

Results-

Equisarte Online Photography Horse Show

(Fall 2023)

Congratulations to all the Winners!!!

Thank you for participating in Equisarte's Online Photography Fall Show! We had a ton of fun seeing all your photos and hope you had just as much fun taking them! With so many images submitted we chose to split many classes. When judging we chose the best or stronger of the two photos submitted per category- which was no easy task! Judge's notes from Robert Komjathy have been added to each class category. Ribbons will begin to be mailed out ASAP. *Congratulations again!!!*

As a whole we can tell you are improving- the quality of your shots are increasing! The skills you are learning to use in these classes are helping you to record memorable moments in your own lives for decades to come- that's the fun of doing these classes! Every part of the country has it's own unique beauty and your photographs help to share that beauty with others in the competition!

Composition is key to a successful image over any fancy camera equipment. Keep in mind applying the Rule of Thirds to your images to avoid leaving too much empty space. Does the empty space enhance your photo or take away from the story you are trying to tell? Be careful when cropping your photo- if you are cropping too much of your photo it can decrease the emphasis on the subject and make your image grainy. Having a little more

detail in the background helps the eye travel through the photo. If it can be done safely- try getting closer to your subject or you may need a lens that allows you to zoom closer without disturbing the scene. Congratulations again and continue to capture and enjoy nature, your animals, and families through photography this Winter!

Junior Divisions: All Classes- Judge's Notes

"I really like the entries in this grouping. We were especially impressed with the thoughtfulness, set up, attention to detail, and post editing that the Junior Division ages 12 -15 took! So many kids show they have an early understanding for photography while learning how to capture their farm, pet, and horse moments. It's a learning process that is constantly developing and seldom perfected even after years of practice. I encourage

learning this skill early in life. It will remain with you forever... if you are lucky!"

Best of Show Junior Classes 6-11

Harper Mayes "Pick Me!"



Reserve Best of Show Junior Classes 6-11

Kylee Yerbich "Tater"



Best of Show Junior Classes 12-15

Sam Gantt "Bunny in the Leaves"



Reserve Best of Show Junior Classes 12-15

Michaela Guerard "Ruffing It"



Junior Division 6-11

(Combined Classes) Junior Division 6-11

#4 Most Artistic & #8 Autumn Landscape

1st Place

Lucy Andrews "Fall Colors"

2nd Place

Harper Mayes "Haunted Halloween"

#1 In Autumn Junior Division 6-11

1st Place

Kylee Yerbich "Mom & Otis"

2nd Place

Harper Mayes "My Tiny Autumn Friend"

#2 Black & White Junior Division 6-11

1st Place

Kylee Yerbich "Momma's Boy"

2nd Place

Lucy Andrews "I Spy a Spider"

3rd Place

Harper Mayes "Oil Derrick at the Pumpkin Patch"

#5 In Pumpkins & Leaves Division 6-11

1st Place

Rylie Caldwell "Green Veins"

2nd Place

Harper Mayes "Pumpkin Patch"

Junior Class #6 Halloween Costume

Combined Class 6-15

Champion

Lucy Andrews "Ronald McDonald and his crew"

Reserve Champion

Harper Mayes "Purple Princess Power"

1st Place

Rylie Caldwell "Hocus Pocus Paw"

2nd Place

Kylee Yerbich "The One Time I Can Call Mom a Witch"

Junior Division 12-15

(Combined Classes) Junior Division 12-15

#2 Black & White, #3 Through the Ears, & #8 Autumn Landscape

Best of Class

Sam Gantt "A Farm in Fall"

1st Place

Michaela Guerard "Who Dat?"

2nd Place

Sam Gantt "Mountains and a Mini"

Open Class #1 In Autumn

Judge's Notes- "Fall might look different in different parts of the US. Participants that submitted work in this class who weren't experiencing Fall in the Northern States or high altitude did a great job showcasing what fall looked like through use of color in the sky or clouds for example. Everyone found some way to express this time of year in a beautiful or interesting way."

