Results-
Equisarte Online Photography Horse Show
(Summer 2024)

Congratulations to all the Winners!!!

Thank you for participating in Equisarte's Online Photography Summer Show! There were so many great shots to consider making it more difficult to select the order of winners. That's a good thing because it means not only did you have fun doing the challenges, you are growing in your ability to visualize in your mind, create an image that tells a story, and is optically pleasing to the eye! Photography is art, technique, story telling, composure, and lighting.

Photography is all about slowing down to take a look- there is beauty in the simplest of things and we appreciated seeing the beauty you found. Cameras sure are an amazing artistic tool! They allow us to see things we don't normally see, study nature, and have an appreciation for all things great and small! It was really special to see all the different images from all over the country and the different ways you chose to present them in your artwork.

We congratulate you on having patience and putting thought into composure to capture a moment that tells a story. There's more parts of the composition (not just the subject) that help to complete the story. It was nice to see how the animals tell a story through facial expression or pose!

We also enjoyed seeing the lighting and colors captured in your Summer sunrises, sunsets, silhouettes, and light painting! We noticed the time it took to take some of your shots and a huge improvement from many of our past participants- keep up the excellent work everyone! To get a good shot a photographer may need to plan ahead and set it up, take multiple photos, or they may notice something beautiful and have their camera handy at the right time.

We saw a lot of great ideas- new techniques that showed risk taking and it was wonderful to see a variety of these techniques implemented! We also want to give a big shout out to the junior division- there were some nice shots that showed thought in composition and style that excel beyond the age of the division. Nice work!!! We highly encourage each of you to print your photos and frame them! Canvas prints turn out lovely too!

With over 200 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! We also added a *Best of Class* category for those classes with large amounts of entries! Best of Class winners will get a ribbon similar to 1st-6th place winners. Ribbons will begin to be mailed out ASAP. *Congratulations again!*

Junior Classes Ages 10-12

Best in Show 10-12

Aiden Ryder "Slow but Steady"

Aiden did an amazing job capturing this turtle's portrait! The texture quality, sharpness and clarity of this photo is fantastic! Aiden used a nice shallow depth of field to show off the turtle's face and the background is slightly blurred! This black and white image shows a nice range of grays as well as white and black.

Reserve Best in Show 10-12
Briella Niles "Princess"

Briella did an awesome job highlighting the softness of both car and comfy patterned blanket! The cat is in focus and the foreground and background slightly blurred drawing the viewer's eye to the cat. The lighting is also soft while keeping a lovely color!

#1 In Summer ages 10-12

1st Place

Aiden Ryder "Horsing Around"

2nd Place

Briella Niles "Cash"

Junior Class Combined Classes ages 10-12

#3 Summer Sunsets/Golden Hour, #5, Summer Blooms & Equines, #7 Farm Friends

1st Place

Aiden Ryder "Moooonshine"

2nd Place

Aiden Ryder "Fields of Freedom"

3rd Place

Briella Niles "Sunset"

Junior Classes Ages 14 - 16
Best in Show

Finley Paul "Heartfelt"

Finley’s stoic portrait of this horse is lovely! did an amazing job capturing this turtle's portrait! The texture quality, sharpness and clarity of this photo is fantastic- we can easily see the texture of the leather and hair on the horse! Finley used a nice shallow depth of field to show off the horse’s face and the background is slightly blurred! The horse’s muzzle is highlighted against the dark background. The trick about black and white photography is creating contrast while displaying a range of grays as well as white and black- Finley was able to do just that!

Reserve Best in Show 14 - 16

Anna Niles "Watchin' the Sunset"

Anna did a lovely job capturing both the warm colors in the sky during sunset, the warm colors of the horse, and background! The horse's expression is happy and attentive towards his owner taking the photo. What an adorable image!

