



# Coachella Valley Desert Camera Club Awards Presentation for 2023

# Welcome!

Jeanne Scott  
Gary Vandemark  
Co-Presidents





# Coachella Valley Desert Camera Club

## Our Club

- Founded in 1982
- 60-70 Members
  - 7 new members in 2022
- Member of PSA, S4C
- 10 monthly meetings (closed July/Aug)
  - 5 Competitions (6 categories)
  - 5 Speaker meetings
  - PhotoChats
  - Peer Reviews
  - Outings, PhotoShoots
  - Summer “WOW” contest
  - 5 fun WOW contests (NEW!)
  - Yearly awards show and banquet
- International Exhibition-2023
  - Coachella International Circuit





# Coachella Valley Desert Camera Club

## 2023 Highlights

- Membership steady at 60-70
- 31 Intermediates, 44 Advanced
- Restarted in-person meetings
  - Still held all competitions & speakers
  - Several PhotoChats held
  - Summer WOW Challenge a success
- Photo Shoots restarted
- Judges from outside CA and U.S.
- Our members performed well in S4C and Coachella International Circuit
- 2023 was our 41<sup>st</sup> year!





# Coachella Valley Desert Camera Club

Thanks  
to our  
2023  
Board

- Charles Stricker, *President*
- Darcy Quimby, *Vice President*
- John Erdman, *Secretary*
- Charles Stricker, *Treasurer*
- Gary Vandemark, *Web & Comps*
- Bob Rufer, *Member Coordination*
- Craig Toms, *Outings & PhotoChats*
- Greg Lilly, *Outings*
- Jeanne Scott, *Past President*





# Coachella Valley Desert Camera Club

Special Thanks  
to departing board president  
and treasurer

***Charles Stricker***





# Coachella Valley Desert Camera Club

Welcome  
to our  
2024  
Board

- Gary Vandemark, *co-President*
- Jeanne Scott, *co-President*
- Darcy Quimby, *Vice President*
- Jan Lyall, *Secretary*
- John Erdman, *Treasurer*
- Bob Rufer, *Member Coordination*
- Craig Toms, *Outings & PhotoChats*
- Greg Lilly, *Outings*



# 2023 Coachella International Exhibition

- ⦿ 16<sup>th</sup> Year
- ⦿ 2 judging circuits
- ⦿ 133 entrants
- ⦿ Entrants from 22 countries
  - USA, Germany, Canada, India, Belgium, Italy, Australia, England, Hong Kong, Singapore, Israel, Luxembourg
- ⦿ 1,986 photos entered



# 2023 Coachella International Exhibition *CVDCC Results*

## ◉ Judging 1

- Color Theme, Childhood
  - Dee McMillan, Judge's Choice
- Mono General
  - Chris Andersen, PSA Gold Best of Show
  - Dee McMillan, Honorable Mention
- Mono Theme, Angles
  - Dee McMillan, Honorable Mention
- Nature General
  - Charles Stricker, Silver Medal
- Nature Wildlife
  - Charles Stricker, Club Gold
  - Charles Stricker, Bronze Medal
  - Charles Stricker, Judge's Choice
  - Larry Tho Dao, 2 Honorable Mentions
- PJ Human Interest
  - Chris Andersen, Judge's Choice

## ◉ Judging 2

- Color General
  - Dee McMillan, PSA Gold Best of Show
- Nature General
  - Charles Stricker, Honorable Mention
  - Lillian Roberts, Honorable Mention
- Nature Wildlife
  - Larry Tho Dao, Silver Medal
  - Charles Stricker, Judge's Choice



Coachella Valley  
Desert Camera Club  
February, 2024



# Lifetime Achievement Award



Coachella Valley  
Desert Camera Club  
February, 2024



# Lifetime Achievement Award

# STUART LYNN





# Stuart Lynn Lifetime Achievement Award

**“Hutch” Hutchison**  
**Thousand Oaks, CA**

**Arnab Chakraborty**  
**West Bengal, India**







# WOW Challenges

## Summer WOW Challenge

Photos must have been taken in July or  
August of that year

No restrictions on subject

## Monthly Fun WOW Challenges

No restrictions on when photos were taken

New theme for each Challenge





SUMMER



CHALLENGE

PARTICIPANTS

Chris Andersen  
John Beishke  
Dean Campbell  
Larry Dao  
Jim Fiedler  
Paul Ivanushka  
Frank Kloss  
Julianne Koza  
Janet Lyall  
Grant McMillan  
Mitch Miller  
Wendy Parkin  
Witta Priester  
Darcy Quimby  
Craig Toms  
Brian Vandemark  
Gary Vandemark  
Jay Wagman  
Bill Walsh