Best of Class

Brenda Yingling "Meet Me Under the Falling Leaves"

1st Place

Katelyn Laurin "In Awe of Fall"

Sharon Larmee "Treats Anyone?"

Lauren Sobel "Carriage ride Through the Woods"

Amanda Theriault "Fall Colors with Gus"

2nd Place

Denise Machado "Two Horses & a Mule"

Colleen Colletti "Watching & Waiting"

Contessa Maltagliati "5 More Minutes..."

Laura Winspear "Confetti Trails"

3rd Place

Cari Cusinato "Just a Quick Snack"

Jess Watts "Portrait of an Autumn Mare"

Erin Fisher "Grateful to Be Here"

Elizabeth Turner "Rocky & Shiloh in Fall"

4th Place

Jennifer Triumph "Maple Border Collie Sunset"

LAURA COLE "A Pony And His Girl"

Kristin Taylor "Hunter Pace"

Julia Boudreau "Water Trough Hangout"

5th Place

Lynn Witmer "Fall Adornment"

Lori LaFave "Pre-Show Autumn Sunrise"

Susan Borders "Autumnal Prairie Golds and Browns"

Kristin Brown "Work Hard and Stay Bumble"

6th Place

Karina Sellars "Chantz in the Fall"

Melissa Murphy "The Little Cowgirl Photography"

Sarah Warren "Sammy on the Trail"

Lauren Hess "Looking out over the Kingdom"

Open Class #2 Black & White

Judge's Notes- "When you are stuck using just two colors, you have to rely on light, shadow control, and setting the mood to tell your photographic story. There were some nice examples of that in this category. Ethereal themes and details in light and shadow are the things black and white photography does really well- and there were some fantastic examples in this class!"

Best of Class

Tie- Michelle Balzano "August"
& Miana Patterson "Sunlight through Mist"

1st Place

Morgan Widick "Untitled I"
Laura Cole "Shades of Grey"
Colleen Colletti "Run Free"
Amanda Theriault "Take a Roll"
Erin Fisher "Mom's Watchful Eye"

2nd Place

Denise Machado "Mule Eyes"
Katelyn Laurin "My World in Greyscale, but No Less Beautiful"
Jess Watts "Little Familiar"

Claudia Powell "Extension, Collection, and Connection"
Ashley Parsells "Spooky Season"

3rd Place

Julia Boudreau "Dakota in Black & White"
Brenda Yingling "Nature Trails Never Fail"
Susan Laird "Norman"
Kayla Chadwick "I'll Wait for You Always"

4th Place

Jennifer Triumph "Heart Horses"
Laura Winspear "Barn Kitty"
Lauren Hess "A Day of Grazing"
Margaret VanderVeer "Shades..."
Kristin Brown "Smells like Good Luck"

5th Place

Haley Persichetti "Happy Herd"
Lauren Sobel "Grazing in the Wind"
Rhonda Yerbich "Dad's Tractor-Memories"
Elizabeth Turner "Girl Kitty in Black and White"
Megan Pater "Cows"

6th Place

GAIL FULCO TANTORSKI "Yellowstone Woodwork"
Susan Borders "GOT IT!"
Sarah Warren "Getting Fuzzy!"
Nicole Gagne "Halloween Night Barn"

Open Class #3 Through the Ears

Judge's Notes- "Through the ears did an amazing job! Photographers set the scene. We saw some amazing parts of the United States through the ears of the horse- even a visit to Mount Rushmore! We can tell you're starting to learn a little more about composing a scene rather than just looking through the ears of the horse- you're telling a story of where you are and where you are going."

Best of Class

Contessa Maltagliati "The Explorer"

1st Place

Denise Machado "Golden Ride"

Laura Cole "Life on the River"

Colleen Colletti "Fall View"

Julia Boudreau "Cowboys & Angels"

2nd Place

Katelyn Laurin "Gone Leaf Peeping!"

