13th Annual Photo Contest Winners
2012

The Thirteenth Annual Weeks Bay Photo Contest was recently conducted by the Weeks Bay Foundation at the Tonsmeire Weeks Bay Resource Center. Event sponsors included the Weeks Bay Foundation, the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, the Eastern Shore Art Center, and the Mapp Family Foundation. The Weeks Bay Foundation is the only nationally accredited land trust in coastal Alabama. Its mission is to protect the natural resources of coastal Alabama while supporting the goals and programs of the Reserve. The Reserve is part of a national network of coastal reserves established as living laboratories for long-term scientific research and estuarine education.

There were 55 photos entered in this year’s photo contest. Entrants were encouraged to submit photographs that they had taken throughout the year in coastal Alabama. It is a great opportunity for amateur photographers to allow others to appreciate the beauty captured in their photographs. According to Walter Ernest, Executive Director of the Weeks Bay Foundation, “This year’s photos were high quality images that truly captured the natural beauty of the great flora, fauna, and habitats of Coastal Alabama.” Nature photography is a fun hobby that can allow people to better connect with nature. Some Weeks Bay Photo Contest entrants have been involved with the event since it first began fourteen years ago. Each year photos are judged by representatives from the event sponsors. Winning photos from this year’s contest will again be displayed during the month of July at the Eastern Shore Art Center in Fairhope.

Best of Show
Open
Rodney Kilgore
Fairhope, AL

First Place
Open Flora
Louise Childs
Foley, AL
Second Place
Open Flora
Kris Lafferty
Fairhope, AL

Third Place
Open Flora
Lisa Comer
Silverhill, AL
Honorable Mention
Open Flora
Ruth Spicer
Loxley, AL

Honorable Mention
Open Flora
Sherry Stimpson Frost
Fairhope, AL
First Place
Open Fauna
Carol Furman
Daphne, AL

Second Place
Open Fauna
Ruth Spicer
Loxley, AL

Third Place
Open Fauna
Lisa Comer
Silverhill, AL

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Honorable Mention
Open Fauna
Teddy King
Foley, AL
Honorable Mention
Open Fauna
Louise Childs Foley, AL

First Place
Open Habitat
Rodney Kilgore
Fairhope, AL

Second Place
Open Habitat
Sherry Stimpson Frost
Fairhope, AL

Third Place
Open Habitat
Lisa Comer
Silverhill, AL

Honorable Mention
Open Habitat
Carol Furman
Daphne, AL
Honorable Mention
Open Habitat
Georgia Simms
Daphne, AL

Best in Show (Jr.)
Junior Flora
Jude Thomas
Fairhope, AL

View the Past Projects Webpage to view even more outstanding photos from previous years!

For more information on the Weeks Bay Photo Contest contact Walter Ernest at (251) 990-5004