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## Erie Canalway Media Release

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# Erie Canalway Photo Contest Winners Announced

*Winning images to be featured in 2020 calendar*

WATERFORD, NY – Twelve images that capture the beauty and character of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor have been selected as winners of the [14th Annual Erie Canalway Photo Contest](#). Judges selected first, second and third place photographs in four contest categories from nearly 250 entries. In addition, twelve photographs received an Honorable Mention.

Winning images highlight the distinctive regional flavor along New York’s canals, including *Canal Park* in Waterford by Wesley Merritt of Clifton Park.

“These beautiful photos showcase the dramatic landscapes, rich heritage, and vibrant communities along this historic waterway,” said Bob Radliff, Erie Canalway Executive Director. “We hope they inspire people to explore this extraordinary place and celebrate the canal that built the Empire State.”

Photo contest winners will be featured in the **2020 Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor calendar**, which will be available for free at libraries and visitor centers beginning in December.

Winning photos may be viewed at [www.eriecanalway.org/gallery](http://www.eriecanalway.org/gallery).

### 2019 Erie Canalway Photo Contest Winners

#### Classic Canal

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Tugboat Erie (Little Falls) by Frank Forte, Little Falls, NY
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Canal Reflections (Tribes Hill) by Stefanie Obkirchner, Amsterdam, NY
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Drama in Lock 69 (Lockport) by Lee Williams, Lockport, NY

#### Canal Communities

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Canal Park (Waterford) by Wesley Merritt, Clifton Park, NY
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Three Flags Flying High (Ilion) by Cliff Oram, Ilion, NY
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Fairport Landing at Twilight (Fairport) by Keith Boas, Fairport, NY

### **Along the Trail**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Sims Store on the Canal (Camillus) by Marcia Bower, Syracuse, NY

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Reflections on the Erie (Chittenango) by Cliff Oram, Ilion, NY

3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Sunrise on Lock 29 (Palmyra) by Guy Coniglio, Rochester, NY

### **On the Water**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, The Max Jakob (Little Falls) by Frank Forte, Little Falls, NY

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Portal (Fort Hunter) by Stefanie Obkirchner, Amsterdam, NY

3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Spring Crew Practice (Fairport) by Claire Talbot, Rochester, NY

### **Honorable Mention Recipients** (listed west to east)

Buffalo Harbor Lighthouse and the Spirit of Buffalo (Buffalo) by Claire Talbot, Rochester, NY

Tall Ships Celebration (Buffalo) by Deborah Williams, Holland, NY

A Hidden Gem of the Canal (Holley) by Lois Ann Matteson, Penfield, NY

Brockport at Sunset (Brockport) by Kyle Preston, Brockport, NY

Park Avenue Bridge (Brockport) by Josephine Cicchinelli Matela, Brockport, NY

Fairport Canal Days Duck Race (Fairport) by Sandi Osterwise, Fairport, NY

Fog on the Erie (Newark) by Sondra Lucianovic, Palmyra, NY

Great Egret (Montezuma) by Richard Jordan, Auburn, NY

Three Ships at Lock 25 (Seneca Falls) by Tom Kredo, Rochester, NY

Evening on the Water (Oneida Lake) by Bradley Rogers, Verona, NY

After the Storm (Fort Plain) by Wesley Merritt, Clifton Park, NY

C'mon, We're Almost There (Schuylerville) by Mike Bielkiewicz, Mechanicville, NY

### **ABOUT THE ERIE CANALWAY**

The **Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor** preserves our extraordinary canal heritage, promotes the Corridor as a world-class tourism destination, and fosters vibrant communities connected by more than 500 miles of waterway. It achieves its mission in partnership with the National Park Service, New York State agencies, non-profit organizations, local residents, and more than 200 communities across the full expanse of upstate New York.

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