

Fall 2015 Inter-club Print Competition  
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The fall 2015 inter-club print competition, hosted by the Merrimack Valley Camera Club, was held on Wednesday, October 28th, 2015 at the Trinitarian Congregational Church in North Andover, MA. The judges for this competition were: Peter Christoph, Karen Choi, and Amy Musinsky, MNEC.

Peter Christoph is a full-time wildlife photographer, author, and speaker from Lancaster MA. His bird images have been published in several magazines and have won numerous national and international awards. Karen Choi, a past member of the Merrimack Valley Camera Club, is now a member of the Greater Lynn Photographic Association, and is a strong competitor at the Masters level in their print and digital image competitions. She holds the position of Senior Vice President of Management and HR Services for the Associated Industries of Massachusetts. Amy Musinsky, MNEC, is the former editor of the award winning newsletter of the Yankee Photographic Society, "The Yankee Crier". She's presently the secretary of the Greater Lynn Photographic Association, and chairs their digital discussion group.

Although we were bumped out of our usual meeting place in the church auditorium, into the smaller "scout building", the competition went off very smoothly. Despite heavy rain and wind, the event was well attended. Serving as competition "staffers" for the evening were Gerry Charest... (computer scoring), David Jones and Keri McAndrews (analog score-keepers), and John Lowe and Art Vaughan (print handlers). Many thanks go to the club members running the competition, to all the folks who ventured out into really foul weather to attend, and to all the folks who submitted prints into this first competition of the new season.

A few points are worth mentioning. Print makers submitting work into competitions should be mindful of the condition of their print mounting. One print needed "repair work" the day before the competition. It was rigged with an over-mat using tape to attach the print to the backing board. That tape failed, allowing the print to shift down on one end... behind the mat, to the point where it stuck to the strong adhesive securing the mat to the backing. Now skewed at better than 30 degrees in the mat "window", the print was totally unfit to be judged. Roughly 20 minutes of very careful work with a hair dryer, followed by some "cleanup" with lighter fluid was required to "rescue" this print for the competition. One print was submitted on foam-core that had an unusually hard plastic coating on the back. This had chipped in one corner, producing a jagged sharp edge that would have severely damaged any print it was stacked with. One print arrived having been damaged by exposed metal rivets inside the cover of the print case. There had been no protective piece of mat board placed on top of the prints. Club reps should double check when packing prints to ensure that they stand the greatest chance of arriving in good condition, and that their mounting is robust enough to guarantee that no last minute emergency "repair work" will be required to render an entry fit for judging.

For the fall competition a total of 163 prints were submitted... 52 class "A" B&W, 26 class "B" B&W, and 85 Color. Participating were 22 clubs... 13 in class "A", 7 in class "B", and 22 in Color. A total of 32 prints received awards... 14 class "A", 9 class "B" and 9 in Color. Due to the fairly narrow point spread there were multiple ties in each division resulting in no 3rd place individual awards. Clubs that submitted less than their full allotment of four color and four B&W prints, or that missed the fall competition entirely, are encouraged to submit make-up prints along with their regular submissions for the winter competition, to be hosted by the Fall River Camera Club on Wednesday, January 27, 2016.

Results of the Fall 2015 competition are:

#### B&W Class "A"

Club	Points	Place
Photographic Society of RI	97	1st
Charter Oak Photographic Society	96	2nd
Flagpole Photographers	96	2nd
Candlewood Camera Club	93	
Greater Lynn Photographic Assoc.	92	
Eastern Maine Camera Club	91	
Boston Camera Club	89	
Camera Club of Oxford Greens	89	
Manchester Camera Club	89	
Merrimack Valley Camera Club	89	
Cape Cod Viewfinders	87	
Brattleboro Camera Club	86	
Stony Brook Camera Club	86	

#### B&W Class "B"

Club	Points	Place
Monadnock Camera Club	88	1st
Greater Bridgeport Camera Club	86	2nd
Quiet Corner Camera Club	86	2nd
Whaling City Camera Club	86	2nd
Fall River Camera Club	84	
Milford Camera Club	67... 3x	
Springfield Photographic Society	67... 3x	