Miana Patterson "Peak of Autumn"

Elizabeth Turner "Cash at Sunset"

Hope Lock "Overlook"

3rd Place

Mackenzie Wiehe "Beautiful"

Sarah Warren "Skylands Manor"

Laura Winspear "Hillside"

Erin Fisher "Golden Hour"

4th Place

Kristin Taylor "Spinnaker at Barton Hunter Pace"

Susan Laird "Mount Rushmore"

Kady Gantt "A Fall Ride"

GAIL FULCO TANTORSKI "Corndog getting ready for Penning Cows"

5th Place

Lori LaFave "A Fall Virginia Morning"

Rhonda Yerbich "Life is Better on the Trail"

Susan Borders "Golden Sunset"

Nicole Gagne "Chasing the Sunset"

6th Place

Kathy McMullen "Mr. and Me"

Lauren Hess "Upping the Antes"

Amanda Theriault "Fall Farm View"

Anna Bedwell "Driving Refresher"

Open Class #4 Best Most Artistic

Judge's Notes- "You are bringing some creative ideas using light, shadow, color, and composure, in different ways that is a unique view of what you want to portray. The choice of using different perspectives/angles, different lighting- helps give more detail and enhance your subject. We saw some great ideas in this category!"

Best of Class

Elizabeth Turner "Silhouette of Shiloh"

1st Place

Leslie Wasserman "Pointed Pulchritude"
Claudia Powell "Unicorns are REAL"
Erin Fisher "Yes, Stirrups November"
Kristin Brown "How Nature Says "Don't Touch""

2nd Place

Kristin Taylor "Pink Sky"
Brenda Yingling "Cuddled Up"
Amanda Theriault "What Big Nose You Have"
Lauren Sobel "Morning sun rise against Mookies face"

3rd Place

Laura Cole "Colors of Fall"
GAIL FULCO TANTORSKI "Grand Prasmatic Rainbow"
Colleen Colletti "Quiet Morning"
Miana Patterson "Harry the Man"
Amanda Johnson "Train of Love"

4th Place

Katelyn Laurin "Creature Feature"
Julia Boudreau "Charlotte"
Cari Cusinato "The Last of the Beautiful Days"
Susan Laird "Buffalo, Buffalo, and More Buffalo"
Laura Winspear "Sunny Daze"

5th Place

Denise Machado "Lucky's Ride"
Sharon Larmee "Untitled II"
Jennifer Triumph "Sun Glow Highlights"

Contessa Maltagliati "Broken Picture Frame"
Megan Pater "Best Friends"

6th Place

Haley Persichetti "Baby Nose"
Jess Watts "Old Ranch Horse"
Susan Borders "Proud Prairie Pronghorn In My Pasture"
Sarah Warren "Beauty in the Slime . . ."

Open Class #5 Pumpkins & Leaves

Judge's Notes- "We loved seeing all the different views of Fall Life with Pumpkins and colorful leaves in the category!"

Best of Class

Contessa Maltagliati "Carved with Love"

1st Place

Claudia Powell "Falling Smiles"
Erin Fisher "Early Fall"
Elizabeth Turner "Mickelson Pumpkin Patch at Dusk"
Karina Sellars "Road to Colors Pt 2"

2nd Place

Kathryn Caldwell "Pumpkin Spice"
Katelyn Laurin "Oh my gourd! Look at those Pumpkins"
Kristin Taylor "Farm Helpers"

Nicole Gagne "Untitled I"

3rd Place

Lauren Hess "The Country Pumpkin Patch"

Sarah Warren "One Red Leaf"

Megan Pater "Pumpkin Haystack"

4th Place

Laura Cole "Autumn Bounty II"

Colleen Colletti "Morning Glow"

Lauren Sobel "First Harvest"

5th Place

Julia Boudreau "It's Fall, Y'all!"

Denise Machado "The Ranch Wagon"

Jess Watts "Gourds of a Different Color"

6th Place

Cari Cusinato "Ray of Sunshine"

Sharon Larmee "Untitled IV"

Mackenzie Wiehe "Leaves II"

Open Class #6 Halloween Costume

Judge's Notes- "This was a very fun theme to judge with a LOT of creativity here! We loved the effort involved in creating your costumes and the scenes you created with your animals!"