#2 Adorable Dogs ages 14 - 16

1st Place

Anna Niles "A Day in the Life of Fred"

2nd Place

Finley Paul "Wind in My Ears"

Junior Class Combined Classes ages 14 - 16

#1 In Summer & #3 Summer Sunsets/Golden Hour

1st Place

Finley Paul "Golden Hour on the Lake"

2nd Place

Finley Paul "Sunset Ride"

3rd Place

Anna Niles "Gemma Sparkling in the Summer Sun"

4th Place

Anna Niles "First Ride of the Summer"

Open Class #1 In Summer (Split Class)

Best of Class

Ally Medlin "Conquering the Storm"

1st Place

Sheila Howard "Those Eyes"
Claudia Powell "BFF Bucket list - CHECK"
Cassandra Miller "Mare in the Meadow"
Lauren Sobel "Beauty After the Storm"

2nd Place

Kathy Bugbee "Double Rainbow"
Karina Sellars "Happy Spring"
Contessa Maltagliati "Untitled I"
Morgan Widick "The Fuzzy Bumble Bee"

3rd Place

Mikayla George "A Dark Bays Summer Coat"
Kristin Brown "A Butterfly To Be"
Trisha Spettel "A Spring Run"

4th Place

Denise Machado "FLOWER CHILD"
Kristin Taylor "Herd Supervisor"
Nicole Gagne "Untitled 2"

5th Place

Gayle Strickland "I am 3"
Jennifer Triumph "Me and My Shadow"
Sharon Larmee "Who's in my Hay Field?"

6th Place

Veronique Toussaint "My Therapist Eats Grass"
Ann Bonneville "The Sentinel"
Susan Borders "Patsy enjoying the first rich Summer grass"

Open Class #2 Adorable Dogs (Split Class)

Best of Class

Kristin Brown "Summer Moments"

1st Place

Lauren Sobel "Baby Yara"
Kristin Taylor "Dogs Birthday Party"
Sam Cimineri "Stair Masters"

2nd Place

Karina Sellars "Walter"
Ann Bonneville "Is the Coast Clear?"
Susan Borders "There's My Frisbee!"

3rd Place

Kathy Bugbee "My Training Coach!"
Ally Medlin "Go Fish"
Lauren Hess "Oh were you going to use this basket?"

4th Place

Sharon Larmee "I Am Done For the Day"

Jennifer Triumph "Dirty Face"
Denise Machado "Lake Dog"

5th Place

Mikayla George "Beach Pups"
Contessa Maltagliati "A Very Important Yawn"
Sheila Howard "Man's Best Friend"

6th Place

Nicole Gagne "Big Ben II"
Morgan Widick "Untitled III"

Open Class #3 Summer Sunsets/Golden Hour (Split Class)

Best of Class

Lauren Sobel "Golden Hour Pose"

1st Place

Claudia Powell "Best Friends Forever"
Contessa Maltagliati "Checking Their Texts"
Trisha Spettel "As the Sun Sets"

2nd Place

Nicole Gagne "Untitled III"
Denise Machado "Golden Oldie"
Kristin Brown "Misty in the Morning"

3rd Place

Ally Medlin "Driving into Summer"
Sharon Larmee "Yum I Love This Grass"
Cassandra Miller "Light the Way"

4th Place

Sheila Howard "Emmitt"
Kristin Taylor "Painted Sky"
Mikayla George "A Picture Perfect End to the Day"

5th Place

Karina Sellars "Summer Sunset"
Jennifer Triumph "Hidden Herd"
Susan Borders "BobCat at Sunrise"

6th Place

Kathy Bugbee "Sunset Fireball"
Amanda Niles "Sunset with My Boys"

Open Class #4 Most Artistic (Split Class)

Best of Class

Cassandra Miller "Mustang Mares"

1st Place

Sheila Howard "Silver Horse in a Golden Field"

Claudia Powell "I've Been Spotted"
Contessa Maltagliati "Just A Peek"

2nd Place

Kristin Brown "A Little Girls Dream"
Denise Machado "Dark Horse"
Mikayla George "Life in Black and White"

3rd Place

Ally Medlin "Three Little Birds"
Amanda Niles "Love You to the Moon and Back"
Nicole Gagne "Untitled IV"

4th Place

Lauren Sobel "Silo and Barn Under Clouds"
Sharon Larmee "Untitled"

5th Place

Karina Sellars "Summer Time Happiness"
Kristin Taylor "Moon Beams"

6th Place

Susan Borders "Just a little 'Bit' of Artistic Photography"
Ann Bonneville "Moonlit View from the Riding Ring"

Open Class #5 Summer Blooms & Equines!
(Split Class)

Best of Class

Lauren Sobel "Smokey Looking Out Among Rose Garden"

1st Place

Sheila Howard "Pink Beauty"
Mikayla George "Rapunzel"
Cassandra Miller "Pollen Patrol"

2nd Place

Trisha Spettel "Lunch with a Friend"
Claudia Powell "Do You Believe?"
Kristin Brown "Stalking the Wild Magnolia"