Highlights

- Members submitted up to 3 images
- Pictures taken in July-August 2022
- Judged ONLY by “WOW” factor
- 19 members participated (56 images)
- Judged by board of directors (10 to 1 scale)
- 35 images received judges scores





# SUMMER CHALLENGE

## PARTICIPANTS

Chris Andersen  
John Beishke  
Dean Campbell ←  
Larry Dao  
Jim Fiedler  
Paul Ivanushka  
Frank Kloss  
Julianne Koza  
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Grant McMillan  
Mitch Miller  
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Darcy Quimby  
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Bill Walsh

Dean Campbell  
Honorable Mention







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Bill Walsh

Jan Lyall

Honorable Mention







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Bill Walsh

Witta Priester

Honorable Mention







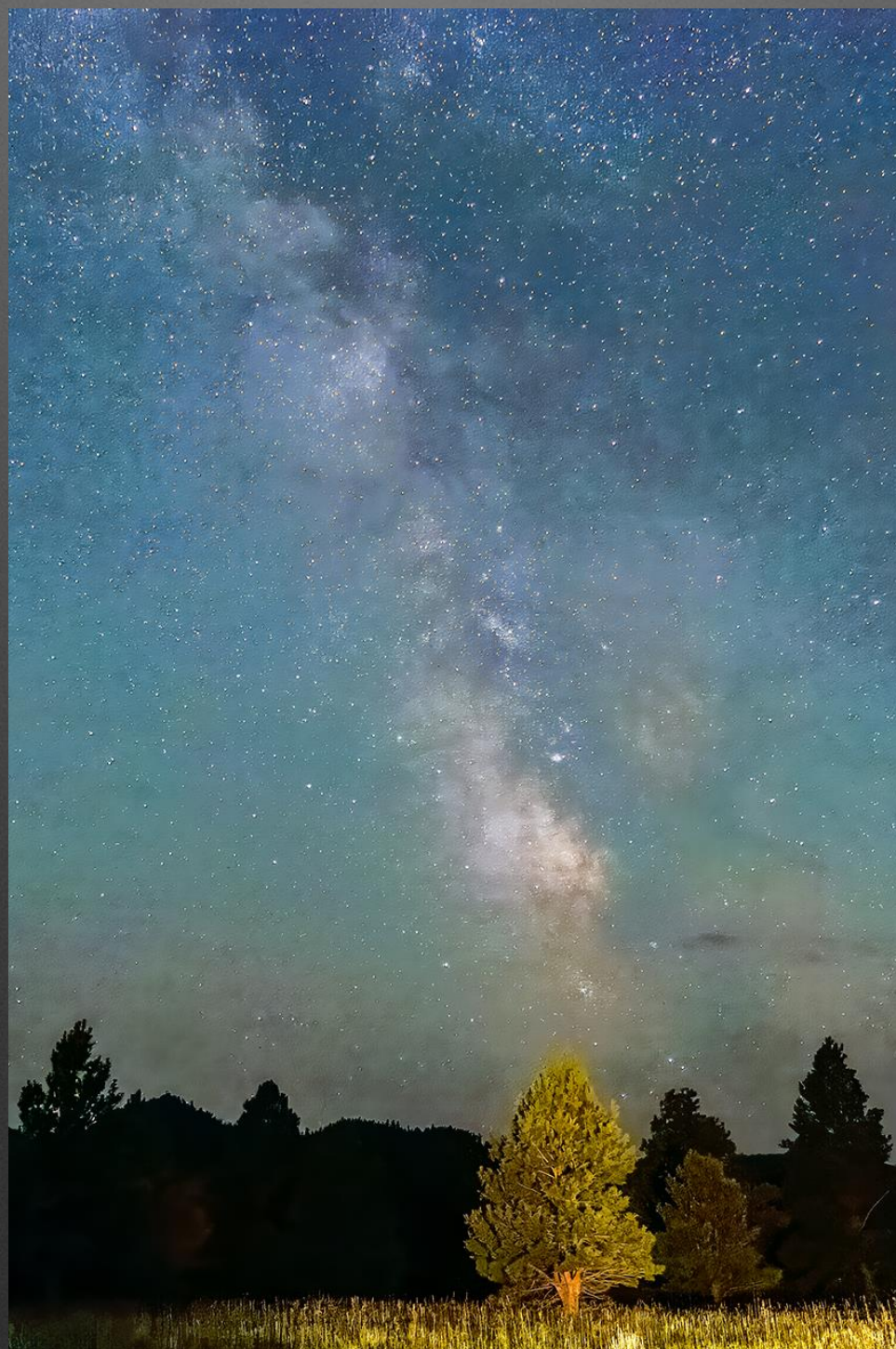
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Darcy Quimby