3x = three prints submitted

## Color

Club	Points	Place
Flagpole Photographers	101	1st
Charter Oak Photographic Society	99	2nd
Manchester Camera Club	98	3rd
New Haven Camera Club	98	3rd
Eastern Maine Camera Club	97	
Greater Lynn Photographic Assoc.	97	
Greater Bridgeport Camera Club	96	
Fall River Camera Club	94	
Boston Camera Club	93	
Candlewood Camera Club	93	
Merrimack Valley Camera Club	93	
Camera Club of Oxford Greens	92	
Cape Cod Viewfinders	92	
Stony Brook Camera Club	92	
Whaling City Camera Club	92	
Milford Camera Club	91	
Quiet Corner Camera Club	87	
Photographic Society of RI	86	
Monadnock Camera Club	80	
Pine Meadow Photographers	65... 3x	
Springfield Photographic Society	68... 3x	

3x = three prints submitted

## Individual Winners:

### B&W Class "A"

PL.	Pts.	Club	Maker	Title
1st	26	Phot. Society of RI	Tara Marshall	View From Navy Pier
2nd	25	Candlewood CC	Bruce Miller	The Athlete
2nd	25	Charter Oak PS	Paula Fink	Tree at Deadhorse Point
2nd	25	Charter Oak PS	Dick Brimley	Yosemite One
2nd	25	Eastern Maine CC	Chuck Rohn	Splitting the Crab
2nd	25	Flagpole Photog.	Sue Bonacci	Top of the World
2nd	25	Flagpole Photog.	Rick Tyrseck	Dunescape
2nd	25	Flagpole Photog.	Erik Landegren	Soldiers of the Table
2nd	25	Phot. Society of RI	Karl Zuzarte	Waterhole Canyon
HM	24	Charter Oak PS	Austin Carey	Yosemite Valley
HM	24	Greater Lynn PA	Larry Dunn	Rope and Chain
HM	24	Manchester CC	Bill Gehan	Eastern Phoebe
HM	24	Manchester CC	Joe Drapeau	Neglected
HM	24	Merrimack Valley CC	Jutta Curtin	Fog Lifting

Scoring range: 18-26 pts.

### B&W Class "B"

PL.	Pts.	Club	Maker	Title
1st	24	Whaling City CC	James Mahaney	Flat Iron
2nd	23	Milford CC	Richard Kunsch	Meadow Barn at Night
2nd	23	Milford CC	Loretta Paul-Goldin	Bushkill Falls
2nd	23	Monadnock CC	Joe Shamy	Peter
2nd	23	Monadnock CC	Charles Mathis	Woodpile & Axe
2nd	23	Quiet Corner CC	Bob Haas	Sedona Cathedrals
2nd	23	Quiet Corner CC	Deb Haas	Lake Louise Mountains
2nd	23	Springfield Phot. Soc.	Mike Mettey	The Flutist
2nd	23	Springfield Phot. Soc.	Kevin Fay	The Petrossian

Scoring range: 19-24 pts.

### Color

PL.	Pts.	Club	Maker	Title
1st	28	Manchester CC	Joe Drapeau	Bass Harbor-2015
2nd	27	CC of Oxford Greens	Chuck Fleischman	Grand Canyon at Sundown
2nd	27	Eastern Maine CC	Vijay Amarendran	Lilac Breasted Roller
2nd	27	Greater Lynn PA	Ken Jordan	Bluebird with Nesting Material
HM	26	Charter Oak PS	Cindy Gosselin	The Ballet Shoes
HM	26	Fall River CC	Cal Ellinwood	The Orange Buoy
HM	26	Flagpole Photog.	Erik Landegren	Fire & Ice Cocktails
HM	26	Greater Bridgeport CC	Jim Santerre	Exotic Flower
HM	26	New Haven CC	Lisa Cuchara	Puppy in a Bucket

Scoring range: 18-28 pts.