

# Images of the Year – 2015

## *Judges Comments – Group AA*

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### **Black and White Portraits**

#### *Group AA*

1. Barnyard Cat  
*“Unusual perspective. Well done.”*
  2. My Nephew  
*“Sharp image with pleasing bokeh.”*
  3. Pinky with Cigarette  
*“Thoughtful, sensitive image.”*
  6. Sabrina  
*“Excellent lighting. Nice capture of her eyes.”*
  4. Stacy's eyes **Patricia McKean**  
*“2nd Place. Her expression tells many stories. Excellent tonality.”*
  5. Old Man at Moss Landing **Judi Clayton**  
*“1st Place. Excellent tonality and nice composition.”*
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### **Creative**

#### *Group AA*

1. Blue  
*“Nice "otherworldly" feel.”*
2. My heart is melting for you  
*“Beautiful coloration and nice composition.”*
3. A golden abstract coreopsis **Margret Cordts**  
*“2nd Place. Outstanding coloration and composition.”*
4. Seattle electrified **Margret Cordts**  
*“1st Place. Outstanding use of night lighting. Excellent use of subject matter.”*

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## Nature

### Group AA

1. America Black Oyster Catcher With Just Hatched Chick Still With Egg Shell, ( Haematopus Bachmani )1
2. Blue heron Ardea herodias captures prey in heavy moss3
3. Caterpillar on Blade of grass 2
4. Coccinella (lady beetles) feast on aphididae
5. Coleoptera tenebrionidae (common ground beetle) in mating embrace
6. Crane fly - Tipulidae
7. Eucalyptus forest roots
8. Fork-Tailed Bush Katydid - Scudderia cuneate
9. Great Egret-Ardea alba Hunts Pocket Gopher5
10. Rainfall Creates Striking Erosion Pattern in Sandstone Hillside at Garra...
11. White crab spider stalking a butterfly [Misumena vatia]
12. White marked tussock moth caterpillar feeding [Orgyia leucostigma]
13. Bobcat In Morning Light ( Lynx Rufus )4      **Jeff Hobbs**  
*HM3. Outstanding capture."*
14. Barn swallow (Hirundo rustica) juvenile responding to parent flying in with food  
**Margret Cordts**  
*"HM2. Wonderful timing with excellent details."*
15. Aggregating Anemone Asilomar Beach      **Janet Beaty**  
*"HM1. Soft, subtle coloration; well done shot."*
16. Osprey ( Pandion haliaetus ) With Fish Tail10      **Jeff Hobbs**  
*"3rd Place. Incredible timing and extremely well focused capture."*
17. CoastalWaterfall      **Karen Schofield**  
*"2nd Place. Well balanced with subtle coloration."*
18. Water-Worn Edges, Lower Antelope Canyon, Arizona      **Shelley Nemeth**  
*"1st Place. Exquisite capture with balanced lighting."*

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## Photojournalism

### Group AA

1. Workman steadies himself after halving forty-foot palm

2. Forty-foot palm in first stage of removal      **Ken Jones**  
*"2nd Place. Captures the moment."*
  3. Ticklish surprise      **Margret Cordts**  
*"1st Place. Captures the moment. Nice coloration."*
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## Pictorial

### Group AA

1. A Touch of Brass
2. Arches Park Avenue
3. Artist pondering the scene
4. Big brotherly love
5. Calla Lilies with SunBurst
6. Girl on rock, Valley of Fire
7. Joyful Tracy in wildflower heaven
8. Monument Valley Monochrome
9. Park Avenue Arches National Park
10. Prom Night Takes A Left Turn
11. Remembrance
12. Shy little girl
13. Walking the high line on Presidio sculpture
14. Point Lobos Pink and Blue      **Chris Axe**  
*"HM3. Excellent seascape with wonderful subtle coloration."*
15. Peaceful      **Silke Laetz**  
*"HM2. Soft, sensitive capture of a precious moment. Well done."*
16. Castroville Mustard Field      **Jared Ikeda**  
*"HM1. A classic, well done traditional landscape."*
17. Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park      **Judy Clayton**  
*"3rd Place. Powerful use of long exposure. Excellent composition."*
18. Bixby Bridge by Starlight      **Chris Axe**  
*"2nd Place. Excellent nighttime shot with powerful tonality."*
19. Almost to the Sea      **Rick Verbanec**  
*"1st Place. Excellent painterly qualities."*

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## Travel

### Group AA

1. Amazingly Blue Crater Lake, Oregon  
*"Well balanced colors--excellent composition."*
2. Harbor Reflections in Florence, Oregon  
*"Beautiful reflections."*
3. Overlooking Dead Horse Point State Park, Utah  
*"Classic vista with stunning coloration."*
4. Busy street scene - Bergin Norway **Ken Jones**  
*"2nd Place. Iconic European coastal village. Well done."*
5. Boca Tango **Karen Schofield**  
*1st Place. Very dramatic capture that takes the viewer to the moment and the place."*