Honorable Mention







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Gary Vandemark

Honorable Mention







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Brian Vandemark

Gary Vandemark ←

Jay Wagman

Bill Walsh

Gary Vandemark

Honorable Mention







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Witta Priester  
Darcy Quimby  
Craig Toms  
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Gary Vandemark  
Jay Wagman  
Bill Walsh

Chris Andersen  
Honorable Mention







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Grant McMillan  
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Craig Toms  
Brian Vandemark  
Gary Vandemark  
Jay Wagman  
Bill Walsh

Julianne Koza

Third Place







SUMMER



CHALLENGE

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Dean Campbell  
Larry Dao ←  
Jim Fiedler  
Paul Ivanushka  
Frank Kloss  
Julianne Koza  
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Wendy Parkin  
Witta Priester  
Darcy Quimby  
Craig Toms  
Brian Vandemark  
Gary Vandemark  
Jay Wagman  
Bill Walsh

Larry Dao

Second Place







# SUMMER **WOW!** CHALLENGE

## PARTICIPANTS

Chris Andersen  
John Beishke  
Dean Campbell  
Larry Dao  
Jim Fiedler  
Paul Ivanushka  
Frank Kloss  
Julianne Koza  
Janet Lyall  
Grant McMillan  
Mitch Miller  
Wendy Parkin  
Witta Priester  
Darcy Quimby  
Craig Toms ←  
Brian Vandemark  
Gary Vandemark  
Jay Wagman  
Bill Walsh

Craig Toms  
First Place





DOGS & CATS



COMPETITION

NOV 2023

Coachella Valley  
Desert Camera Club  
November 2023







FUN



CHALLENGE-- CATS & DOGS

Highlights

- Members submitted up to 3 images
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- Judged by board of directors



DOGS & CATS



COMPETITION

NOV 2023

HM

Craig Toms

Coachella Valley  
Desert Camera Club  
November 2023





DOGS & CATS



COMPETITION

NOV 2023

HM

Bob Rufer

Coachella Valley  
Desert Camera Club  
November 2023





DOGS & CATS



COMPETITION

NOV 2023

HM

Craig Toms

Coachella Valley  
Desert Camera Club  
November 2023





DOGS & CATS



COMPETITION

NOV 2023

THIRD PLACE

Chris Andersen

Coachella Valley  
Desert Camera Club  
November 2023





DOGS & CATS



COMPETITION

NOV 2023

SECOND PLACE

Greg Lilly

Coachella Valley  
Desert Camera Club  
November 2023





DOGS & CATS



COMPETITION

NOV 2023

FIRST PLACE

Larry Dao

Coachella Valley  
Desert Camera Club  
November 2023





# Stuart Lynn Lifetime Achievement Award

**Roy Killen**  
**Newcastle, NSW, Australia**

**Joanne Stolte**  
**Lancaster, CA**







# Coachella Valley Desert Camera Club

# 2023 Awards







## CVDCC: Images and Awards, 2023

Images:	Intermediate	Advanced	Total
Entered	9	499	508
EA's	3	103	106
HMs	2	125	127
Total Awards	5	228	233





