

ROCKY MOUNTAIN OUTDOORS

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2012 Contest Results

Best of Show

Photography

Beto Gutierrez (Category 4, fauna)
South Bound

Writing

Al Perry (Category 21, Video) "Polar Bears on Ice," WNIN Tri-State Public Media, 2012

Wayne Turner (Category 25, magazine article) "The Clam Rake and I, a Love Affair" Bay Splash, Fall/Winter 2008/2009



South Bound © Beto Gutierrez
1st place, Fauna

Those who have submitted entries to the annual RMOWP contest and even casual observers of the contest can attest to one thing: the entries get better each year, which must give the judges more and more headaches trying to select the best.

Twenty-three individuals submitted a total of 380 photos and 23 written pieces to this year's contest. The list of winners in each category starts below. Certificates, with a background image of last year's Best of Show were presented to all winners, and the three best of show winners also received awards of \$50 each.

Photography

Image from Last Conference - 1

1st

Richard Holmes "Cathedral Valley"

2nd

Al Perry "Hickman Bridge"

3rd

Richard Youngblood "Capitol Reef Overlook"

Honorable Mention

Linda Bundren "Keep on Truckin'"

Al Perry "Capitol Reef Sunset Point"

Sherry Zurey "A Teaching Moment"

Scenics - 2

1st

Richard Youngblood "Antelope Canyon"

2nd

Richard Youngblood "Courthouse Rock"

3rd

Kent Taylor "Glacier's Jewel"

Honorable Mention

Richard Holmes "Silky Stream"

Frank Zurey "Kakabeka Falls"

Frank Zurey "Tahquamenon Falls"

Flora - 3

1st

Ken Papaleo "Frost Tree"

2nd

Ken Papaleo "Aspen Strike"

3rd

Kent Taylor "Pure Delight"

Honorable Mention

Maryann Gaug "Magenta Close"

Kent Taylor "Blushing Bougainvillea"

Frank Zurey "Fringed Puccoon"

Fauna - 4

1st

Beto Gutierrez "South Bound"



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Antelope Canyon © Richard Youngblood
1st place, Scenics

The Judges

Photography - Tom Ulrich

A freelance photographer since 1975, Tom Ulrich is highly acclaimed around the world for his nature photography skills. Many of his more than 350,000 images have been used by numerous publications, he has been the recipient of many prestigious awards, and has lead photo tours to remote parts of the world for many years. Additionally, Tom conducts photography seminars and workshops around the country, lectures at numerous universities, and makes his home in West Glacier, Montana.

Writing - Mary Taylor Young (categories 24 - 28)

Award-winning nature writer Mary Taylor Young has been writing professionally for over 20 years. She has published hundreds of magazine articles and more than a dozen books, two of which have been regional bestsellers and two have been finalists for the Colorado Book Award. Her "Words on Birds" column appeared in the *Rocky Mountain News* from 1993 until its demise, and the first volume in her new Colorado Nature Guide Series came out in spring 2011. Mary writes from her home in Castle Rock, Colorado where she lives with her husband and daughter and many wild neighbors.

Writing - Russ Bromby (categories 21 & 22)

Russ Bromby was editor of *Colorado Outdoors* magazine and Chief of Communications for the Colorado Division of Wildlife during a 30-year career with the State of Colorado. He is a member of Outdoor Writers Association of American, and the Association for Conservation Information. Since retiring from the Division of Wildlife in 2002, Russ has been doing contract editing and writing. Russ and his wife live near Denver in Lakewood, Colorado.



Audubon Oriole © Frank Zurey
2nd place, Fauna

(Contest Results, from page 1)

2nd

Frank Zurey "Audubon Oriole"

3rd

John Thornton "Sword Billed Hummingbird"

Honorable Mention

Linda Bundren "Western Meadowlark"

Terry Guthrie "Spear Fishing"

Al Perry "Polar Bear Too Close"

People in Nature - 5

1st

Frank Zurey "Photographing Bears"

2nd

Terry Guthrie "Sunrise Photographer"

3rd

Beto Gutierrez "On the Edge"

Honorable Mention

Beto Gutierrez "A Different Angle"

Richard Holmes "River Artist"

John Thornton "Floral Photographers"

Historical - 6

1st

Richard Holmes "Days Past"

2nd

Linda Bundren "Mingus Mill"

3rd

Richard Holmes "Indian Ruins"

Honorable Mention

Maryann Gaug "Line Shack"

Terry Guthrie "Ancient Barn"

John Thornton "Historical Corral"

Cultural - 7

1st

Al Perry "Amish Buggy on Covered Bridge"

2nd

Frank Zurey "Christmas Lights in Denver"



Magenta Close © Maryann Gaug
Honorable Mention, Flora

3rd

Kenita Gibbins "Way of Life"

Honorable Mention

Linda Bundren "Centralia Balloon Fest"

