Results-
Equisarte Online Photography Horse Show
(Fall 2025)

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! Ribbons will begin to be mailed out ASAP. Be sure to print your photos and frame them! *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!

Open Class #1 In Autumn

Best of Class

Trisha Spettel "Do we go in?"

1st Place

Denise Machado "Don't Fence Me In"
Sharon Larmee "Wait... What Happened to Fall??"

2nd Place

Wendy Bourque "Autumn Afternoon"
Karina Sellars "Rocky Road Trail"

3rd Place

Haley Persichetti "Leaf It To Me"

4th Place

Kristin Taylor "Pumpkins"

5th Place

Mikayla George "Autumn's Warm Embrace"

6th Place

Gayle Strickland "Jazzy"

Open Class #2 Black & White

1st Place

Denise Machado "Ghost Tractor"

2nd Place

Karina Sellars "Pumpkins"

3rd Place

Kristin Taylor "Trail Ride"

4th Place

Gayle Strickland "Mystic"

5th Place

Mikayla George "Born for the Shadows"

6th Place

Sharon Larmee "What's Out There??"

Open Class #3 Through the Ears

Best of Class

Karina Sellars "Colorful Trail 2"

1st Place

Contessa Maltagliati "6.48pm"
Jessica Watts "To the Shores of Lake Michigan"

2nd Place

Denise Machado "Right Turn Only"
Kristin Taylor "Making A Path"

3rd Place

Mikayla George "Ear-ful of Autumn"

4th Place

Trisha Spettel "The Road Less Traveled"

5th Place

Wendy Bourque "Sunset Clouds"

6th Place

Carla Hart "Paso Sees Llamas"

Open Class #4 Best Most Artistic

Best of Class

Jessica Watts "Spider Web on a Misty Morning"

1st Place

Trisha Spettel "Come Fly With Me"
Contessa Maltagliati "A Touch of Gold"

2nd Place

Karina Sellars "CALM VS. STORM"
Mikayla George "The Hardest Goodbye"

3rd Place

Wendy Bourque "Love, Me"
Kristin Taylor "As the Crow Flies"

4th Place

Denise Machado "Just Do It"

5th Place

Gayle Strickland "Foggy View"

6th Place

Sharon Larmee "Long Shadows or Three Legged Horse?"

Open Class #5 Halloween Costume

1st Place

Lynn Witmer "Life is A Circus, Enjoy the Ride!"

2nd Place

Trisha Spettel "Luna the Lion"

3rd Place

Trisha Spettel "You Little Devil"

4th Place

Denise Machado "Well HELLO There"

Open Class #6 Autumn Landscape

1st Place

Trisha Spettel "Fall Morning Mist"

2nd Place

Gayle Strickland "Sun Rise"

3rd Place

Karina Sellars "Color EVERYWHERE"

4th Place

Wendy Bourque "Veins"

5th Place

Sharon Larmee "Winding Road in the Deep Woods"

6th Place

Mikayla George "Fall Colors Meet the Sea"

Open Class #7 Farm Friends

Best of Class

Denise Machado "Pick Me"

1st Place

Trisha Spettel "That Was Yummy!"
Mikayla George "Loyal Through Every Season"

2nd Place

Jessica Watts "Friendly Faces"

3rd Place

Kristin Taylor "Get Me Down!

4th Place

Wendy Bourque "Friend in Need"

5th Place

Gayle Strickland "Bovine Testing"

6th Place

Carla Hart "Alpacas in their New Field"

Best in Show

Jessica Watts "The Buck Stops Here"

What a gorgeous portrait of this deer in Fall colors! Deer can be so elusive, majestic, and mystical, it can be quite tricky to catch a sharp photo of them especially with a lot of bramble in between you and the deer. This photographer did an excellent job of highlighting all the details on the subject and background, and she did an excellent job using light, value, contrast, and the clarity of the image is outstanding!