# Thanks to our 31 Entrants in 2023!

Charles Stricker (40)

Jan Lyall (40)

Bill Walsh (35)

Chris Andersen (28)

John Beishke (24)

Dee McMillan (18)

Tye Watts (16)

Dean Campbell (14)

Witta Preister (13)

Gary Vandemark (12)

Vince Heuring (8)

Rebecca Diaz (8)

Jim Fiedler (4)

Diane Anderson (3)

John Erdman (2)

Bob Dowling (1)

James Wat (40)

Grant McMillan (39)

Greg Lilly (32)

Kim Swaim (26)

Darcy Quimby (22)

Craig Toms (17)

Brian Vandemark (16)

Frank Kloss (13)

Bob Rufer (13)

Larry Dao (10)

Wendy Parkin (8)

Julianne Koza (8)

Mitch Miller (4)

Alice Hamilton (2)

Jeanne Scott (1)





# Photographers of the year





# Measure of Sustained Participation & Performance

Each Image Entered  
receives 1 point

Each Honorable Mention  
receives 3 points

Each Excellence Award  
receives 5 points

20 Highest Scoring Images  
added up across the year

100 points max





# Photographer of the Year

- Bronze:
  - James Wat
- Silver:
  - Jan Lyall
- Gold:
  - Charles Stricker





# Images of the year





# Honorable Mention & Excellence Awards

508 Total images  
233 Images with HM/EA

Judges select  
in each Division:

- Gold Medal
  - Silver Medal
  - Bronze Medal
  - 7 Honorable Mentions
- 
- **60 total images  
earned end-of-year  
recognition!**





