full allotment of four color and four B&W prints, or that missed the winter competition entirely, are encouraged to submit make-up prints along with their regular submissions for the spring competition, to be hosted by the Greater Lynn Photographic Association in Lynn, MA on Saturday, May 9, 2015. Deadline for print submissions is May 2nd. These are new dates, the competition having to be rescheduled due to foul weather forcing the move of the winter competition. Please note: Any print placing third or above in the spring competition (eligible for the print of the year competition) will be held for the P.O.Y. competition.

Results of the winter 2015 competition and updated cum totals are:

B&W Class "A"	Fall '14		Winter '15		Total	
	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place
Boston Camera Club	81		85	1st	166	1st
Flagpole Photographers	81		78		159	2nd
Cape Cod Viewfinders	80		78		158	3rd
Greater Lynn Photographic Assoc.	81		77		158	3rd
Merrimack Valley Camera Club	77		81	2nd	158	3rd
Manchester Camera Club	82	2nd	75		157	
Pioneer Valley Photographic Artists	86	1st	71		157	
Stony Brook Camera Club	82	2nd	75		157	
Candlewood Camera Club	80		76		156	
Eastern Maine Camera Club	76		80	3rd	156	
Camera Club of Oxford Greens	78		75		153	
Photographic Society of RI	79		74		153	

B&W Class "B"	Fall '14		Winter '15		Total	
	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place
Whaling City Camera Club	77		80	1st	157	1st
Charter Oak Photographic Society	80	2nd	76	2nd	156	2nd
Greater Bridgeport Camera Club	82	1st	73	3rd	155	3rd
Fall River Camera Club	79		72		151	
Quiet Corner Camera Club	77		70		147	
Monadnock Camera Club	74		70		144	
Milford Camera Club	80	2nd	61... 3x		141	
Pine Meadow Photographers	38... 2x		36... 2x		74	
Springfield Photographic Society	---		59... 3x		59	

2x = Two prints submitted
3x = Three prints submitted

Color	Fall '14		Winter '15		Total	
	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place
Greater Lynn Photographic Assoc.	83	3rd	86	1st	169	1st
Stony Brook Camera Club	82		86	1st	168	2nd
Camera Club of Oxford Greens	84	2nd	83	3rd	167	3rd
Eastern Maine Camera Club	81		86	1st	167	3rd
Flagpole Photographers	76		86	1st	162	
Boston Camera Club	78		83	3rd	161	
Candlewood Camera Club	82		79		161	
Greater Bridgeport Camera Club	80		79		159	
Photographic Society of RI	78		81		159	
Cape Cod Viewfinders	79		79		158	
Charter Oak Photographic Society	85	1st	73		158	
New Haven Camera Club	82		76		158	
Merrimack Valley Camera Club	79		78		157	
Milford Camera Club	83	3rd	74		157	
Springfield Photographic Society	76		81		157	
Fall River Camera Club	80		75		155	
Manchester Camera Club	77		78		155	
Pioneer Valley Photographic Artists	81		73		154	
Quiet Corner Camera Club	77		76		153	
Monadnock Camera Club	73		74		147	
Whaling City Camera Club	77		68		145	
Pine Meadow Photographers	75		67		142	

Individual Winners:

B&W Class "A"

PL.	Pts.	Club	Maker	TITLE
1st	23	Boston CC	Yair Melamed	Authentic
2nd	22	Candlewood CC	Ken Kurzweil	Ups and Downs
2nd	22	Cape Cod Viewfinders	Sue Karchmer	Delphi as the Three Graces
2nd	22	Eastern Maine CC	Bruce Gray	Starlit Beach
2nd	22	Merrimack Valley CC	Bob Ring	Railroad Spike
HM	21	Boston CC	Tony Mistretta	Balance
HM	21	Boston CC	Marco Ocana	Scituate Lighthouse
HM	21	Eastern Maine CC	Jeremy Gray	Hanging
HM	21	Flagpole Photographers	Sue Bonacci	Young Buck
HM	21	Merrimack Valley CC	Jan Meades	Phoenix Arising
HM	21	Stony Brook CC	Sarah Keates	Heavyweight Tussle

Score Range:16-23 pts.

B&W Class "B"

PL.	Pts.	Club	Maker	TITLE
1st	23	Whaling City CC	Robert Smith	The Storekeeper
2nd	22	Springfield Phot. Soc.	Fred Leblanc	Heritage
3rd	21	Charter Oak Phot. Soc.	Jerry Grasso	Channel
3rd	21	Milford CC	Loretta Paul Goldin	Key Ring
3rd	21	Milford CC	Richard Kunsch	Growl
HM	20	Fall River CC	Dennis Lawson	Cold Cell

Score Range:16-23 pts.

Color

PL.	Pts.	Club	Maker	TITLE
1st	24	Flagpole Photographers	Erik Landegren	The Dancer
1st	24	Greater Lynn Phot. Assoc.	Rick Cloran	West Thumb Sunrise #3
1st	24	Springfield Phot. Soc.	Kevin Fay	Honfleur Evening Reflection
3rd	23	CC of Oxford Greens	Ron Charles	Burlington Drifter
HM	22	Boston CC	Ron Abramov	Hearst Tower
HM	22	Eastern Maine CC	Miles Greenacre	Grand Canyon
HM	22	Eastern Maine CC	Bruce Gray	Chestnut Sided Warbler
HM	22	Flagpole Photographers	Darrell Harrington	Diana's Falls
HM	22	Greater Lynn Phot. Assoc.	Greg Mazzotta	Metropolitan Waterworks Museum
HM	22	Manchester CC	Joe Drapeau	Pudding Pond
HM	22	Springfield Phot. Soc.	Fred Leblanc	untitled
HM	22	Stony Brook CC	Rich Reynolds	Swan Lake Dahlia
HM	22	Stony Brook CC	Tony Risica	Bosque At Dusk

Score Range:15-24 pts.