

## GNPA GWINNETT WINNING PHOTOGRAPHERS

Here are the winning photographers in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Stand in Ansel Adams Footsteps' Competition and Exhibition hosted by the Gwinnett Chapter, Georgia Nature Photographers Association (GNPA).

The exhibit is at The Hudgens, Center for Arts and Learning in Duluth GA with 133 photographs. It will continue through April 31, 2022.

The following are the winning GNPA Members by Division and Category:

**NOVICE Division** A less experienced member, a beginner, who may have competed in but has never placed in any photographic competition. Not just GNPA competitions.

### Landscape

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Paul Xuereb</b> , Gwinnett Chapter 'Sunrise Reflections'
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Paul Xuereb</b> , Gwinnett Chapter 'Rushing Water'
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Dwain Vaughns II</b> , Gwinnett Chapter 'Rabia Lynne'

### Macro/Up Close

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Cynthia Kurczewski</b> , Smyrna Chapter 'Rainy Day Tulip'
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Dwain Vaughns II</b> , Gwinnett Chapter 'Aryel June'
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Paul Xuereb</b> , Gwinnett Chapter 'Pine Cone'

### Intimate Spaces

<b>1st Place</b>	<b>Paul Xuereb</b> , Gwinnett Chapter 'Soaring Pampas'
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Paul Xuereb</b> , Gwinnett Chapter 'Timeless Creation'
<b>3rd Place</b>	<b>Dwain Vaughns II</b> , Gwinnett Chapter 'Layla'

**ENTHUSIAST Division** A member with 3+ years as a photographer hobbyist. May have competed in previous photographic competitions but has NOT placed in the top 3 or Best of Show awards in more than 1 or 2 photography competitions. Not just GNPA competitions.

### Landscape

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Jacqueline Bedell</b> , Coastal 'Cathedral Spires'
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Donna Thornell</b> , Hamilton 'Kolob Canyon'

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** **John Criminger**, Gwinnett 'Rocky Mountain High'  
**Honorable Mention** **Paul Carter**, Coastal 'Zabriskie Point Death Valley'  
**Honorable Mention** **Tammy Cash**, Griffin 'Mistique Valley'  
**Honorable Mention** **John McClelland**, Alpharetta 'Colorado Sand Dunes'  
**Honorable Mention** **Neal McEwen**, Griffin 'Marmolada Glacier Dolomites Italy'

### Macro/Up Close

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** **Mary Stiles**, Griffin 'After the Rain'  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** **Jo Hancock**, Griffin 'X Ray Vision'  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** **Tracie Joyner**, Smyrna 'Azalea Glory'  
**Honorable Mention** **Jacqueline Bedell**, Coastal 'Weeds'  
**Honorable Mention** **Jo Hancock**, Griffin 'Rock Water Leaf'

### Intimate Spaces

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** **Mary Stiles**, Griffin 'Birds in the Mist'  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** **Lynne Daley**, Coastal 'Ethereal Oak'  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** **Tammy Cash**, Griffin 'In The Limelight'  
**Honorable Mention** **Russell Adams**, Gwinnett 'Morning Coffee'  
**Honorable Mention** **Jacqueline Bedell**, Coastal 'Quaking Aspen'  
**Honorable Mention** **Neal McEwen**, Griffin 'Vermont Roots'

**ADVANCED Division**, *NEW this year.* A more experienced member who has PLACED in the top 3 or Best of Show awards in at least 3 or more photography competitions anywhere. Not just GNPA competitions.

### Landscape

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** **Ruth McCully**, Coastal 'The Sentinel at Sunrise'  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** **Terry Gilliam**, Gwinnett 'Sea Carvings'  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** **Patricia Raffensperger**, Alpharetta 'The Storm'  
**Honorable Mention** **Mikki Dillon**, Gwinnett 'Flow'  
**Honorable Mention** **Janet Newton**, Smyrna 'Dougan Waterfall, WA'  
**Honorable Mention** **Janet Newton**, Smyrna 'New River'  
**Honorable Mention** **Ray Silva**, Coastal 'Draped in Snow'

### Macro/Up Close

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** **Ruth McCully**, Coastal 'Water Lily Splendor'

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Marcia Brandes,</b> Roswell 'Invitation'
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Gary Bowlick,</b> Gwinnett 'Painted Fern'
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Nicolette Dunn,</b> Smyrna 'Fanfare'
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Morey Gers,</b> Coastal 'Milkweed Pod'
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Morey Gers,</b> Coastal 'Yucca Flowers'
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Richard Green,</b> Gwinnett 'Day Lilly Husks'

### **Intimate Spaces**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Janet Newton,</b> Smyrna 'Tree on the Cliff'
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Stephen Weiss,</b> Decatur 'Erosion'
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Richard Green,</b> Gwinnett 'Reflections'
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Michael Anderson,</b> Alpharetta 'Tumbleweed'
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Gary Bowlick,</b> Gwinnett 'Weathered Canadian Coast'
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Nicolette Dunn,</b> Smyrna 'Reflections Afloat'
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Steve Layman,</b> Roswell 'Into the Woods'

Congratulations to everyone! You are all winners just for taking the challenge and participating.

The competition was judged by Ron Rosenstock. The video of his critique can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/ch4ZRopIYkQ>. It can also be accessed on the member's page by navigating to Webinar and Meeting Videos -> 2022 Meetings and Webinars -> In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Critique 2022.

Even though he was not present, we sincerely thank Ron Rosenstock our judge. Especially for his time and adherence to the concept, rules and instructions for 'Stand in Ansel Adams Footsteps.' And as he said "*the competition was very tight and not easy to make final evaluations.*"

Our thanks to the GNPA members who participated and the staff at The Hudgens.

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