# Our Thanks to our Judges

**George 'Hutch' Hutchison**  
**Roy Killen**  
**Stuart Lynn**





# Images Of The Year





# Pictorial Monochrome

36 images entered





# Pictorial Monochrome

**Honorable Mentions**

**36 images entered**





**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Monochrome**

**HM**

**"ROLLS SHINEY GRILL"**

***by Frank Kloss***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Monochrome**

**HM**

**"DESERT SHADOWS"**

***by Janet Lyall***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Monochrome**

**HM**

**"FAMILY"**

***by Janet Lyall***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Monochrome**

**HM**

**"VALENTINA THREE"**

***by Dee McMillan***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Monochrome**

**HM**

**"FROM THE GARDEN"**

***by Witta Priester***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Monochrome**

**HM**

**"STUDYING O'NEILL"**

***by Jeanne Scott***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Monochrome**

**HM**

**"MORNING ST MARX SQ  
VENICE"**

***by James Wat***







# Pictorial Monochrome

**Medals**

**36 images entered**





**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Monochrome**

**Bronze**

**"MUD IN THE WAVES"**

***by Wendy Parkin***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Monochrome**

**Silver**

**"OLD TUCSON CLOCK"**

***by Tyrone Watts***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Monochrome**

**Gold**

**"ALBERTS WHITE  
CHRYSANTHEMUM"**

***by Dee McMillan***







# Stuart Lynn Lifetime Achievement Award

**Nan Carder**  
**Lancaster, CA**

**Lillian Roberts**  
**Palm Springs, CA**



Nan Carder





# Nature General

38 images entered





# Nature General

**Honorable Mentions**

**38 images entered**





**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Nature General**

**HM**

**"MOM AND HER CUBS"**

***by Larry Tho Dao***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Nature General**

**HM**

**"ROOTS FOR DINNER"**

***by Wendy Parkin***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Nature General**

**HM**

**"HAPPY HERON. SAD  
FROG"**

***by Robert Rufer***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Nature General**

**HM**

**"BIG HIPPO TAKES BITE  
1865"**

***by Charles Stricker***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Nature General**

**HM**

**"CROCODILE SWALLOWS  
FISH 8228"**

***by Charles Stricker***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Nature General**

**HM**

**"CRAWFISH LUNCH"**

***by* Brian Vandemark**







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Nature General**

**HM**

**"SERIOUS DISCUSSION"**

***by* Brian Vandemark**







# Nature General

**Medals**

**38 images entered**





**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Nature General**

**Bronze**

**"MINE ALL MINE"**

***by Larry Tho Dao***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Nature General**

**Silver**

**"MOM FED FISH"**

***by Larry Tho Dao***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Nature General**

**Gold**

**"ZEBRAS KICK FIGHTING  
4687"**

***by Charles Stricker***







# Stuart Lynn Lifetime Achievement Award

**John White**  
**Salem, OR**

**Alice Hamilton**  
**Palm Desert, CA**







# Photo Travel

32 images entered





# Photo Travel

**Honorable Mentions**

**32 images entered**





**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photo Travel**

**HM**

**"ERECHTHEION,  
ATHENS"**

***by Janet Lyall***







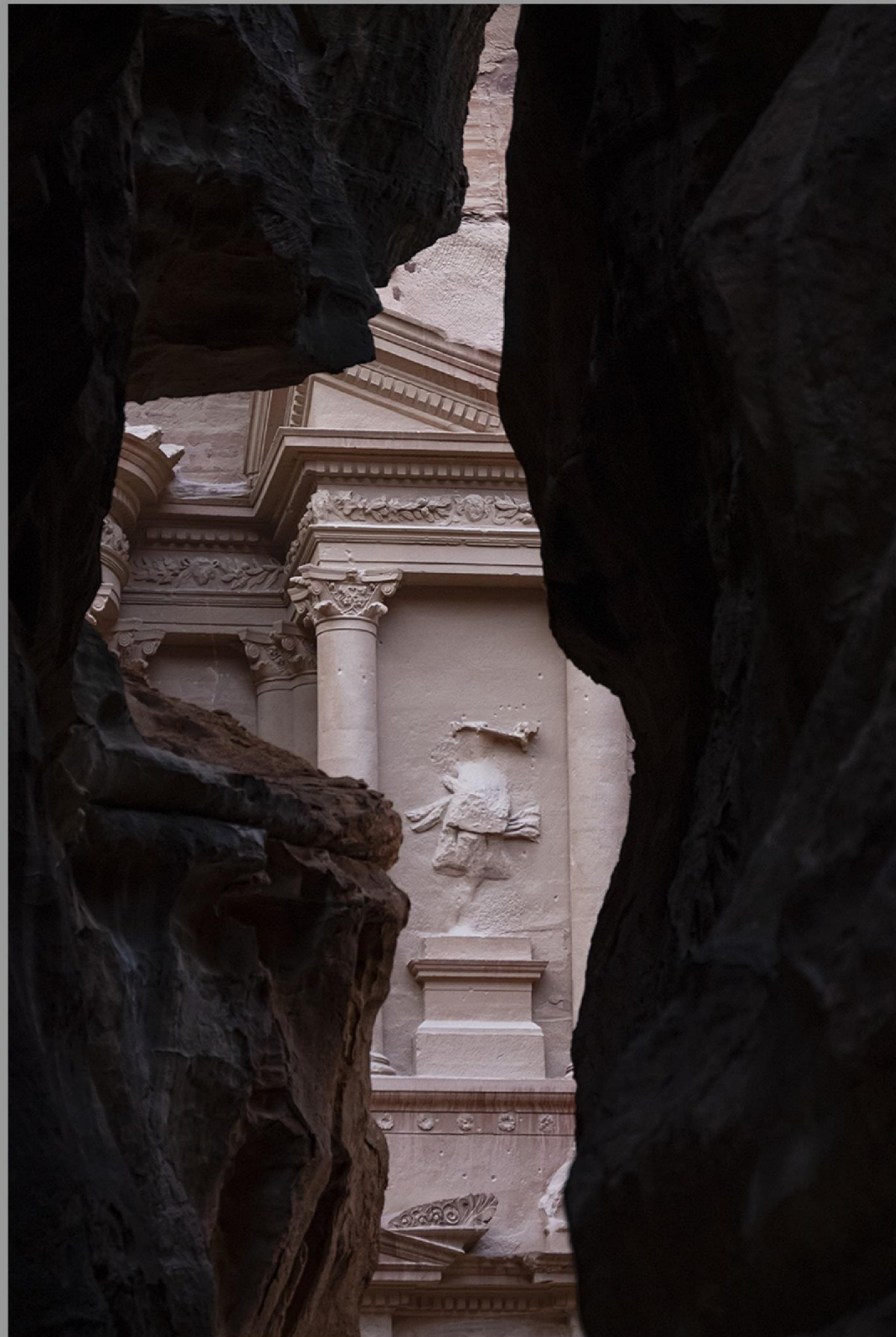
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Year Award**

