

Results-

Equisarte Online Photography Horse Show

(Winter 2022)

Congratulations to all the Winners!!!

Words from our main judge Bob Komjathy: Thank you for participating in Equisarte's Online Photography Show! We had a ton of fun seeing all your photos and hope you had just as much fun taking them! The quality of all the photos was extra special and nice for this contest. A big thank you to everyone who submitted a photo to be judged! Everyone should be proud of their work! This made it difficult to choose the overall winners as there was some real tough competition especially the Golden Hour and Winter Wonderland classes as these entries truly captured the class themes in unique ways of expression.

Lighting and weather were an important aspect of this show. We would like to acknowledge your efforts and results from going out in the cold weather to take your photos. The junior division's submissions continue to improve! A child's lower angle of view makes for a unique portrait or perspective that sometimes adults forget. Remember that the point of our shows is to do something fun with your animals, learning new photography techniques, and improving on them to make special memories.

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. This was very tough to do especially for this show as both photos per class submission were

near equally aesthetically pleasing! We continued with 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. High Point winners to be announced in April. *Congratulations again!*

Open Class #1 Golden Hour

Best of Class

Sarah Warren "Icely Sunset"

1st Place

Jess Watts "Chasing that Sunset"

Anna von Schwerdtner "Peaceful Dinner"

2nd Place

Samantha Thomas "Winter Sunrise"

Katie Goedeken "Sunset"

3rd Place

Shelly Murphy "Winter Sunrise"

Taylor Metzger "Living the Life"

Kelly Alley "Golden Gelding"

4th Place

Karen Buffum "Morning's Glow"

Danielle Godshall "Axel with Sun Glares"

5th Place

Sarah Craig "End of Day"

Lisa Plate "Pony Love"

6th Place

Colleen Colleti "Heaven"

Jessica Peters "Evening Sunset with Bullseye"

Open Class #2 Winter Wonderland (Split Class)

Best of Class

Colleen Colletti "Morning Conversations"

1st Place

Sharon Hirsch "Who Are You?"

Katie Goedeken "Behind the Trees"

Taylor Metzger "Coming in Hot!"

2nd Place

Danielle Godshall "Boys will be Boys"

Anna von Schwerdtner "Snowy Morn Stormy Sky"

Lynzie Bacchus "Untitled I"

3rd Place

Julia Boudreau "Snow Dog (Close Up)"

Caitlin Spicola "Winter Trail Ride"

Kelly Alley "Silver & Gold"

4th Place

Karen Buffum "Mountain Fresh"

Kristin Brown "Playtime"

Shelly Murphy "Do You Want to Build A Snowman?"

5th Place

Lisa Plate "100 Ride Celebratory Picture"

Laurie Kingsley Henry "I'm SO Proud"

Jessica Peters "Love"

6th Place

Nicole Cholakian Khan "Toby in the Ice Storm II"

Sarah Warren "Dashing Through the Snow"

Open Class #3 Through the Ears (Split Class)

Best of Class

Candace Carrillo "My Town"

1st Place

Taylor Metzger "Slow Down and Take It All In"

Sharon Hirsch "Clouds"

2nd Place

Lisa Plate "Estate House"

Karen Buffum "Frozen Trail"

3rd Place

Kristen Brown "The Perfect View"

Colleen Colletti "Night Ride"

4th Place

Jessica Peter "Bullseye"

Julia Boudreau "Through Totem's Ears"

5th Place

Danielle Godshall "Archie's Browband"

Kelly Alley "Surveying a Winter Kingdom"

Caitlin Spicola "Donkey Ears"

Open Class #4 Best Most Artistic (Split Class)

Best of Class

Mikaila Ives "Pineapple Sunset"

1st Place

Danielle Godshall "Ez at Sunset"

Kelly Alley "Honey Colored Friends Stick Together"

Nicole Cholakian Khan "Contessa"

Sharon Hirsch "Dragon"

2nd Place

Lynzie Bacchus "Untitled III"

Sarah Warren "Sam My Star"

Colleen Colletti "Shake it Off"

Kristin Brown "Dewy Morning"

3rd Place

Julia Boudreau "Throw Me Something Mister"

Jessica Watts "That Aztec Sky"

Shelly Murphy "Winter Welcome"

4th Place

Jessica Peters "Dark Winter Night"

Laurie Kingsley Henry "Smile"

Katie Goedeken "Let's Ride"

Amber Younce "Eye- the Window to the Soul"

5th Place

Janina Wolling "Hairy Snowman"

Lisa Plate "Valentine's Day Pony Kisses"

Kaitlin Thibeaux "In the Eye of the Storm"

6th Place

Candace Carrillo "Trail Ride"
Bethany Goforth "See Kindness"
Karen Buffum "Snows Who Me"

Open Class #5 Holiday Photoshoot!

