

PHOTO PHUNDRASER

The results are in!

Thank you to those that participated!
I sure hope you had phun with this contest!

BEST IN SHOW

Congratulations JAMES LITTLE



Los Osos Valley GC - California

Judge's Comments -Insects - Color: BEST IN SHOW: Perfect focus and exposure. The blue and pink flower with the muted yellow of the bee against the blurred blue background makes for a wonderful color palette and composition.

1ST PLACE - DIRECTOR'S CHOICE - MOOSE

Congratulations BECKY HASSEBROEK



Fairbanks GC - Alaska

1ST PLACE - ANIMALS (color)

Congratulations NOELLA BALLENGER



Burbank-Valley GC - California

Judge's Comments - Animals - Color: Action and intimacy are both on display and captured in this wonderful image. The mother and child story is told well by the gazes of each. It could be playing or fishing but either way it shows a connection between them. Is that a smile on the mother?

1ST PLACE - ANIMALS (black/white)

Congratulations DENNY BRUNO



Grants Pass GC - Oregon

Judge's Comments - Animals - B&W: Well composed image that captures the essence of cat playfulness.

1ST PLACE - BIRDS (color)

Congratulations JOYCE ROWLEY

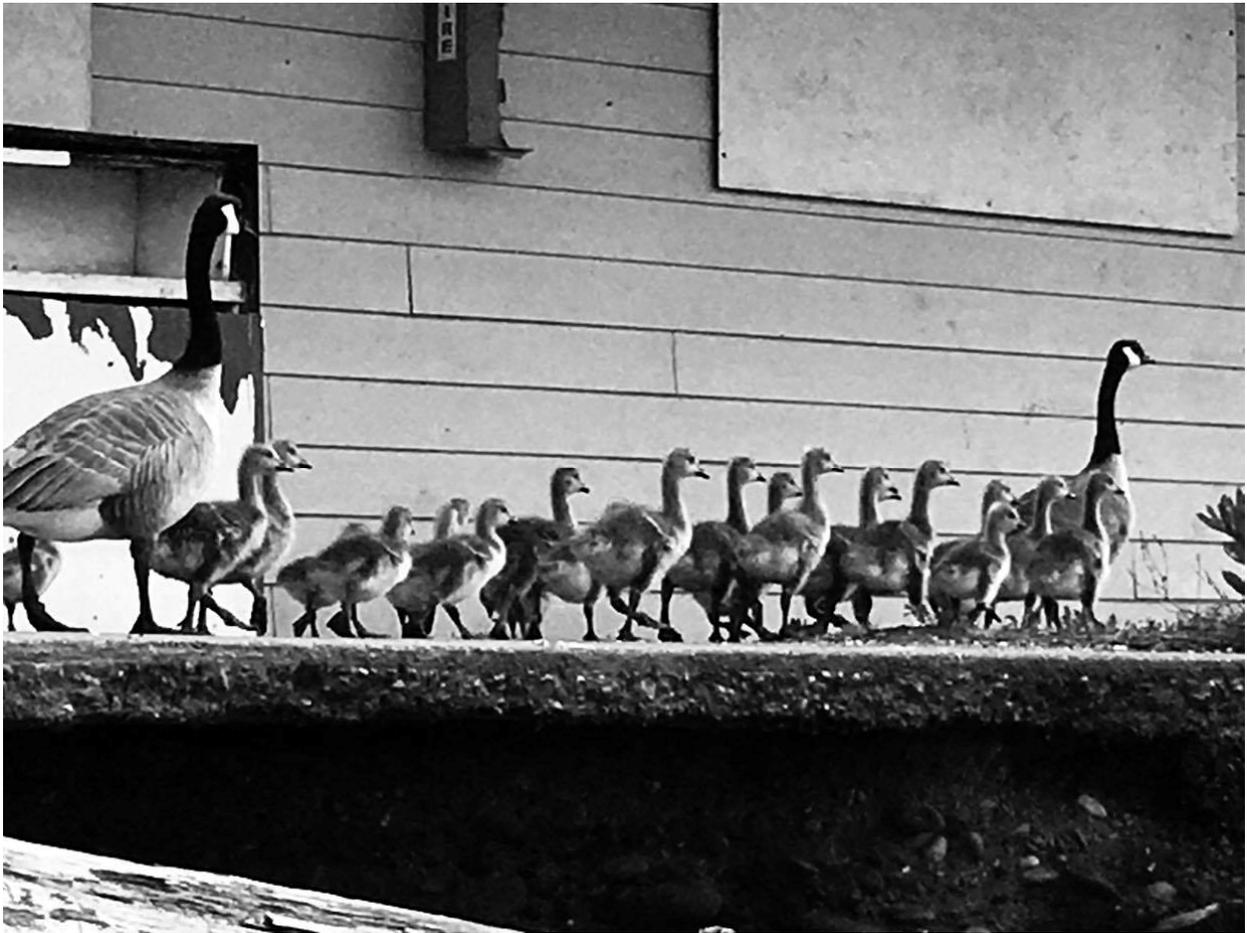


Las Vegas Flower Arrangers Guild - Nevada

Judge's Comments - Birds - Color: Wonderful capture of nature being nature. Strong story of survival reflected in this image and the handsome bird's gaze directly into the camera adds an exclamation point.

1ST PLACE - BIRDS (black/white)

Congratulations DEANNA REYNOLDS



Port Angeles GC - Washington

Judge's Comments - Birds - B&W: An even score of Canada Geese goslings tells a story right there. As with other entries, the theme of parent and child always adds interest.

1ST PLACE - INSECTS (black/white)

Congratulations DENNY BRUNO



Grants Pass GC - Oregon

Judge's Comments - Insects - B&W: Darks and lights on the giant flower highlight the tiny bee in the middle.

1ST PLACE - LANDSCAPES/GARDENS (color)

Congratulations TRISH SCHOOLEY



