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2020 Erie Canalway Photo Contest Winners Announced

Winning images to be featured in 2021 calendar

WATERFORD, NY – Judges selected 12 photographs that represent the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor for the organization's 15th Annual [Erie Canalway Photo Contest](#). Winners were chosen from a competitive group of over **435 entries**, but only the top three were chosen in each of four categories. In addition, twelve photographs received an Honorable Mention.

"These remarkable images remind us that the NYS Canal System remains a symbol of strength for our communities, providing a distinct sense of place and pride in where we live, work and play. We are delighted to share them widely," said **Bob Radliff, Executive Director of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor**.

Winning images can be viewed online and will be featured in the **2021 Erie Canalway calendar**, which will be available for free at libraries, visitor centers, and by request beginning in December. <https://eriecanalway.org/gallery/photo-contests>

Winning images capture the beauty and uniqueness of the waterway, canal communities, and landscapes.

New York State Canal Corporation Director Brian U. Stratton said, "As New Yorkers, we are lucky—it's easy to take for granted the natural beauty around every corner. The Erie Canalway's annual photo contest gives us an opportunity to see our waterway's iconic infrastructure through the eyes of others and appreciate its beauty. The amateur photographers who captured these images offer a glimpse into the past, present and future of the canal and remind us just how fortunate we are to have an amenity like this at our fingertips."

Winning photos may be viewed at www.eriecanalway.org/gallery/photo-contests.

2020 Erie Canalway Photo Contest Winners

Classic Canal

1st Place, *Upper Hudson Sunrise* (Northumberland) by Susan Meyer, Schuylerville, NY

2nd Place, *Trestle in Winter* (Lockport) by Jeff Tracy, Lockport, NY

3rd Place, *Autumn Glory* (Waterloo) by Robert Klick, Amherst, NY

Canal Communities

1st Place, *Iconic Flight* (Lockport) by Alan Schwartz, Rochester, NY

2nd Place, *Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook Bridge* (Amsterdam) by Frank Forte, Little Falls, NY

3rd Place, *Buck Moon Over Brockport* (Brockport) by Kyle Preston, Brockport, NY

Along the Trail

1st Place, *Butternut Creek Aqueduct* (DeWitt) by A.T. McLean, Syracuse, NY

2nd Place, *Sunrise on the Path* (Medina) by Cory Pawlaczyk, Medina, NY

3rd Place, *Evening Reflection* (Spencerport) by Joe Pompili, Spencerport, NY

On the Water

1st Place, *Sam Patch at Schoen Place* (Pittsford) by Kevin Tubiolo, Rochester, NY

2nd Place, *Sunset Over Lock 7* (Niskayuna) by Sean Sullivan, Niskayuna, NY

3rd Place, *Sunset in Waterford Harbor* (Waterford) by Deana Breen, Waterford, NY

Honorable Mention Recipients (listed west to east)

Over the Bridge (North Tonawanda) by Neil Ferguson, North Tonawanda, NY

Tug DeWitt Clinton Settles in to Fall (Adams Basin) by Susan Starkweather Miller, Albion, NY

Bridge of Tranquility (Adams Basin) by Joe Pompili, Spencerport, NY

Waves on the Shore of the Erie Canal (Baldwinsville) by Catherine Klapheke, Baldwinsville, NY

Verona Beach Camping (Sylvan Beach) by David Weinberger, Lawrence, NY

Winter on the Canal (Sylvan Beach) by Jaysree Whitelaw, Blossvale, NY

Enjoying Life on the Erie (St. Johnsville) by Terry Potoczny, Fort Plain, NY

Samuel Sweet Canal Store (Amsterdam / Port Jackson) by Wesley Merritt, Clifton Park, NY

Lock 9 at Night (Rotterdam Junction) by Wesley Merritt, Clifton Park, NY

The Falls (Vischer Ferry) by Stefanie Obkirchner, Amsterdam, NY

Dramatic Upper Hudson Sunrise (Northumberland, Champlain Canal) by Susan Meyer, Schuylerville, NY

Heading North (Comstock, Champlain Canal) by Frank Forte, Little Falls, NY

ABOUT THE ERIE CANALWAY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR

The U.S. Congress recognized the national significance of the Erie Canal to the growth and development of the Nation by designating the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor in 2000. The Corridor spans more than 500 miles across the full expanse of upstate New York and includes the present-day Erie, Cayuga-Seneca, Oswego, and Champlain canals and their historic alignments. It is home to more than three million New Yorkers and host to millions of visitors each year. The National Heritage Corridor, in partnership with the National Park Service, collaborates with a variety of federal, state, and local partners to preserve our extraordinary heritage, to promote the Corridor as a world class tourism destination, and to foster vibrant communities connected by the waterway.

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