**Photo Travel**

**HM**

**"THE TREASURY PETRA"**

***by Janet Lyall***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photo Travel**

**HM**

**"YAYOI KUSAMA"**

***by Janet Lyall***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photo Travel**

**HM**

**"SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE  
0560"**

***by Charles Stricker***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photo Travel**

**HM**

**"SUNNY DAY NYHAVN  
CANAL 7280"**

***by Charles Stricker***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photo Travel**

**HM**

**"EIFEL IN ALL PARIS  
PIC"**

***by James Wat***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photo Travel**

**HM**

**"CITY OF DUBROVNIK OF  
CROATIA"**

***by James Wat***







# Photo Travel

**Medals**

**32 images entered**





**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photo Travel**

**Bronze**

**"BANGKOK FRITTERS"**

***by Rebecca Diaz***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photo Travel**

**Silver**

**"AFRICAN FAMILY"**

**by Frank Kloss**







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photo Travel**

**Gold**

**"GREEK HONOR GUARD  
STRUT 0481"**

**by Charles Stricker**







# Stuart Lynn Lifetime Achievement Award

**Charles Stricker**  
**Palm Desert, CA**

**Jeanne Scott**  
**Rancho Mirage, CA**







# Photojournalism General

**35 images entered**





# Photojournalism General

**Honorable Mentions**

**35 images entered**





**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
General**

**HM**

**"READ SLEEP WAIT"**

***by Chris Andersen***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
General**

**HM**

**"FOCUSED"**

***by Greg Lilly***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
General**

**HM**

**"TAYLOR TRICKIN"**

***by Dee McMillan***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
General**

**HM**

**"COME FLY WITH ME"**

***by Robert Rufer***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
General**

**HM**

**"COWBOY BUCKED  
VERTICAL 2241"**

***by Charles Stricker***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
General**

**HM**

**"VIGOROUS STEER  
WRANGLING 0304"**

***by Charles Stricker***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
General**

**HM**

**"FOCUSED"**

***by Gary Vandemark***







# Photojournalism General

**Medals**

**35 images entered**





**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
General**

**Bronze**

**"MY LITTLE PONY"**

***by Darcy Quimby***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
General**

**Silver**

**"COWBOY BUCKED HIGH  
AND OFF 1622"**

***by Charles Stricker***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
General**

**Gold**

**"EUBANKS MAJESTIC  
BACKHAND 1051"**

***by Charles Stricker***







# Stuart Lynn Lifetime Achievement Award

**Brian Magor**  
**Hoylake, England**



Brian Magor





# Photojournalism Human Interest

24 images entered





# Photojournalism Human Interest

**Honorable Mentions**

**24 images entered**





**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
Human Interest**

**HM**

**"SORE LOSER"**

***by Greg Lilly***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
Human Interest**

**HM**

**"PRAYERS"**

***by Janet Lyall***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
Human Interest**

**HM**

**"FOCUSED MAN CUTS  
GLASS 0209"**

***by Charles Stricker***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
Human Interest**

**HM**

**"GIRLS WRESTLE BOY IN  
WATER 5205"**

***by Charles Stricker***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
Human Interest**

**HM**

**"HAPPY SLIDERS 2061"**

***by Charles Stricker***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
Human Interest**

**HM**

**"SCREAMING GIRLS  
FREE FALL 0570"**

***by Charles Stricker***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
Human Interest**

**HM**

**"NEWLY WEDS 1 MINUTE  
LATER"**

***by* Brian Vandemark**







# Photojournalism Human Interest

**Medals**

**24 images entered**





## 2023: Image of the Year Award

Photojournalism  
Human Interest

Bronze

"OCEANSIDE PIER-THE  
SIGN SAYS IT ALL"

