



2018 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS SHOWCASE



GRAND PRIZE/BEST OF SHOW: WILLIAM WATSON, "FULL MOON IBIS."




JUDGES' SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS AWARD:
CYNDY HARDAKER, "PLEASE DO NOT LITTER!"

AMATEUR DIVISION WINNERS:

- Amateur--Scenic: 1st—Monica Boudreaux, “Serenity Now”; 2nd—Kris Kelley, “Refuge Visitor Center at Sunset”; 3rd—Lorrie Watson, “Serenity.” Honorable Mention: Tammy Smith, “The Great Fly-By” and “Solemn Serenity”; Monica Boudreaux, “Painting the Bayou” and “Cloudy Illusion.”
- Amateur--Wildlife: 1st—Lorrie Watson, “Dancing Giants”; 2nd—Cyndy Hardaker, “Wood Storks”; 3rd—Monica Boudreaux, “All in the Family.” Honorable Mention: Cyndy Hardaker, “‘Gulp’—Snake Eating Frog”; Lorrie Watson, “Gator in the Morning Light”; Tammy Smith, “Now You See Me” and “I’ve Got My Eye on You.”
- Amateur--Birds: 1st—Lorrie Watson, “Mama Feeding Baby”; 2nd—Monica Boudreaux, “Content”; 3rd—Cyndy Hardaker, “Belted Kingfisher.” Honorable Mention: Cyndy Hardaker, “Eastern Screech Owl”; Monica Boudreaux, “Bashful Blue”; Kimberly Paxton, “Thrush in Winter”; Lorrie Watson, “Symmetry in Flight” and Great Blue Heron in Flight.”
- Amateur--Plants: 1st—Monica Boudreaux, “The Life Source”; 2nd—Amber Johnfroe, “Misted Hyacinth”; 3rd—Cyndy Hardaker, “Brown-Eyed Susans.” Honorable Mention: Monica Boudreaux, “Radiant”; Cyndy Hardaker, “Mexican Sunflower”; Tammy Smith, “Just Buzzing By.”
- Amateur--People on the Refuge: 1st—Kimberly Paxton, “Meeting the Snake”; 2nd—Tammy Smith, “Rowing Along”; 3rd—Monica Boudreaux, “Mother’s Love.” Honorable Mention: Monica Boudreaux, “Road to Fitness”; Lorrie Watson, “Wrong Camo Dude.”
- Amateur—Macro/Micro: 1st—Kris Kelley, “Dragonfly Eye”; 2nd—Cyndy Hardaker, “Painted Lady Butterfly”; 3rd—Lorrie Watson, “Thistle.” Honorable Mention: Kris Kelley, “Sulphur Butterfly”; Monica Boudreaux, “On the Throne.”

AMATEUR DIVISION

Scenic Category



1ST—MONICA
BOUDREAUX, “SERENITY
NOW”



2ND—KRIS KELLEY,
“REFUGE VISITOR
CENTER AT SUNSET”



3RD—LORRIE WATSON,
“SERENITY.”



HONORABLE MENTION: TAMMY SMITH, "THE GREAT FLY-BY"

HONORABLE MENTION: TAMMY SMITH, "SOLEMN SERENITY"





MONICA BOUDREAUX, "PAINTING THE BAYOU" AND "CLOUDY ILLUSION."



AMATEUR DIVISION

Wildlife Category



1ST—LORRIE WATSON,
“DANCING GIANTS”

2ND—CYNDY
HARDAKER,
“WOOD
STORKS”





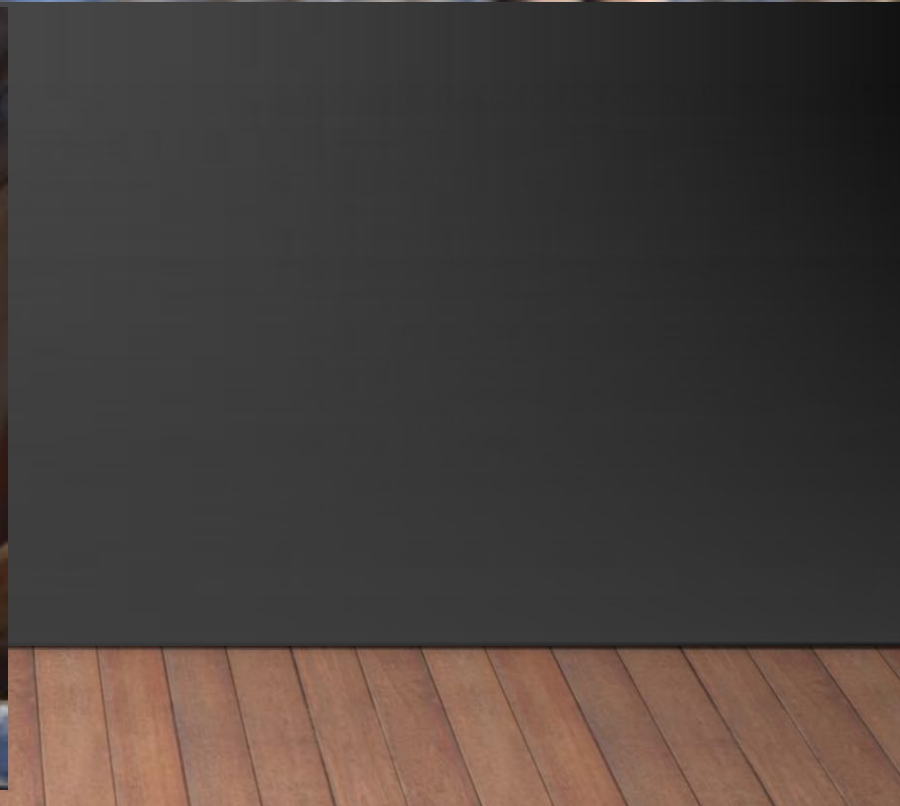
3RD—MONICA
BOUDREAUX, “ALL IN
THE FAMILY.”

