

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 250 photos submitted from photographers all over Connecticut and from as far away as Maine and California. The ages of the photographers were from 8 to 83.

This contest was made possible by the generous financial support provided by Pfizer, Inc., Lorensen Toyota, Citizens Bank, Essex Savings Bank, Annemarie Bellenoit of Prudential CT Realty, 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 were John Mitchell, who recently retired as senior environmental editor at National Geographic Magazine, William Burt, a naturalist who has won acclaim for his books of wildlife photography, and Michael Harvey, internationally exhibited artist, contributor to Art in America & INK magazine, and taught photography at New York University.

The categories and names of the winners are:

Landscapes/Waterscapes

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| First Place | "Ice Formation" by Tom Henthorn Sr., Old Saybrook |
| Second Place | "Sticks" by John Freer, Lyme |
| Third Place | "True North" by Stephanie Clayton, Old Lyme |
| Honorable Mention | "Monarch Migration" by Alice Depret, Lyme |
| Honorable Mention | "Dying Reed - Living Water" by Charley Griswold, California |
| Honorable Mention | "Old Lyme Draw" by Zoe Pike, Old Lyme |

Plants

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| First Place | "Reeds" by Richard Goodyear, Lyme |
| Second Place | "Marsh Grass" by Skip Broom, Hadlyme |

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| Third Place | "Pears on the Dock" by Zoe Pike, Old Lyme |
| Honorable Mention | "After the Storm" by Skip Broom, Hadlyme |
| Honorable Mention | "A Walk in the Garden" by Eva Gryk, New Britain |
| Honorable Mention | "Fringed Polygala" by Jeff Sims, Waterford |

Wildlife

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| First Place | "Green Darner Dragonfly" by Jeff Sims, Waterford |
| Second Place | "Egret Colony" by Joan Meek, Old Lyme |
| Third Place | "American Bittern" by Hank Golet, Old Lyme |
| Honorable Mention | "Least Bittern" by Hank Golet, Old Lyme |
| Honorable Mention | "Wild Kingdom" by Katy Klarnet, Old Lyme |
| Honorable Mention | "Caught!" by Diana Atwood Johnson, Old Lyme |
| Honorable Mention | "Fisher" by Richard Sutton, Lyme |

Cultural/Historic

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| First Place | "Memorial Day" by Mark Dixon, Old Lyme |
| Second Place | "Boardwalk and Bridge" by Skip Broom, Hadlyme |
| Third Place | "Spring is Coming" by Skip Broom, Hadlyme |
| Honorable Mention | "Holiday at the Ferry" by Skip Broom, Hadlyme |
| Honorable Mention | "Autumn Portal" by Kristy Holch, Old Lyme |
| Honorable Mention | "Red Door" by Eva Gryk, New Britain |

Young Photographers below Age 15

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| First Place | "Friends Forever" by Jasmine Bazinet, Oakdale |
| Second Place | by Zack Flagge, Old Lyme |
| Third Place | "Rest" by Sterling Rountree, Old Lyme |
| Honorable Mention | "The Wriths" by Haley Polizzi, Old Lyme |
| Honorable Mention | "The Blue Heron" by Ethan Fenton, Old Lyme |
| Honorable Mention | "Invasion of the Shadow" by Ruby Feng, Old Lyme |

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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