Kenita Gibbins "I hope this custom doesn't come to the USA"

Ken Papaleo "Loveland Durby"

Events - 8

1st

Terry Guthrie "After the Storm"

2nd

John Thornton "Arizona Fire 2012"

3rd

Beto Gutierrez "Catholic Church Dedication"

Honorable Mention

Jim Baker "Civil War Reenactment"

Al Perry "Shipwreck"

Altered/Composite - 9

1st

Richard Holmes "Old Bicycle"

2nd

Richard Youngblood
"Horseshoe Bend"

3rd

Al Perry "Bryce Panorama"

Honorable Mention

Terry Guthrie "Exploding Bird Bath"

Richard Holmes
"Woman on Rock"

Ken Papaleo "Reflected Crane"

Black and White prints - 10

1st

Al Perry "Grist Mill above Waterfall"

2nd

Al Perry "Winter Waterfall"

3rd

Al Perry "Monument Valley"

Honorable Mention

Frank Zurey "Hickman Arch"

Frank Zurey "Let's go Fishing"

Photography - Novice - 11

1st

Emily Harrington "Fremont River"

2nd

Katee Harrington "Pretty and Purple"



Reflected Crane © Ken Papaleo
Honorable Mention, Altered/Composite



Winter Waterfall © Al Perry
2nd place, Black & White Prints

3rd

Emily Harrington "Orange Blossoms"

Published Images - 12

1st

Jack Olson "Sneffels Range," 2012 Colorado Calendar

2nd

Frank Zurey "Crab Spider," *Nature Photographer Magazine*,
Spring 2011

3rd

Terry Guthrie "Mountain Highlights," *Fall Images of Georgia*, December 2011

Writing

TV/Movie/Video - 21

1st

Al Perry "Polar Bears on Ice," WNIN Tri-State Public
Media, 2012

This seven-minute video is a gem. Photographing polar bears in their habitat is no simple task. The video features stills skillfully mixed with motion and accompanied by a haunting soundtrack by the pop artist Enya. There is a hypnotic quality in the images of the bears against the ice floes and the motion of the water. You lose yourself in the pictures of the mother bear and her cub, individual bears, a pair of young bears sparring and a trio of bears facing the water and ice. Interspersed in the images of the bears are photographs of red fox, ptarmigan and the aurora borealis.

2nd

Fred Zeglin "GunsmithingRadio.com" podcasts, 2011

This is a series of nine podcast episodes from Gun Rights Radio Network. The podcasts vary in length from as short as 13 minutes to almost 40 minutes and cover a wide variety of gunsmithing interests. Subjects range from broad appeal, as in the program about "What it Takes to be a Gunsmith" and "Tools of the Gunsmith," to specialized programs on "Wood Finishes on Guns" and "Gun Cleaning Supplies." These are extensive discussions on guns, told by an experienced, knowledgeable and dedicated gunsmith. This entry may be a little out-of-place in the video category, but the audio paints images in your mind of the subject matter.

3rd

Al Perry "Red, Cross and Arctic Fox on Hudson Bay,"
WNIN Tri-State Public Media, 2012

This video features three varieties of foxes in the far north. Still pictures are masterfully interspersed with motion images of the foxes. Featured prominently in the eight-and-a-half minute production are a pair of red foxes as they interact with each other. Deft handling of a long series of stills gives the illusion of motion, and the smooth transitions from motion to still and back again works well. The photography is done so well that you can almost feel the foxes' fur with your eyes.

Honorable Mention

Al Perry "Clouds Moving Over Longs Peak," WNIN Tri-State Public Media, 2011

This three-minute video has a dreamy quality as time-lapse images of clouds drift across the top of Longs Peak in Rocky Mountain National Park. The pinks, whites and light purple colors in the clouds contrast well with the stark white of snow on the peak and the deep blue sky. Soft guitar music complements the images.

Books and Scripts for TV/Movie/Video - 22

1st

Terry Guthrie "Fall Images of North Georgia"
2011

A keen eye and a sharp sense of color are the hallmarks of this delightful album. North Georgia shows off its vibrant fall colors for the viewer. The photographer has captured the flavor of the area in fall.

2nd

Maryann Gaug "Hiking Colorado" 3rd ed., 2011

Part of the "Where to Hike" series from Falcon Guides, this takes on a huge task, and succeeds. In nearly 400 pages, the



Days Past © Richard Holmes
1st place, Historical

author tackles detailed descriptions of more than 70 hikes in Colorado, provides maps, directions and other pertinent information. There are even sidebars with tips and local color. This book is the ultimate on Colorado best hikes.

3rd

Robert Stone "Day Hikes Around Ventura County" 3rd ed.,
2011

The author again uses a successful, readable formula to cover 116 hikes in California's Ventura County. Lavishly illustrated with maps of each hike, this volume covers everything you need to know about the areas you wish to visit. The book is a must for hiking enthusiasts of the area.