HONORABLE MENTION:
CYNDY HARDAKER,
“‘GULP’—SNAKE
EATING FROG”



HONORABLE MENTION:
LORRIE WATSON, “GATOR
IN THE MORNING LIGHT”

TAMMY SMITH,
“NOW YOU SEE
ME” AND “I’VE
GOT MY EYE ON
YOU.”



AMATEUR DIVISION

Birds Category



1ST—LORRIE WATSON,
“MAMA FEEDING BABY”



2ND—MONICA
BOUDREAUX,
“CONTENT”

3RD—CYNDY
HARDAKER,
“BELTED
KINGFISHER.”



HONORABLE MENTION:
CYNDY HARDAKER,
“EASTERN SCREECH OWL”



HONORABLE MENTION:
MONICA BOUDREAUX,
“BASHFUL BLUE”

HONORABLE
MENTION:
KIMBERLY
PAXTON,
“THRUSH IN
WINTER”





**HONORABLE MENTION:
LORRIE WATSON, "SYMMETRY IN FLIGHT" AND
GREAT BLUE HERON IN FLIGHT."**


AMATEUR DIVISION

Plants Category



1ST—MONICA
BOUDREAUX, “THE LIFE
SOURCE”

Bayou Photo



2ND—AMBER
JOHNFROE, “MISTED
HYACINTH”

3RD—CYNDY
HARDAKER,
“BROWN-
EYED
SUSANS.”



HONORABLE
MENTION: MONICA
BOUDREAUX,
“RADIANT”



HONORABLE
MENTION: CYNDY
HARDAKER,
“MEXICAN
SUNFLOWER”





HONORABLE MENTION:
TAMMY SMITH, "JUST
BUZZING BY"

AMATEUR DIVISION

People on Refuge Category

A group of people, including children and adults, are gathered on a wooden boardwalk in a forest. They are looking at a person in a yellow vest who is holding a snake. The scene is outdoors, with many trees and green foliage in the background. The boardwalk is made of wooden planks and runs along a path. The people are dressed in casual outdoor clothing, including hats and backpacks. The person in the yellow vest is wearing a cap and holding the snake with both hands. The snake is coiled around the person's arm. The overall atmosphere is educational and outdoorsy.

1ST—KIMBERLY PAXTON,
“MEETING THE SNAKE”



2ND—TAMMY SMITH,
"ROWING ALONG"



3RD—MONICA
BOUDREAUX,
“MOTHER’S LOVE.”

**HONORABLE MENTION:
MONICA BOUDREAUX,
“ROAD TO FITNESS”;**



**HONORABLE MENTION:
LORRIE WATSON, “WRONG
CAMO DUDE.”**



AMATEUR DIVISION


Macro/Micro Category



1ST—KRIS KELLEY,
“DRAGONFLY EYE”