3rd Place

Sharon Larmee "Untitled II"
Kristin Taylor "Stop to Smell the Roses"
Karina Sellars "Bloomer"

4th Place

Gayle Strickland "Sunshine"
Denise Machado "The 3 Amigos"

5th Place

Contessa Maltagliati "All Creatures Great & Small"
Jennifer Triumph "Calling a Hummingbird"

6th Place

Susan Borders "Fabio and Sunflowers"

Ann Bonneville "Pink Azaleas"

Open Class #6 Silhouette (Split Class)

Best of Class

Claudia Powell "In Darkness, You Are My Light"

1st Place

Sheila Howard "Morning Glow"

Jennifer Triumph "Abstract Heart"

2nd Place

Trisha Spettel "Summer Nights"

Denise Machado "Golden Deer"

3rd Place

Lauren Sobel "Evening Silhouette II"

4th Place

Cassandra Miller "A Run in the Sun"

5th Place

Cheryl Kutz "Chevy Sunset"

6th Place

Mikayla George "Dream Big, and Let Your Silhouette Tell Your Story"

Open Class #7 Farm Friends (Split Class)

Best of Class

Denise Machado "Buttercup"

1st Place

Morgan Widick "Live for the Ride"
Claudia Powell "What-moo Looking At?"
Jessica Watson "Sleepy Summer"

2nd Place

Kristin Taylor "Luigi"
Kathy Bugbee "Morning Sun Ducks!"
Sheila Howard "Living Our Best Life"

3rd Place

Lauren Hess "Let's Go it's Feeding Time!"
Kathy Bugbee "Lamb of a Different Color!"
Jessica Watson "Peaceful Summertime"

4th Place

Sam Cimineri "Above Them All"
Karina Sellars "Happy Gus"

5th Place

Mikayla George "Best Buds Furever"
Gayle Strickland "Jay"
Ann Bonneville "Penuche and Princess"

6th Place

Nicole Gagne "Untitled 6"
Susan Borders "Farm Cat enjoying the Play Set"

#8 Light Painting

1st Place
Sheila Howard "Firework Magic"

2nd Place
Denise Machado "Cabin on the Hill"

3rd Place
Mikayla George "A Spark Ignites"

4th Place
Gayle Strickland "Fireworks I"

Best in Show

Amanda Niles "I'll Love You Forever"

What a lovely moment captured between a horse and his girl! Both the girl and horse make a silent promise to each other in a language that any animal lover can speak. The photographer did an excellent job capturing this beautiful scene and the bond these two share. The image quality is lovely and subjects are in clear focus. It's a unique view using the rule of thirds, interesting angles, and curves from the kneeling body and neck of the horse also creating harmonious symmetry in the image.

Reserve Best in Show

Ally Medlin "Waffles & Azaleas"

What a lovely composition and portrait of Waffles amongst the blooms! Waffles is in sharp focus- we can see the gorgeous texture in the fur. The lighting and colors seen in this photo are gorgeous! The photographer used a nice shallow depth of field to show off the Waffle's face and the background is slightly blurred with beautiful complementary pinks and greens! The photographer did an amazing job using lighting, space, and color!

Honorable Mention

Kristin Brown "Beeee-autiful"

Cameras sure are an amazing artistic tool! They allow us to see things we don’t normally see, study nature, and have an appreciation for all things great and small! The fluffy bumble bee and flower he is on are in focus and excellent detail for this macro shot, while the other flowers fade away gently into the background. The photographer did an amazing job using depth of field, lighting, space, and color!

Honorable Mention

Lauren Sobel "Smiles in the Mud Spa"

Have you ever seen a happier pig?!? This piggy certainly makes the viewer giggle with his adorable smile enjoying the mud- what animal doesn't enjoy going to the mud spa? The photographer did an amazing job using texture, lighting, space, color, and the subject is in clear focus!

Honorable Mention

Claudia Powell "Pocket Full of Sunshine"

What an adorable scene! It’s no easy task getting a puppy to sit and stay long enough to take a nice portrait shot! The subject is in focus with some sunflowers in the foreground and background slightly blurred. Using slight vignetting and depth of field helps create a harmonious balance which leads the viewer's eye to the smiling puppy. The photographer did an excellent job using depth of field, light, and color, and vignetting.

People’s Choice Award

Kathy Bugbee "Please Don't Eat the Daisies!"