

Images of the Year- 2015

Judges Comments – Group A

Black and White Portraits

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- 1. Dia de los Muertos**
“Strong, haunting, impactful image.”
 - 2. The Piercing**
“Haunting--captures subjects mood.”
 - 3. Lily**
“Excellent focus on subject's eyes.”
 - 4. Mandrill**
“Nice, soft tonal range.”
 - 5. Old Miner** Carol Silveira
“2nd Place. Excellent capture of subject's character. Strong use of bokeh.”
 - 6. Iranian Woman In Traditional Dress** Peter Monteforte
“1st Place. Captures the graceful essence of the subject--wonderful tonality.”
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Creative

Group A

- 1. Dreaming of home**
“Interesting concept--well done image.”
- 2. Milky Way in The Mirror**
“Imaginative concept. Great symmetry.”
- 3. Pink and Green Imagining**
“Beautiful coloration.”
- 4. Who Me In The Lupin**
“Delightful presentation.”
- 5. Monkey business** Chris Johnson
“2nd Place. Outstanding concept--well presented.”
- 6. Magical Light** Carol Silveira
“1st Place. Excellent composition. Imaginative use of subject matter.”

Nature

Group A

1. **Black Crowned Night Heron with Small fish**
"Clear and sharp with nice coloration."
2. **California Tarantula_**
"Excellent capture."
3. **California Tube Trapdoor Spider male (Brachythele longitarsis)**
Nice coloration--difficult capture."
4. **Cinnamon teal fighting over mate**
"A special moment!"
5. **Diabolic Shieldback Katydid (Neduba diabolica)**
"Great close-up with nice bokeh."
6. **Flower Fly (Syrphid allograpta)**
"Nice coloration."
7. **Great Egret Ardea Alba with Kelp Fish**
"Well done capture."
8. **Great egret with crawfish**
"Excellent timing!"
9. **Green Darner Dragonflies mating & laying eggs.**
"Difficult capture--well done!"
10. **Green Darners mating**
"Difficult capture--well done."
11. **House Fly (Musca Domestica) on a leaf**
"Powerful image."
12. **Jumping Spider (Salticidae)**
"Dramatic capture."

13. **Jumping spider building web around Cricket (Phidippus audax)**
"Powerful image with excellent detail."
14. **Jumping spider female (Phidippus audax)**
"Excellent close details."
15. **Ladybug (Coleoptera Coccinellidae) feasting on aphids and creating sticky mess**
"Great close-up capture."
16. **Monarch Butterfly (Danaus plexippus) catches some Winter Sun**
"Good composition"
17. **Northern Fulmar Eating Sea Nettle**
"Excellent use of natural light."
18. **Sand Dollars Converging-Clypeasteroidea**
"Well composed close-up."
19. **White-faced ibis feeding**
"Well done with good composition."
20. **Tomato hornworm Manduca Quinquemaculata**
"Stunning."
21. **Swallowtail (Papilio thoas nealces) on native Cosmos flower, Costa Rica**
"Beautiful coloration."
22. **Spider on Calla Lily** **Peter Monteforte**
HM3. Elegant simplicity."
23. **Goldenrod Crab Spider lying in wait (Misumena vatia)** **John Avera**
"HM2 Excellent coloration. Great composition."
24. **Golden Silk Orbweaver (Nephila Clavipes)** **Chris Johnson**
"HM1"
25. **Jumping Spider (Phlegra hentzi) Rests on a Flower Petal** **Carol Fuessnich**
"3rd Place. Powerful composition and outstanding coloration."
26. **An adult Osprey (Pandion haliaetus) lands next to its chick** **Gerald Gifford**

"2nd Place. Outstanding capture."

27. American Kestral eating a frog

Richard Bucich

"1st Place. Elegant minimalism."

Photojournalism

Group A

1. Monterey peninsula college firefighter academy drill

"Well done--tells the story."

2. The Chemo Room -- busy but quiet

Brooks Leffler

"2nd Place. Dramatic capture of real life scene."

3. Monk Studying

Doug Steakley

"1st Place. Gorgeous, sensitive use of light. Captures the moment."

Pictorial

Group A

1. A View of Stonehenge

2. Autumn Leaves in Zion

3. Bird of Prey

4. Bullet train rushes past Mt. Fuji and rice paddies

5. Carmel Valley Spring Flowers

6. Emily with Viola

7. Forgotten

8. Friends

9. Grand Prismatic Spring

10. I'm So Excited

11. Noah Erickson at Willow Creek

12. Nurturing

13. Ship Mate Of The Lady Washington

14. Sunset at Goffs

15. The Look Of Love

16. Waiting for the Catch of the Day

17. Calla Lily

Jeff Hobbs

"HM3. Very powerful capture with strong use of shadows."

18. Rehearsal-Cuba

Doug Steakley

"HM2. Well balanced and powerful composition."

19. **Fisherman On Inle Lake** **Doug Steakley**

"HM1. Iconic use of shadows. Wonderful image."

20. **Garrapata State Park Beach** **Chris Axe**

"3rd Place. Excellent composition and nice use of colors."

21. **Ice And Reflections** **Doug Steakley**

"2nd Place. Excellent use of reflections lines and patterns. Subtle colorations."

22. **Tree And Shadow** **Doug Steakley**

"1st Place and Best of Show. The artist's eye is powerfully displayed in this photo. Well done."

Travel

Group A

1. **1937 Chevy Coupe,'Ghost Rider',Bodie, Ca**

"Beautiful night shot--well composed."

2. **Ceremonial Candles**

"Excellent lighting--captures the moment."

3. **Monk And Buddha**

"Outstanding sense of place--well done."

4. **7,569 Foot El Capitan Yosemite Ca In Full Moon Light** **Jeff Hobbs**

"2nd Place. Iconic image--excellent night shot."

5. **Casting Fishing Net** **Doug Steakley**

"1st Place. A well done image with a strong sense of place."