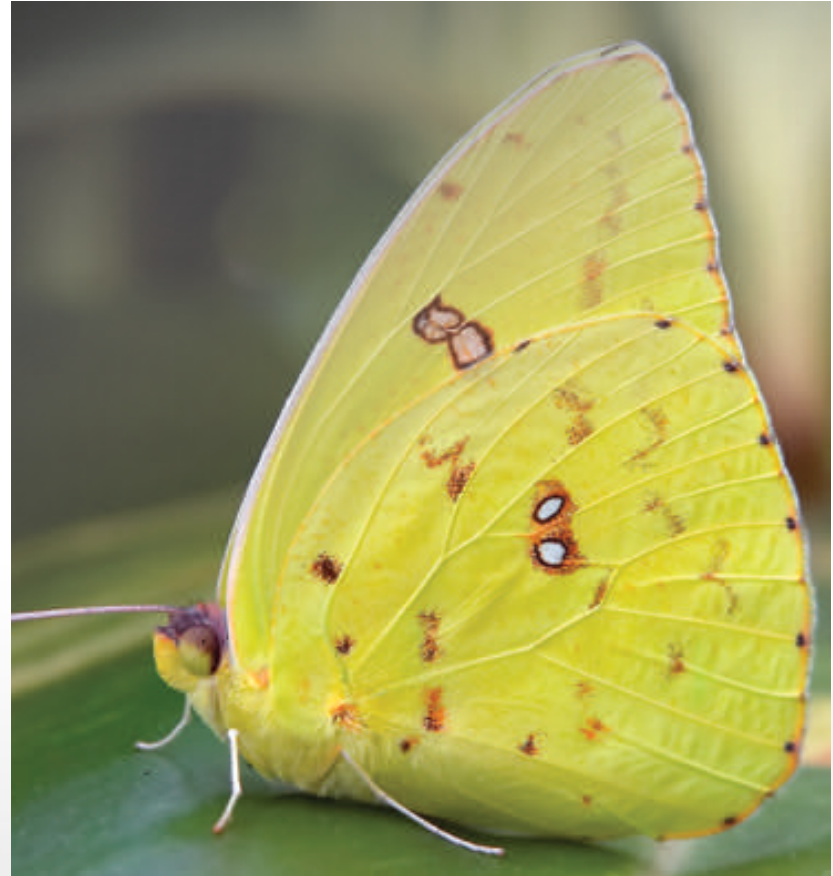
2ND—CYNDY
HARDAKER,
“PAINTED
LADY
BUTTERFLY”





3RD—LORRIE
WATSON, “THISTLE.”

HONORABLE
MENTION:
KRIS KELLEY,
“SULPHUR
BUTTERFLY”



HONORABLE
MENTION:
MONICA
BOUDREAUX,
“ON THE
THRONE.”



PROFESSIONAL DIVISION WINNERS:

- Professional—Scenic: 1st—Jeff Perot, “Waterlogged”; 2nd—Mike Colvin, “A Maple among Cypress”; 3rd—William Watson, “Look Deeper: Foggy Morning on the Lake.” Honorable Mention: Douglas Hazard, “Sunrise”; Jeff Perot, “Old Oak.”
- Professional—Wildlife: 1st—Chad McElwee, “Evening Glow”; 2nd—Mike Colvin, “Channeling Yoda”; 3rd—William Watson, “Big Boys Club.” Honorable Mention: Chad McElwee, “Blended”; Mike Colvin, “Double Vision.”
- Professional—Birds: 1st—William Watson, “Dancing Dress: Great Egret”; 2nd—Mike Colvin, “Tossed Bug for Lunch”; 3rd—Tammy Heil, “That’s My Bug!!” Honorable Mention: William Watson, “The Elusive One: Least Bittern”; Mike Colvin, “Stop-Action Eagle
- Professional—Plants: 1st—Mike Colvin, “Early Light: Morning Glory”; 2nd—Jeff Perot, “Bright Beginning”; 3rd—Nathan Tremaine, “Blossom.” Honorable Mention: Mike Colvin, “Spider Lilly”; Jeff Perot, “Blooming Light.”
- Professional—People on the Refuge: 1st—Nathan Tremaine, “Balance”; 2nd—Chad McElwee, “Sunset Conversation”; 3rd—Mike Colvin, “Walking on Water.”
- Professional—Macro/Micro: 1st—Chad McElwee, “Luminous”; 2nd—William Watson, “Maybe She’s Born with It!”; 3rd—Charles Paxton, “Ambushed.” Honorable Mention: William Watson, “Tails It Is!” and “Tiny Flower-Tender: Jumping Spider”; Mike Colvin, “Fuzzy Bumble Bee.”