Naples Islands GC - California

Judge's Comments - Landscapes/ Gardens - Color: The eyes wander through the trees and one wonders what is in the mist at the end. Wonderful mood established in this image.

1ST PLACE - LANDSCAPES/GARDENS (black/white)

Congratulations PATTY BOYNTON



Eugene GC - Oregon

Judge's Comments - Landscapes/ Gardens - B&W: Good use of B&W to highlight the textures and the profile of the beach walkers. Stormy winter weather off the coast brings big waves and foamy surf, well captured in this image.

1ST PLACE - SINGLE BLOOM (color)

Congratulations KAREN BOWEN



MGM GC - Arizona

Judge's Comments - Single Bloom - Color: The bloom is the star of this image and the way that it's luminescence is captured is nothing short of wonderful.

1ST PLACE - SINGLE BLOOM (black/white)

Congratulations KIM DISHER



Dallas GC - Oregon

Judge's Comments - Single Bloom - B&W: This monochrome take on the hibiscus shows off its structure more than its normal attention-grabbing color.

DIRECTOR'S SPECIAL MENTION

Congratulations RENATE FEARONCE



Scottsdale GC - Arizona

Director's comment – I just like the way he looked!

Results

Directors Choice - Moose-Color	Club	State
1st - Becky Hassebroek	Fairbanks GC	AK
2nd - Launa Gould	San Clemente GC	CA
3rd - Robin Saunders	Grow & Show of Salem	OR
Animals - Color		
1st - Noella Ballenger	Burbank-Valley GC	CA
2nd - Pat Kesterson	Fortuna GC	CA
3rd - Lynda Demsher	Grants Pass GC	OR
Animals - B&W		
1st - Denny Bruno	Grants Pass GC	OR
2nd - Kim Disher	Dallas GC	OR
Birds - Color		
1st - Joyce Rowley	Las Vegas Flower Arrangers Guild	NV
2nd - Lynda Demsher	Grants Pass GC	OR
3rd - Noella Ballenger	Burbank Valley GC	CA
Birds - B&W		
1st - Deanna Reynolds	Port Angeles GC	WA
2nd - Tanja Swanson	Northside GC	OR
3rd - Karen Bowen	MGM GC	AZ
Insects - Color		
1st - James Little	Los Osos Valley GC	CA
2nd - Cathie Moog	Discovery Bay GC	CA
3rd - Cheryl Drumheller	Coos Bay GC	OR
Insects - B&W		
1st - Denny Bruno	Grants Pass GC	OR

