

**NECCC PROJECTED IMAGE INTERCLUB COMPETITION REPORT
2022-2023 SEASON**

The highest scoring clubs for the 2022-23 season of the NECCC Projected Image Interclub Competitions were announced in the Spring Interclub report, the third and last competition of the season.

The high scoring clubs were:

Pictorial A	<u>Greater Lynn Photographic Association</u>
Pictorial B	<u>Housatonic Camera Club</u>
Nature A	<u>Greater Lynn Photographic Association</u>
Nature B	<u>Seacoast Camera Club</u>

And now, the winning images in each of the four classes have also been chosen. The judge used for this daunting task was Bob Benson, FPSA, EPSA, AFIAP. Bob joined a camera club in 1978 so that he could learn how to operate his new 35mm film camera. He also joined the Chicago Area Camera Clubs Association, serving in various positions, including President from 2003-2005. He judges and presents various programs locally and internationally, as well as providing programs and training for new judges in the Chicago area. He has received many awards for volunteerism, creativity and photography excellence and holds a TOPS in color and mono prints and creative dpi.

Wining Images:

Pictorial A	“Angling For The Takedown” by James Brady, MNEC, Greater Lynn Photographic Association
Pictorial B	“Petunia Refraction In Drops” by Tom Malinski, Litchfield Hills Camera Club
Nature A	“Spider Wrapping Hopper” by Cathy Keifer, Gateway Camera Club
Nature B	“Competing For Food” by Katie Slawitschek, Flagpole Photographers Camera Club

Bob’s comments on the images were as follows: The Pictorial A winning image had beautiful form in the stop action and was like seeing a ballet of movement. The painterly effect of the Pictorial B winning image, along with the colors of the drop reflections was compelling with lots of impact. The spider kill Nature A winning image told a great nature story, with even the grasshopper turned in such a way to add more interest. The graceful arc created in the Nature B winning image was beautiful; and the owl looking at the viewer completed the effect.

Daniel Charbonnet Memorial Photograph of the Year Award

In honor, and in memory, of Daniel Charbonnet, past President of NECCC, a memorial award for the Projected Interclub Photograph of the Year has been established. This award chooses the “best of the best” from the four winning Projected Image Interclub images. Bob Benson was honored to select this winning image. Bob commented that it was one of the best insect images that he has seen. The winning image is:

Daniel Charbonnet Memorial Photograph of the Year “Spider Wrapping Hopper” by Cathy Keifer,
Gateway Camera Club

Congratulations to the clubs and individual winners.

The winning images are attached and will be posted on the NECCC website as well.

Thanks to all from Bill Barnett and myself on another great and successful season.

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