Best of Class

Caitlin Spicola "Red the Reindeer"

1st Place

Lisa Fogarty "Rescue Pup's First Christmas"
Mikaila Ives "Rose Gold Princess"
Lynzie Bacchus "Untitled V"

2nd Place

Anna von Schwerdtner "Cozy Cottage"
Shelly Murphy "Santa Claus"
Kristin Brown "The Bachelor"

3rd Place

Amber Younce "Pony for Christmas"
Karen Buffum "Happy Holidays"
Jess Watts "Stall Decorating Day!"

4th Place

Danielle Godshall "Ez & Kai Black Background"
Colleen Colletti "The Other Reindeer"
Sarah Warren "Rascal"

5th Place

Kelly Alley "Mr. Valentine"
Janina Wolling "2021 Valentine"
Nicole Cholakian Khan "Toby"

6th Place

Julia Boudreau "Laissez les bons temps rouler"
Lisa Plate "Leo & Christmas Lights"
Sharon Hirsch "Merry Christmas"

Open Class #6 Let it Snow! (Split Class)

Best of Class

Lynzie Baccus "Untitled VIII"

1st Place

Kelly Alley "Unique Like Him"
Sarah Warren "Snow Lady"
Shelly Murphy "Winter Feeding"
Danielle Godshall "Ez Running Through the Windy Snow"

2nd Place

Jessica Peters "Let it Snow"
Sharon Hirsch "Let it Snow"

3rd Place

Sarah Craig "Shoveling Fun"
Bethany Goforth "Dashing through the Snow"

4th Place

Colleen Colletti "First Frost"
Kristin Brown "A Love Like No Other"

Open Class #7 Farm Friends (Split Class)

Best of Class

Jessica Peters "The Girls"

1st Place

Julia Boudreau "Farm Dog"
Shelly Murphy "Let's Play Ball"

2nd Place

Colleen Colletti "Nap Time"
Kristin Brown "Whatcha Doin"

3rd Place

Janina Wolling "Fluffy Alpaca"
Sarah Warren "Lilith I"

4th Place

Caitlin Spicola "Furry Friends"
Sharon Hirsch "Mooskit Singing"

(Combined Classes) Junior Class

*#1 Golden Hour, #2 Winter Wonderland, #3 Through the Ears, &
#6 Let it Snow!*

Best of Class

Leila Sudvory "Say Cheese"

1st Place

Grace Van Bortel Class 6 "Shy"

2nd Place

Grace Van Bortel Class 2 "Exploring Winter Wonderland"

3rd Place

Grace Van Bortel Class 1 "Sun Kissed Fur"

4th Place

Charleigh Becker "Before the Snow Falls"

Junior Class #4 Most Artistic

1st Place

Grace Van Bortel "Celebrate"

2nd Place

Charleigh Becker "Out to the Unknown"

Junior Class
#5 Holiday Photoshoot!

1st Place

Grace Van Bortel "Sweet Celebration"

2nd Place

Riley Liberatore "Be My Valentine"

3rd Place

Riley Liberatore "Santa's Little Helper"

Junior Class #7 Farm Friends

1st Place

Riley Liberatore "Are you my Mother?"

2nd Place

Spencer Veloudis "Best Friends"

Best in Show

“Sunsets Don’t Wait on Anyone” by Kristin Brown

Prize-\$30.00 Amazon gift card

This composition paints a magic carpet of pastel blooms for almost as far as the eye can see and gives a painterly feel. The neck bending across the body to graze is complementary to the horse's dimensions and also leads the eye to the subject with the ears facing forward. The warm pastels colors are unexpected and pleasing to look at. The artist uses an excellent balanced use of high dynamic range (HDR) as the background (sun) is not overexposed (too light) and the subject is not underexposed (too dark)- this is not an easy thing to accomplish with these light settings.

Reserve Best in Show

“A Well Earned Drink” by Jessica Watts

Prize-\$25.00 Amazon Gift Card

The photographer did an excellent job using the Rule of Thirds and planning out their image! The depth of field covers both horses in sharpness and focus with a blurred background. The horse’s head in the frosted trough tells a story of Winter in a pleasing simplistic form. The head and neck bending down leads the viewers eyes to the trough and the expressions on the horses' faces show a calming reward after their workout. The highlights

on the horse's mane and neck highlight their silhouettes with a warm glow on a cold day.

Honorable Mention

“Frosted in Frost” by Nicole Ackerman

Prize-\$20.00 Amazon Gift Card

The photographer was able to capture the coldness without words. The eye of the horse is sharp and in focus. The cold doesn't seem to bother him- you can tell how efficient his coat works with the frost built up from the ice fog! The frost highly defines his thick winter coat- something that would be missed without it there. The simplicity of the black and white accentuates horse life on a very cold day.

People's Choice Award

“Where's Willow” by Bethany Goforth

Prize- \$15.00 Amazon Gift Card