

58th North Central Insect Photographic Salon 2018 Report

This year is the 58th year for the North Central Branch Insect Photographic Salon and my 23rd year as Chair of the Photo Salon Committee. The closing date for entry was February 15, 2018. We had 171 images entered this year from 14 different countries and 13 different U.S. states. The state sending the most entries was Kentucky. All digital images were e-mailed to our web address NCInsectPhotos@gmail.com.

Images were judged in one of the University of Kentucky conference rooms on March 1. The images were shown on a native 1920 X 1080 digital screen and then scored by two professional photographers and an entomologist judge using electronic key pads. The photographers were Matt Barton, University of Kentucky Agricultural Communications Photographer and Mary Rezny, M S Rezny Studio/Gallery, Lexington, KY. Our Entomology judge was Kacie Athey, University of Kentucky Department of Entomology. Images were scored from 0 to 99. Those images that scored 76 and above received honorable mention, images scoring less than 60 were dropped from the salon. The most common problems with images that were not accepted were exposure (usually too dark), sharpness (bad focus or subject movement), subject matter, not getting close enough to the subject and over processing of a digital image (excessive use of sharpening or excessive color saturation being the most common problems). Awards were given for Best of Show, Reserve Grand Champion, Best Wildlife, Best Small Creature, Best by an ESA Member and Best Portrait. The award winners were from Canada, Taiwan, Australia, Croatia and the USA.

The salon showing date at the NCB meeting in Madison is Monday March 19 and will be presented by Kacie Athey, University of Kentucky. The salon will also be shown in Lexington on July 19, 2018 by Tom Myers.

A salon catalog will be available on line at www.creativecameraclub.org. Catalogs will also be sent to The Photographic Society of America Exhibitions Standards Director, the PSA Director of Who's Who, the PSA Director of Galaxy Awards and to the PSA Director of Star Rating.

Respectfully submitted,

North Central Insect Photo Salon Committee

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