by Chris Andersen







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
Human Interest**

**Silver**

**"NEW PARENTS"**

***by Dee McMillan***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Photojournalism  
Human Interest**

**Gold**

**"FATHER AND SON  
DOWN IN SURF 4468"**

***by Charles Stricker***







# Stuart Lynn Lifetime Achievement Award

**Gary Vandemark**  
**Tucson, AZ**







# Pictorial Color

68 images entered





# Pictorial Color

**Honorable Mentions**

**68 images entered**





**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Pictorial Color**

**HM**

**"BRIDGE OVER NO  
TROUBLED WATER"**

***by* Chris Andersen**







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Pictorial Color**

**HM**

**"BAD WATER MILKY  
WAY"**

***by Chris Andersen***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Pictorial Color**

**HM**

**"READY TO PAINT"**

***by Vince Heuring***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Pictorial Color**

**HM**

**"LOOKING AHEAD TO  
THE HOLIDAYS"**

***by Craig Toms***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Pictorial Color**

**HM**

**"I COULD HAVE DANCE  
ALL NIGHT"**

***by James Wat***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Pictorial Color**

**HM**

**"TRAM RIDE CENTRAL  
HONG KONG"**

***by James Wat***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Pictorial Color**

**HM**

**"CAT ON A LADDER"**

***by Tyrone Watts***







# Pictorial Color

**Medals**

**68 images entered**





**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Pictorial Color**

**Bronze**

**"PAINTED DESERT"**

***by Gary Vandemark***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Pictorial Color**

**Silver**

**"FLOWERED OVERLOOK"**

***by Brian Vandemark***







**2023: Image of the  
Year Award**

**Pictorial Color**

**Gold**

**"PINK GERBERAS QUEEN  
ANNES LACE"**

***by Dee McMillan***

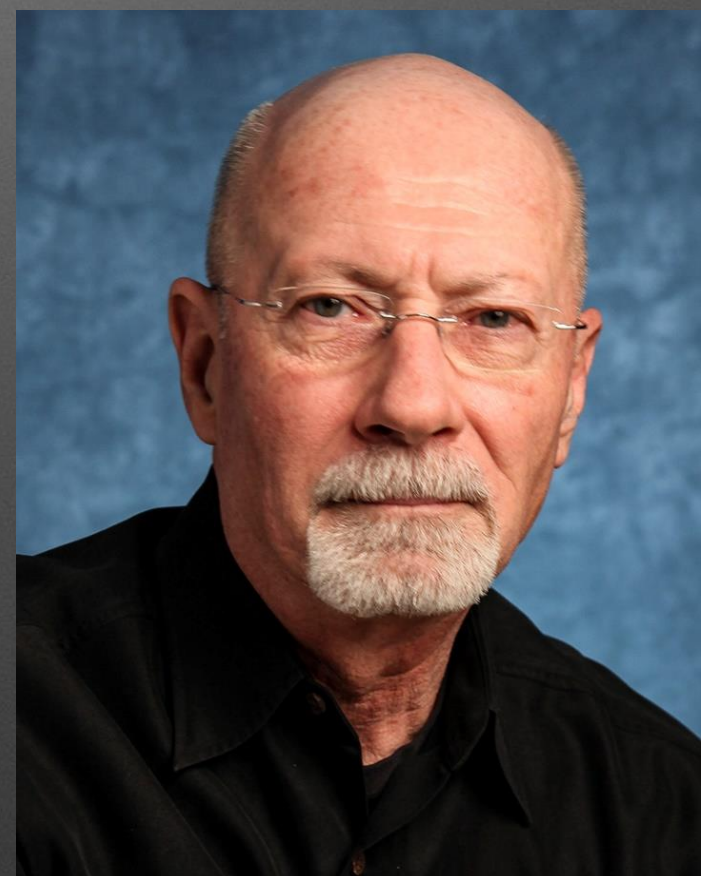






# Stuart Lynn Award

***Congratulations  
John Erdman!***



CVDCC Secretary (now Treasurer)





*That's all Folks!*





*That's all Folks!*

*Keep on Clickin'*