Champion

Lynn Witmer "Two Pirates and their Treasure Chest"

Reserve Champion

Kristin Taylor "Wizard of Oz"

1st Place

Susan Borders ""Why you do this to me?!?"

Susan Laird "PhD (Palomino horse Doctor)"

Lauren Hess "Come on Barbie Let's Go Barbie"

2nd Place

Elizabeth Turner "Arrrrggh!!!!"

Kristin Brown "Life's a Gamble and I'm Calling It's Bluff"

LAURA COLE "To Bee or Not to Bee"

3rd Place

Ashley Parsells "Boo"

Lauren Sobel "Señor Smokey"

Rhonda Yerbich "RIP"

4th Place

Mackenzie Wiehe "Mr. Wiggles"

Laura Winspear "Taco Time!"

Nicole Gagne "Bride & Groom"

5th Place

Margaret VanderVeer "Percheron and Ghost Rider"

Colleen Colletti "Trick or Treat"

6th Place

Kathryn Caldwell "I'm Too Old for This"

Julia Boudreau "Southern Elf"

Claudia Powell "The Lion Tamer"

Open Class #7 Farm Friends

Judge's Notes- "This category is also a joy to view as most entries try not only to capture the subject but also a behavior or action that helps tell a story about the pet or farm animal that draws the viewer into the shot as if they are there viewing this in person!"

Best of Class

Kristin Brown "Grab Life By the Horns"

1st Place

Claudia Powell "Thanksgiving Practice"

Erin Fisher "Sleepin' on the Job"

Kady Gantt "Sisters"

Michelle Balzano "Blue Eyes"

2nd Place

Kristin Taylor "Chuck Morris"

Sarah Warren "Hummingbird"
Lauren Sobel "Brodie and his Mounting Block"
Hope Lock "Ruler of the Roost"

3rd Place

Rhonda Yerbich "Hello There"
Laura Cole "Free Spirit"
Susan Borders "Feral Feline Family Friends"
Amanda Theriault "I'm Very Cute"

4th Place

Colleen Colletti "Mine"
Cari Cusinato "It Tickles..."
Laura Winspear "Ba-Donka-Donk Sunrise"

5th Place

Susan Laird "Feeding Time"
Kathy McMullen "Reeseey"
Elizabeth Turner "Mama Kitty in the Fall"
Megan Pater "Vlad"

6th Place

Denise Machado "Charlie & the Mule"
Julia Boudreau "On Guard"
Morgan Widick "Untitled IV"

Open Class #8 Autumn Landscape

Judge's Notes- "We saw some gorgeous landscapes in this class from all over the US! A landscape of a panoramic view of the countryside. The focus is on the land itself taking into consideration the foreground, middleground, background, (possible horizon line) including the sky. Objects are generally in the middle ground or background to show more details about where the land is. Artwork generally is shown in a landscape format versus a portrait format. Applying the Rule of Thirds to Landscape photography works really well. Try avoiding putting the horizon in the middle of your image- this leaves a lot of empty space in the top half".

Best of Class

Denise Machado "Highland Barn"

1st Place

Julia Boudreau "Oak"

Colleen Colletti "Red Barn"

Sharon Larmee "Untitled VI"

Contessa Maltagliati "Beside the River"

Kady Gantt "A Mountain View in Autumn"

2nd Place

Susan Borders "Eastern Colorado Autumnal Colours"

Erin Fisher "Dawn's Early Light"

Hope Lock "Early Morning Harvesting"

Kristin Brown "Autumn Perfection at the Mill"

Amanda Theriault "Autumn Morning"

3rd Place

Lauren Hess "Cabins in the Woods"

Mackenzie Wiehe "Beautiful II"

Kristin Taylor "Spooky Taughannock Park"

Miana Patterson "Autumn in North Carolina"

4th Place

Brenda Yingling "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go"

