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Weeks Bay Foundation announces 2019 Photo Contest winners

FAIRHOPE, AL-- There is natural beauty throughout coastal Alabama. In the way the sunlight touches a leaf, or a baby sea turtle takes its first steps on the snow-white sand. Perhaps it's the petals of a Spider Lily, or the majestic Brown Pelican as it glides low across the water.

"We are fortunate to have local photographers among us who capture these images so we can share them with the community through our Weeks Bay Photo Contest," Yael Girard, executive director of the Weeks Bay Foundation said. "The images they capture—of flora, fauna, habitats, and people out enjoying nature—underscore why it is so important to protect our natural resources. It is with great pleasure that we announce the winners of the 2019 Weeks Bay Photo Contest.

For the first time in the contest's 19-year history, Best in Show was awarded to a junior, Mason Lamb, for his "Friendly Toads" in the Junior-Fauna category. The junior division is for participants 16 and under.

The winning photos were selected by judges Rodney Kilgore, Georgia Sims, and Joe "Brody" Thomassen from among 240 photographs submitted. The Adult and Junior divisions are Flora, Fauna, Habitat and People in Nature. The winning photos will be available for viewing on the Weeks Bay Foundation website (weeksbay.org), at the Five Rivers Apalachee Exhibit Hall, and to-be-determined locations in 2020.

The winners are:

Best in Show: Mason Lamb, Junior Fauna (pictured)

JUNIOR FAUNA

1st Place - Taylor Goodrich

2nd Place - John John Normann

3rd Place - Sophia Haines

Honorable mention - Sophia Haines

JUNIOR FLORA

1st Place –Sophia Haines

2nd Place –Maggie Paul
3rd Place - John John Normann
Honorable mention - Grace Williams

JUNIOR HABITAT

1st Place - Audrey Haines
2nd Place - Maggie Paul
3rd Place - Sophia Haines
Honorable mention –Mary Mac Estes

JUNIOR PIN

1st Place –Sophia Haines
2nd Place - Mason Lamb
3rd Place - Mary Mac Estes
Honorable mention - Mason Lamb

OPEN FAUNA

1st Place –Laurie Schaerer
2nd Place –Mark Watts
3rd Place - Jessica McAlpine
Honorable mention - Beth Tattersall

OPEN FLORA

1st Place - Karen Chiasson
2nd - Place - Kathy Peace
3rd Place - Jessica McAlpine
Honorable mention - Kathy Peace

OPEN HABITAT

1st Place - Wayne Anders
2nd Place - Beth
3rd Place - Gwen Ainsworth
Honorable mention - Wayne Anders

OPEN PIN

1st Place –Belinda Ringpfeil
2nd Place - Laurie Schaerer
3rd Place - Jeff Hosterman
Honorable mention - Brent Eanes