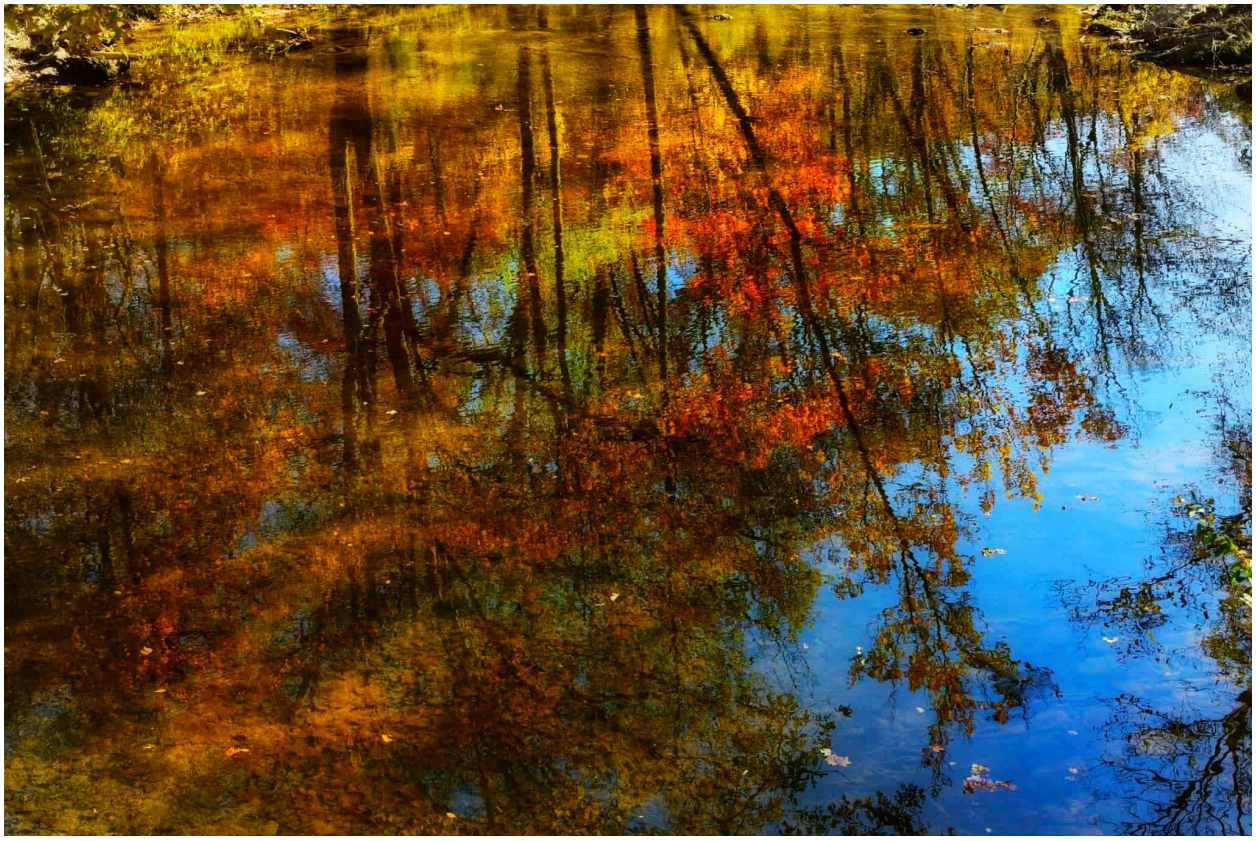
Reserve Best in Show

Trisha Spettel "Thats My Baby"

What a lovely black and white portrait of Mama horse and baby! The gentle, bending lines from the mare's neck leads the viewers eyes to her beautiful foal. The black background gives a great amount of contrast to highlight and emphasize the subjects. The photographer did an excellent job using light, value, contrast, texture, rule of thirds, and the clarity of the image is outstanding!

Honorable Mention

Denise Machado "Reflections of Passage Creek"



What an amazing reflection on the water on a beautiful Fall day! This photo has a very abstract and painterly look! The photographer did an awesome job showcasing lighting and reflection on the water highlighting those bursts of colors from the trees and blue sky.

Honorable Mention

Kristin Taylor "Waterfalls & Colors"

What an amazing place to view the Autumn scenery! We so love and appreciate seeing all the many places participants get to witness Autumn and share it with others! The gentle lines of the path and textures of the leaves, water, and botanicals, help lead the viewer's eyes all through this image and make you wonder what other beautiful sights might be around this bend? The photographer did an excellent job using light, value, contrast, texture, rule of thirds, and the clarity of the image is wonderful!