Karina Sellars "Tis the Season to Fall"

Nicole Gagne "Sky's on Fire"

Sarah Warren "Wawayanda State Park"

5th Place

Elizabeth Turner "Pasture Landscape"

Claudia Powell "Autumn Sunrise"

Rosemary Jenkins "After The Harvest"

Laura Cole "Sky on Fire"

6th Place

Margaret VanderVeer "A Beautiful Fall Night"

Megan Pater "Natural Bridge"

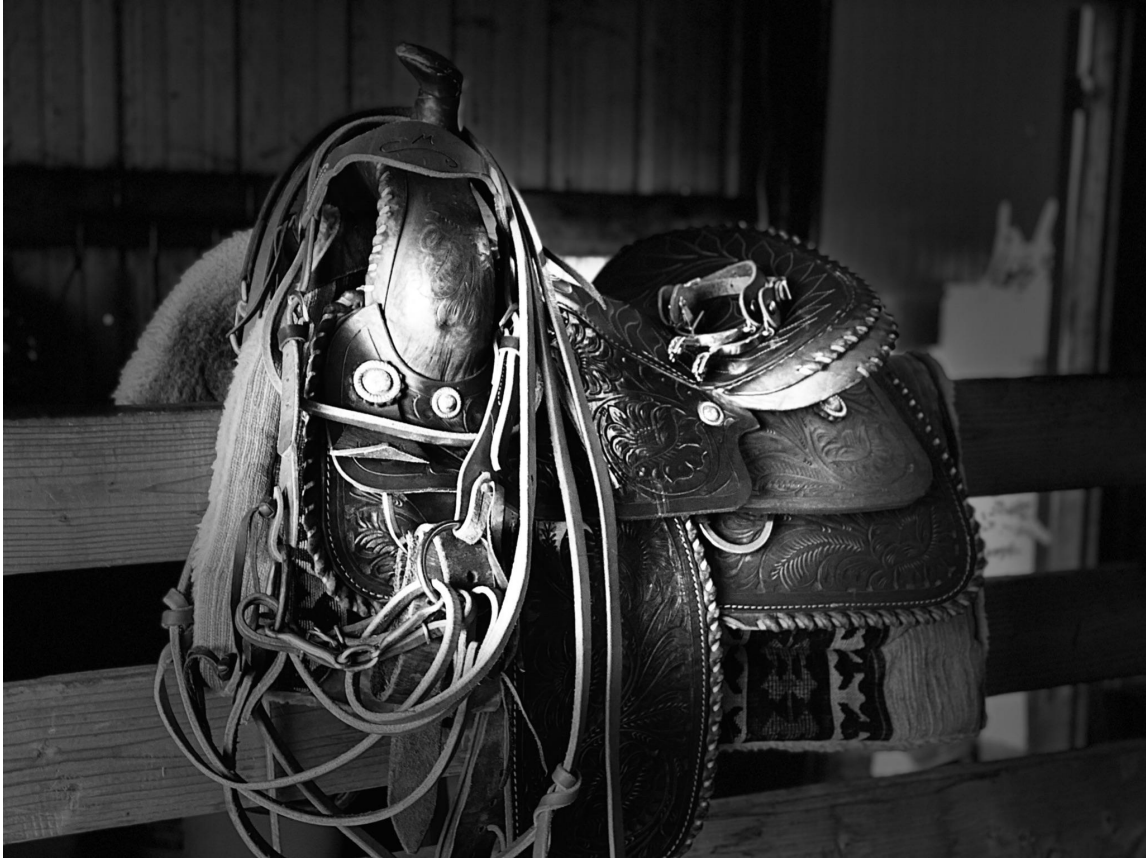
Amanda Johnson "Bassett Bridge"

Cari Cusinato "Ah the Colors..."

