



Erie Canalway News Release

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Erie Canalway Photo Contest Winners Announced

Winning images to be featured in 2018 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 12th Annual Erie Canalway Photo Contest. Winning images will be featured in the 2018 Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Calendar, which will be available for free in December. Winning photos can be viewed at www.eriecanalway.org/gallery.

“These outstanding images offer a snapshot of what makes this 500-mile ribbon of waterway connecting the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes a national treasure,” said Bob Radliff, Erie Canalway Executive Director. “We hope they inspire people to protect and celebrate our unparalleled canal heritage.”

Judges selected twelve winners from nearly 300 entries. First, second and third place photographs were chosen in each of four contest categories: Classic Canal, Along the Trail, On the Water, and Canal Communities. In addition, twelve photographs received an honorable mention.

Free 2018 Erie Canalway calendars will be distributed starting December 1st throughout upstate New York. Locations where the calendars will be made available to the public will be posted in November at: www.eriecanalway.org. Funding support for the calendar comes from the NYS Canal Corporation.

2017 Erie Canalway Photo Contest Winners

Classic Canal

- 1st Place, Tugboat at Sunset (Fairport) by Kathy Polino, Fairport, NY
- 2nd Place, Along Flightlock Road (Waterford) by Tina Baxter, Clifton Park, NY
- 3rd Place, Firecracker Sunset at Lock 33 (Henrietta) by Claire Talbot, Henrietta, NY

Canal Communities

- 1st Place, Schoen Place Spring (Pittsford) by George Wallace, Victor, NY
- 2nd Place, A River, A Bridge, A City (Rochester) by Ira Srole, Rochester, NY
- 3rd Place, Gazebo at Twilight (Spencerport) by Keith Boas, Fairport, NY

Along the Trail

- 1st Place, Milky Way over the Mohawk River (Tribes Hill) by Stefanie Obkirchner, Amsterdam, NY
- 2nd Place, Lost in Autumn (Pittsford) by Tom Kredon, Rochester, NY
- 3rd Place, Winter Fun (Niskayuna) by John Walsh, Albany, NY

On the Water

- 1st Place, Frozen Solid (Spencerport) by Joe Pompili, Spencerport, NY

2nd Place, Picture Perfect (Gasport) by David Ellingson, Edmonds, WA
3rd Place, Setting Sun on the Tug (Macedon) by Joann Long, Bloomfield, NY

Honorable Mention Recipients (listed east to west)

Canal Lights (Tribes Hill), Stefanie Obkirchner, Amsterdam, NY
Macedon Morning (Macedon), John Kosboth, Ontario, NY
Low Bridge Early Morning (Fairport), Mary Moon, Fairport, NY
Autumn Landscape (Fairport), Keith Boas, Fairport, NY
Summer Evening (Fairport), Tom Kredo, Rochester, NY
Ready for a Workout (Pittsford), Mike Haugh, Pittsford, NY
Winter on the Canal (Pittsford), MaryBeth Andersen, Rochester, NY
Friday Night Lights (Pittsford), Carol Guck, Penfield, NY
Moonrise at Genesee River Crossing (Rochester), Mike Haugh, Pittsford, NY
Lois McClure Legacy Tour (Rochester), Janice Esse, Fairport, NY
Canalside Rest (Spencerport), Joe Pompili, Spencerport, NY
Sandstone Culvert (Holley), Russ Bosch, Holley, 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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