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SISTER CITY NEWS

Sister Libraries Photo Contest Celebrates Everyday Beauty

The Community Library Sedona and the Canmore Public Library are delighted to announce the winners of the first-ever Capture the Moment: A Sister Libraries Photo Contest, a cultural exchange created through the Sedona-Canmore Sister Cities partnership.

The contest invited adult photographers to submit a single image and short reflection capturing everyday life in their community — from quiet moments to scenes of natural wonder.

Sedona Winners:

- 1st – Tom White
- 2nd – Christel Veraart
- 3rd – Roger May

Canmore Winners:

- 1st – Barbara Jouanin Cárcamo
- 2nd – Kael Johnston
- 3rd – Chiara Loewen

Winning images and the photographer's reflections will be exhibited at both libraries, featured online, and shared through Sister Cities and library communications.

This creative collaboration highlights the shared mission of Sister Cities: celebrating connection, culture, and community — one moment, one photo, and one friendship at a time.



Sedona First Place: Tom White

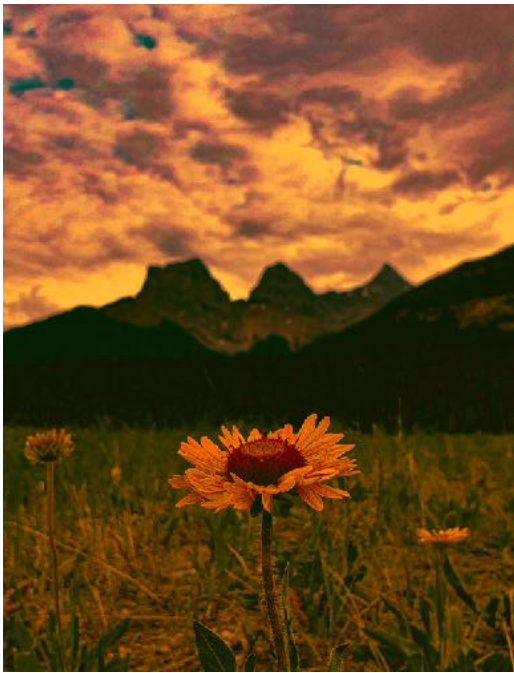
"Having lived here in Sedona for these last 25 years, I thought I had seen it all, but on New Years Morning I drove on icy roads with a light snow still coming down before sunrise to my favorite spot off Red Rock Loop. Snow was still coming down as the sunrise broke through the clouds over Cathedral Rock. Needless to say I had seen another scene that took my breath away!"



2nd: Christel Veraart



3rd: Roger May

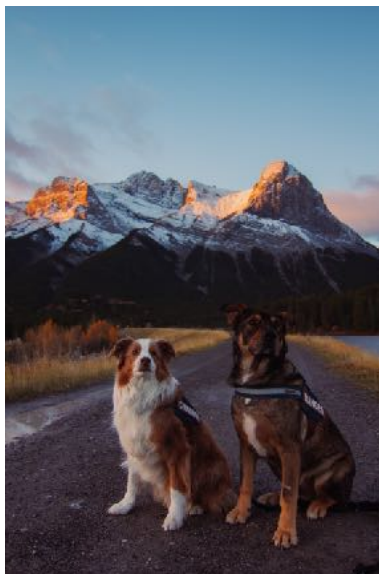


Canmore First Place: Barbara Jouanin Cárcamo

"I arrived in Canada in March, mesmerized by how beautiful everything looked under the delicate touch of snow, dressing up the big, busy cities on the east side and the quiet, enchanted towns by the Rockies. A couple of months later, already settled in Canmore, the snow melted to reveal the mountains and their green forests. To my surprise, thousands of lovely, colourful flowers had been awaiting this moment to blossom, ready to touch the heart of the eyes of those lucky enough to see them."



2nd: Kael Johnston



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November 5 - 10

A delegation of thirteen Sedona International Film Festival and Sedona Sister Cities members will travel to Canmore & Banff, Canada to observe the the 50th Anniversary of the Banff Mountain Film Festival and meet with Canmore Mayor Sean Krausert.

November 13

Heritage Museum
"Sedona Stories"

Don Groves, Sister City Board Member and Canmore Committee Chair will share Sedona Sister Cities four years of international relationship building at the Center's Apple Shed, at 10 AM, on November 13.