Best in Show

Hope Lock "The Preparation"

Prize-\$30.00 Amazon gift card



What a gorgeous western equestrian still life in black and white! The lighting is creative and dramatic- it brings out all the gorgeous tooling, textures, and details in the leather! Achieving the level of detail with limited lighting is difficult. This photographer did an excellent job of highlighting all the small details on the saddle one might miss unless taking the time to find details with your own eyes. The saddle looks like it has been oiled recently- it may make you wonder if the rider is getting ready for a show? This image certainly speaks to the preparation and work that goes into each ride and what we do for our

horses and equestrian sports. The photographer did an excellent job using light, value, contrast, and the clarity of the image is outstanding!

Reserve Best in Show

Claudia Powell "Autumn Trail Rides"

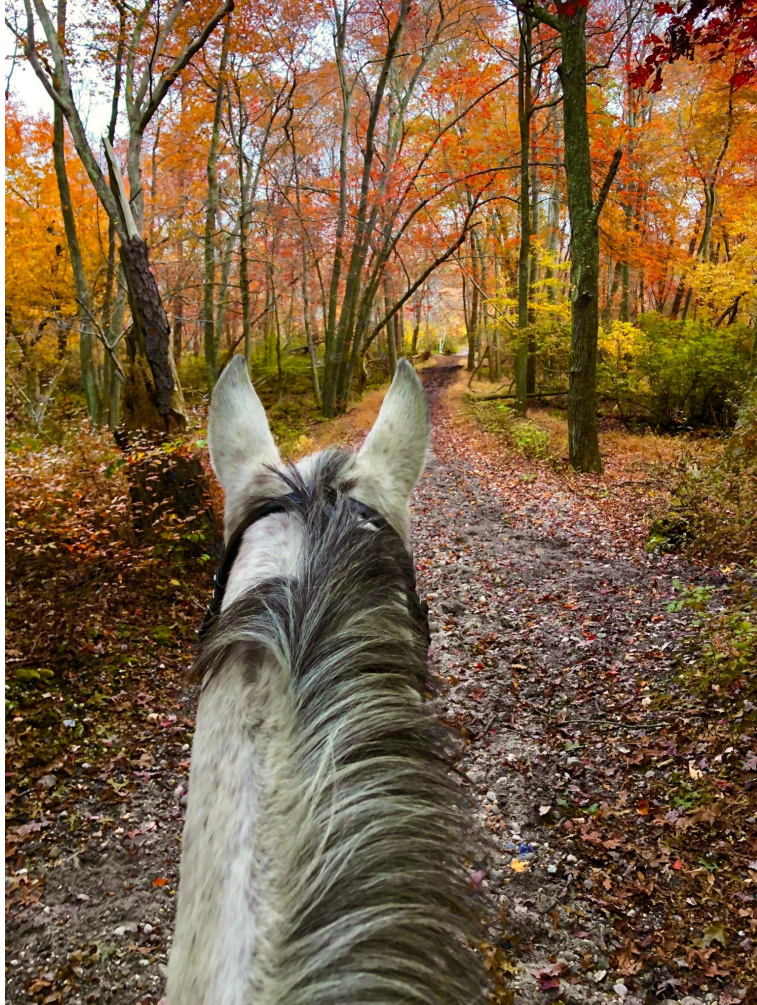
Prize-\$25.00 Amazon Gift Card



This photo has beautiful bending lines in the neck of the horse that draws the viewer's eyes to the child. This horse has an attentive yet gentle expression looking towards the child's hand. One can tell these two are good partners! The contrast of the darker Autumn background against the bright white horse is compelling. The subjects are in focus and the photographer did an excellent job using depth of field, light, and color.

Honorable Mention

Lauren Sobel "Fall Trail Ride I"
Prize-\$20.00 Amazon Gift Card



It is a true gift to be able to experience the beautiful fall colors while riding your horse on the trails. Peak Autumn colors seem to leave just as quickly as they arrived and you have to get out there quickly to witness it! The photographer did an excellent job keeping both horse and background in focus as well as showcasing gorgeous warm Autumn colors and creative lighting!

People's Choice Award

Amanda Johnson "Mare of the Mist"

Prize- \$15.00 Amazon Gift Card

