

NEWS RELEASE

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The Lyme Land Conservation Trust, Inc. and the Old Lyme Conservation Trust, Inc. are pleased to announce the winners of their jointly sponsored amateur photo contest. The purpose of the contest was to focus on the celebrated and scenic Lyme-Old Lyme countryside. There were over 255 photos submitted from photographers all over Connecticut. The ages of the photographers were from 8 to 80.

This contest was made possible by the generous financial support provided by Pfizer, Inc., Lorensen Toyota, Citizens Bank, Essex Savings Bank, Evan Griswold & Karen Conniff at Coldwell Banker, and the Oakley/Wing Group of Smith Barney.

“There were so many wonderful pictures submitted that the judges had a difficult time selecting the winners” said Tony Sullivan, spokesperson for the two conservation trusts. To assure impartiality, the judges were not aware of the names of the photographers until after the judging process was completed.

The three independent judges are **Anne Hoy**, Professor of Art & Photographic History at New York University and former curator at the International Center of Photography in New York. She is the author of National Geographic’s book, *The Book of Photography: The History, the Technique, the Art, the Future and Fabrications. Staged, Altered, and Appropriated Photographs*, Abbeville Press. **William Burt**, a naturalist who has won acclaim for his books of wildlife photography: *Rare and Elusive Birds of North America*, *Shadowbirds*, and his recently released *Marshes: The Disappearing Edens*. **Amy Kurtz Lansing**, Curator at the Florence Griswold Museum and a Yale University doctoral candidate in the History of Art. She is also the author of *Historical Fictions: Edward Lamson Henry's Paintings of Past and Present*.

“This year an additional award was given out to honor one of our prior judges, John Mitchell, who passed away last year” said Sullivan. “John dedicated his career to writing about the environment and so the award was for the best picture reflecting that subject.”

The categories and names of the winners are:

John Mitchell – Environmental Award
Skip Broom, Hadlyme

First Place

Wildlife – Stephanie Clayton, Old Lyme
Cultural/Historic – Skip Broom, Hadlyme
Youth Under Age 15 – Annie Bolduc, Old Lyme
Landscapes/Waterscapes - Skip Broom, Hadlyme
Plants – Deanna Broderick, Guilford

Second Place

Wildlife – Sharon Baldi, Old Saybrook
Cultural/Historic – Skip Broom, Hadlyme
Youth Under Age 15 – Trey Bazinet, Niantic
Landscapes/Waterscapes – Rick Butt, Lyme
Plants – Robert Bowman, New London

Third Place

Wildlife – Skip Broom, Hadlyme
Cultural/Historic – Tom Henthorn Sr., Old Saybrook
Youth Under Age 15 – Madalyn Williams, Old Lyme
Landscapes/Waterscapes – Jeff Sims, Waterford
Plants – Hank Golet, Old Lyme

Honorable Mention

Wildlife

Jeff Sims, Waterford
Hank Golet, Old Lyme
Skip Broom, Hadlyme
Diana Atwood Johnson, Old Lyme
Charles Lindeen, Lyme

Cultural/Historic

Eva Gryk, New Britain
Michael Cathcart, Hadlyme
Kathryn Bassett, Westbrook
Carol Giese, East Lyme
Skip Broom, Hadlyme
Stasia Penkoff Lidbeck, Essex

Youth Under Age 15

Nadia Penkoff Lidbeck, Essex
Jazzy Bazinet, Niantic
Noah Sparkman, Old Lyme

Landscapes/Waterscapes

Nancy Lanteri, Old Lyme
Alice Depret, Lyme
Charlotte Quigley, Old Lyme

Plants

Gerry Graves, Old Lyme
Tony Sullivan, Lyme
Skip Broom, Hadlyme

All the winning photographs will be available for public viewing at Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library at 2 Library Lane in Old Lyme during the month of May and at the Lyme Public Library on Route 156 in Lyme during the month of June. After that, they will be on display at the offices of our business sponsors. The photos can also be seen on the conservation trusts' web sites www.lymelandtrust.org and www.old-lymeconservationtrust.org

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