Honorable Mention

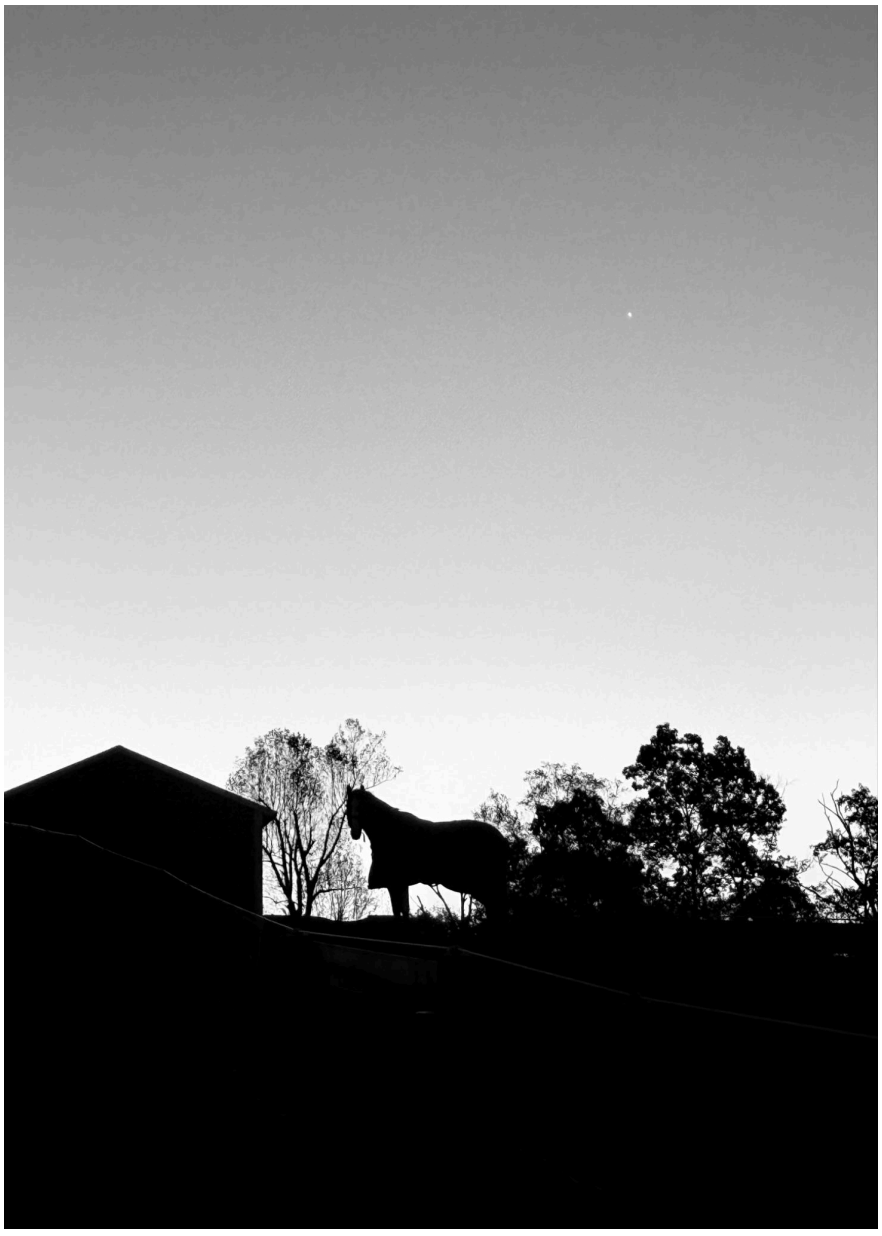
Haley Persichetti "Saddled Sunset"

What a creative, lovely still life of this beautiful western saddle, fall florals, and background! It's well balanced using the rule of thirds. The photographer did an excellent job using light, color, depth of field, and the clarity of the image is outstanding!

Honorable Mention

Contessa Maltagliati "A Major Sunbath"

What a lovely expression captured on this cat's face silhouetted by the shadows in the barn! You can really tell how much he's enjoying his sunbath! Can you feel the warmth of the sun too? The photographer did an excellent job using light, contrast, and color!

People's Choice Award

Wendy Bourque "Evening Star"