Honorable Mention

Fred Zeglin "Hawk Cartridges Reloading Manual" 1st ed.,
2011

An essential for reloading enthusiasts, this hardbound vol-

ume covers all aspects of reloading history, methods and statistics. Profusely illustrated with charts and diagrams, the book defines the baffling array of reloading terminology and specifications and brings the subject into sharp focus.

Newspaper articles/columns/editorials - 24

1st

Wayne Turner "Mine Threatens Bristol Bay Fishery," *Summit Daily*, March 20, 2012

Good presentation of an angler's perspective opposing a mine that would threaten an Alaskan salmon run.

Magazine articles/columns/editorials - 25

1st

Wayne Turner "The Clam Rake and I, a Love Affair" *Bay Splash*, Fall/Winter 2008/2009

Clever characterization of a clam rake (a clam rake!) as a "her". Good sensory imagery. Good connection of the writer's enjoyment of sport to the primal task of collecting food. The addition of recipes carried the story full circle—



Mountain Highlights © Terry Guthrie
3rd place, Published Images

from a youthful writer. The list of heartfelt thank-you's is touching and authentic.

2nd

Jack Olson "E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center," *Rocky Mountain Outdoors*, Jan/Feb 2012

Clever description of an interesting tourist attraction, with effective use of humor. Extra points for effectively using the word "biophilia" in a sentence and "ooh-and-aah" as an adjective!

3rd

Jack Olson "Battles Lost," *Rocky Mountain Outdoors*, May/June 2011

A strong thematic tie links two stories, giving this piece much greater emotional resonance than the average travelogue.

Web Writing - 27

1st

Wayne Turner "Fins and Spurs," www.hunginfool.com
Engaging lead that caught my interest immediately. Good imagery takes the reader into the story.

2nd

Fred Zeglin "So, You Think You Don't Like Wildcat Cartridges?" www.AmmoLand.com

Straightforward examination of the area of wildcat cartridges for a targeted audience (no pun intended).

3rd

Fred Zeglin "That Unsightly Bulge?" www.4-DProducts.com
Good detailed discussion of cartridges and reloading for a specific audience.

NEW CATEGORY THIS YEAR:

Unpublished Written Works - 28

1st

Virginia Staat "The Legend of El Patron"
Even this seasoned wildlife writer and biologist got a lump in her throat reading



Pretty and Purple © Katee Harrington
2nd place, Novice



Kakabeka Falls © Frank Zurey
Honorable Mention, Scenics

from nature to table.

2nd

Bob Good "A Lesson Learned," *Crossbow Connection Magazine*, October 2011

Catchy lead using humor. Good use of first person. Using narrative to reveal technique, it ties this process to basketball. Puts us in the moment, engages readers so we feel what he does.

3rd

Wayne Turner "Frog Giggling and Life," *The Lightnin' Ridge*, July/August 2011

Folksy story that finds universality in a homely activity, building themes of family connection and life through a shared activity. Sporting technique is revealed through story.

Newsletter Writing of Any Kind - 26

1st

Emily Harrington "Letter to RMOWP," *Rocky Mountain Outdoors*, Jul/Aug 2011

Great voice in this well-structured and well-written letter



Glacier's Jewel © Kent Taylor
3rd place, Scenics

this story of El Patron, the Texas outlaw bear! Reportorial style with a touch of pathos carries the story effectively.

2nd

Kenita Gibbins "The Four of Us and the Risque Picture"
Lots of "girl humor" in this tale of four women planning on a racy photo shoot. You can practically hear the self-conscious giggling.

Member's Choice Photographs

(These are voted on at the conference by attendees.)

1st - tie

Fred Lord "Shrine Pass / Mt. of the Holy Cross"

Fred Lord "Sandhill Crane Parent/Child"

2nd - tie

Jim Baker "Serenity"

Frank Zurey "Pyrrhuloxia"

Honorable Mention

Kenita Gibbins "Happy Sandhill Crane"

Maryann Gaug "Deluge Creek Bridge"



Sword Billed Hummingbird © John Thornton
3rd place, Fauna

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newsletter.
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Miss Kathy demonstrates a perfect wicked evil grin as she prepares to take a "can"did shot! © Richard Holmes
1st place, Humorous

Humorous Photographs

(Judged by the Instigator of this category, Angelo Sciuilli.)

1st

Richard Holmes "Miss Kathy demonstrates a perfect wicked evil grin as she prepares to take a "can"did shot!"

2nd

Kenita Gibbins "Take my picture at your Perry!"

3rd

Frank Zurey "The gypsy cri-iii-iiiieed -- How does Lou Christie do it??"

Honorable Mention

Kenita Gibbins "So when does the lip wrasslin' contest start?"

Jack Olson "Jack, your red whale tail is showing!?"

Al Perry "Beto, keep a lookout while I look for the Snickers."