Landscapes/Gardens - Color		
1st - Trish Schooley	Naples Islands <i>GC</i>	CA
2nd - Becky Hassebroek	Fairbanks <i>GC</i>	AK
3rd - Pat Kesterson	Fortuna <i>GC</i>	CA
Landscapes/Gardens - B&W		
1st - Patty Boynton	Eugene <i>GC</i>	OR
2nd - Denny Bruno	Grants Pass <i>GC</i>	OR
3rd - Lavon Ostrick	Northside <i>GC</i>	OR
Single Bloom - Color		
1st - Karen Bowen	MGM <i>GC</i>	AZ
2nd - Susan Nash	O'Brian <i>GC</i>	WA
3rd - Patty Boynton	Eugene <i>GC</i>	OR
Single Bloom - B&W		
1st - Kim Disher	Dallas <i>GC</i>	OR
2nd - Terry Sampson	Hesperia <i>GC</i>	CA
3rd - Jeanne Baxter	Tucson Desert <i>GC</i>	AZ
Director's Special Mention		
Renate Fearonce	Scottsdale <i>GC</i>	AZ

MANY THANKS to our

Photo Phundraiser Contest Chairmen:

Karen and Paul Ramsey

For sorting through 400+ entries and keeping the bookkeeping straight! YOU are amazing!!!!

SPECIAL THANKS to our Photo Phundraiser Contest judge:

Frank Delargy

Photographic Specialty/Style:

Photography for me has always been about being outdoors and experiencing the world. So it is natural that my photographic style would fall into the landscapes, nature and travel categories. I am not a documentary photographer and I look at each scene for its beauty, real or potential, and usually have a vision in mind. With that in mind I will use techniques like long exposure and focus and focal length stacking during shooting. I also try to think about how I will be processing the image.

Short Bio:

I was born in Scotland and grew up in Scotland, Canada and Southern California. Growing up, my father loved to take family photos with the Kodak Brownie he had and I often ended up behind the camera rather in front of it. During my high school years in California I got myself a 35mm camera and started carrying a camera with me whenever I went somewhere. Film was not cheap, especially for a high school student, so you quickly learn how to discriminate about what you take a picture of. After graduating with an engineering degree I went with a couple of friends on a trip to Europe and Africa. I ended up staying in Scotland for a while and got a job with Polaroid and eventually ended up becoming part of the photographic technical team as an engineer, not as a photographer. My interest in photography waned a bit during my working days at Polaroid but I always considered photography as an integral element of any trip that I took and for years would always have the mid-level point and shoot camera as my gear and eventually worked up to entry level DSLR. I retired 6 years ago and set out a retirement goal to learn about and improve my photography as much as possible. Along with that came a step up in commitment to photography and I pursued learning opportunities and jumped significantly in the level of the gear that I use. I am still on that learning journey.

Awards

Best in Class - 2015 Florida Master Naturalist Photo Contest.

Popular Photography 2015 U.S.A. Landscape Photographer of the Year Runner Up.

Published in

The Times, Huffington Post, L'Illustré, and others.

**SEND AN EMAIL TO FRANK AND THANK HIM
FOR JUDGING OVER 400 ENTRIES DURING A
HURRICANE! (FRANK LIVES IN TAMPA, FLORIDA)**