

NECCC
Interclub Print of the Year Competition
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The NECCC Interclub Print of the Year competition for the 2013-2014 season was held on the evening of May 21st at the Merrimack Valley Camera Club, 72 Church St, North Andover, MA. Of a total of 51 prints eligible for entry into the competition, 43 were submitted by their makers, a turnout of 84%, equaling the greatest percentage of eligible prints submitted for a print of the year competition in the last eleven years. Judges for this competition were Mary Boucher, MNEC, past president of the Merrimack Valley Camera Club, Guy Lessard, member and past president of the Manchester (NH) Artists Association, and John Yurka, former chairman of the annual George W. Glennie Nature Salon at Merrimack Valley Camera Club. Assisting the print chairman in running this competition were Susan Hall... print handler, Harold Roussell... back-up score-keeper, and Larry Warfield... running the RMF electronic scoring system.

As with previous interclub print of the year competitions, class "A" and "B" monochrome were judged separately. Each division's prints were previewed completely before judging began, with scores assigned based upon a 10 point per judge, 30 point scale. Ties had to be broken in both Black & White divisions.

Winning Print of the Year honors for the 2013-2014 season are:

B&W class A, 25 pts: "*Charlie Had Free Lunch*", by David Liang, Camera Club of Oxford Greens
B&W class B, 26 pts: "*Back Forty*", by Mary Hartt, Eastern Maine Camera Club
Color, 29 pts: "*Junkyard Dog*", by Joe Drapeau, Manchester Camera Club

The runners-up in the three categories were:

B&W class A, 2nd place, 25 pts: "*Taking Flight*", by Don Ernst, Candlewood Camera Club
B&W class A, 2nd place, 25 pts: "*The Old Church*", by Austin Carey, Charter Oak Photographic Society.
B&W class B, 2nd place, 26 pts: "*On A Changing Tide*", Cal Elinwood, Fall River Camera Club
Color, 2nd place, 27 pts: "*Get Me Some Food*", by Ken Carlson, Greater Lynn Photographic Association
Color, 2nd place, 27 pts: "*Great Kiskadee With Fish*", by Amanda Reed, Cape Cod Viewfinders
Color, 2nd place, 27 pts: "*Three Poppies*", by Debra Boucher, Stony Brook Camera Club

The Print of the Year in each division will become part of the "Best of the NECCC Print Program" for the 2014-2015 season, and will be displayed in the print room at the NECCC conference along with the winning prints from the Conference Print Competition. Medals for Print of the year will be presented at the conference awards ceremony to be held on Sunday morning, July 13.

Clubs that have not requested previous return shipping of their prints may have a member pick them up in the print room at the NECCC conference from 10:00AM Friday July 12, to 2:30 PM on Sunday July 13. Any remaining prints will be shipped back to the submitting club.