

**NECCC**  
**Inter-club Print of the Year Competition**  
**May 17, 2017**  
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The NECCC Interclub Print of the Year competition for the 2016-2017 season was held on the evening of May 17th at the Merrimack Valley Camera Club, 72 Church St, North Andover, MA. Of a total of 56 prints eligible for entry into the competition, 46 were submitted by their makers, a turnout of 82%. This is the fourth consecutive year that a level of better than 80% of print returns has been reached. Judges for this competition were Guy Lessard, former member and past president of the Manchester (NH) Artists Association, Maureen Mathieson, MNEC, past president of the Assabet Valley Camera Club, and Sandy Selesky, past president of the Nashoba Valley Photo Club. Assisting the print chairman in running this competition were Judi Hoyt, Harold Rousell, and Wendy Walsh... print handlers, plus Keri McAndrews... score keeper. At the conclusion of the competition all prints were displayed on tables for the attendees to view and enjoy.

Unlike with the fall, winter, and spring interclub print competitions, class "A" and "B" monochrome were judged separately. Scoring was done using a five to ten points per judge scale, (15-30 total points possible). Each division's prints were previewed completely before judging began. As is usual in a competition where the prints submitted were already winners during the season, in selecting the "best of the best" the judges had to make some really tough decisions. There were no tie top scores in class "A" or "B" black & white, so arriving at a Print of the Year in those divisions was easy, but two color prints receiving 30 points resulted in the judges having to make a very difficult decision in assigning the top award in that division.

**Print of the Year 2016-2017:**

B&W class A, 28 pts: "Osprey Fishing", by Dick Brimley, Charter Oak Photographic Society

B&W class B, 27 pts: "Jin Mao Tower", by Ed Kurz, Quiet Corner Camera Club

Color, 30 pts: "Saberwinged Hummer", by Karl Zuzarte, Photographic Society of Rhode Island

**Runner-up class A:**

2nd place, 27 pts: "Pensive", by Sally Turner, Manchester Camera Club

2nd place, 27 pts: "Val Dorcia, Tuscany", by Debbie Owen, Cape Cod Viewfinders

**Runner-up class B:**

2nd place, 25 pts: "Osprey Island", by Dennis Lawson, Fall River Camera Club

**Runner-up Color:**

2nd place, 30 pts: "Valensole Dawn", by David Long, Boston Camera Club

The Print of the Year in each division will become part of the "Best of the NECCC Print Program" for the 2017-2018 season, and will be displayed in the print room at the NECCC conference along with the winning prints from the 2017 Conference Print Competition. Awards for Print of the year will be presented at the conference awards ceremony to be held on Sunday morning, July 16, in the Campus Center, room 917.