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

Scenic Category



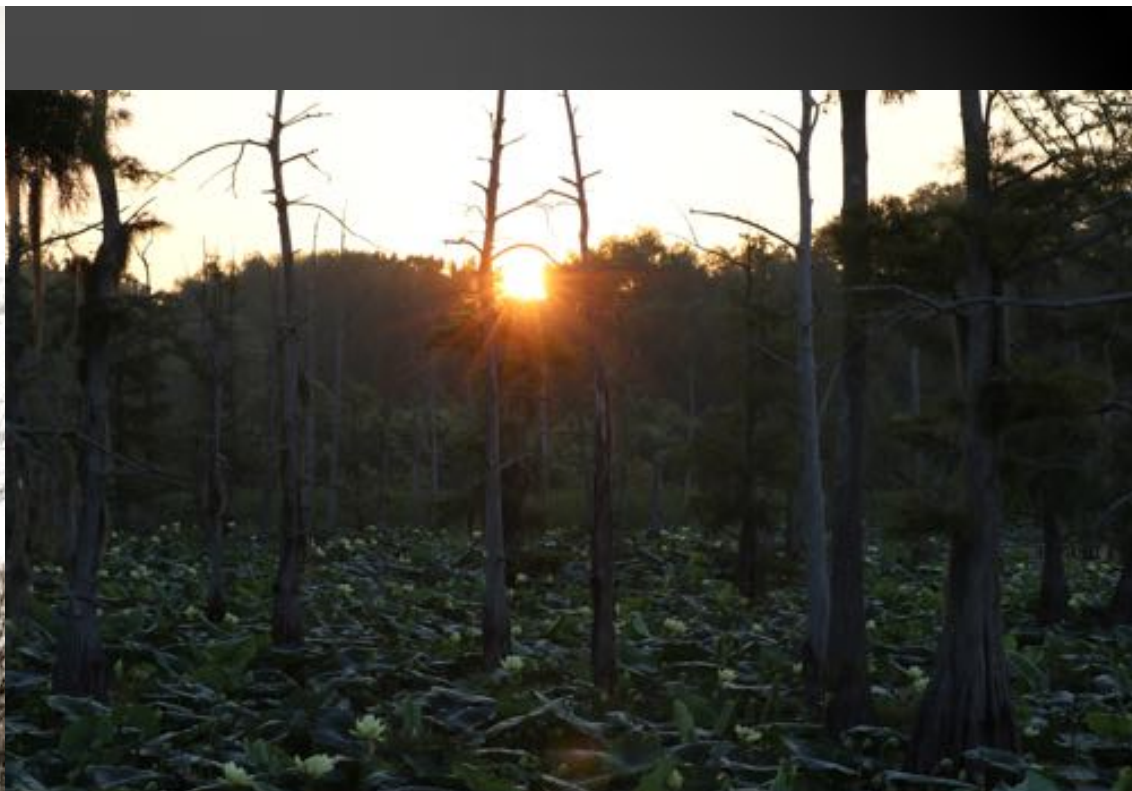
1ST—JEFF PEROT,
“WATERLOGGED”



2ND—MIKE COLVIN, “A
MAPLE AMONG
CYPRESS”



3RD—WILLIAM WATSON,
“LOOK DEEPER: FOGGY
MORNING ON THE LAKE.”



HONORABLE MENTION: DOUGLAS HAZARD, "SUNRISE";
JEFF PEROT, "OLD OAK."



PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

Wildlife Category

1ST—CHAD MCELWEE, “EVENING GLOW”





2ND—MIKE COLVIN,
“CHANNELING YODA”;

A photograph of a herd of deer in a grassy field. Several bucks with large antlers are visible, along with some does and fawns. The background is a dense forest of green trees. The scene is captured in a slightly grainy, naturalistic style.

3RD—WILLIAM WATSON,
“BIG BOYS CLUB.”

HONORABLE
MENTION: CHAD
MCELWEE,
“BLENDED”; MIKE
COLVIN, “DOUBLE
VISION.”



PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

Birds Category



1ST—WILLIAM WATSON,
“DANCING DRESS:
GREAT EGRET”



2ND—MIKE COLVIN,
“TOSSED BUG FOR
LUNCH”



**3RD—TAMMY HEIL,
“THAT’S MY BUG!!”**



HONORABLE MENTION: WILLIAM WATSON, "THE ELUSIVE ONE: LEAST BITTERN"; MIKE COLVIN, "STOP-ACTION EAGLE"

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

Plants Category

PLANTS: 1ST—
MIKE COLVIN,
“EARLY LIGHT:
MORNING
GLORY”





2ND—JEFF PEROT,
“BRIGHT BEGINNING”



3RD—NATHAN
TREMAINE, “BLOSSOM.”

HONORABLE MENTION:
MIKE COLVIN, "SPIDER
LILLY"; JEFF PEROT,
"BLOOMING LIGHT."



PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

People on Refuge Category

1ST—
NATHAN
TREMAINE,
“BALANCE”







3RD—MIKE COLVIN,
“WALKING ON WATER.”

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

Micro/Macro Category



1ST—CHAD
MCELWEE,
“LUMINOUS”

A close-up photograph of a young bird, possibly a chickadee, with vibrant yellow and green feathers. The bird's head is turned slightly to the left, showing its sharp, dark beak and a large, dark eye with a yellowish ring around it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

**2ND—WILLIAM WATSON,
“MAYBE SHE’S BORN
WITH IT!”**



3RD—CHARLES
PAXTON, “AMBUSHED.”

HONORABLE MENTION:
WILLIAM WATSON, "TAILS
IT IS!" AND "TINY FLOWER-
TENDER: JUMPING
SPIDER";



HONORABLE
MENTION:
MIKE COLVIN,
“FUZZY BUMBLE
BEE.”



YOUTH DIVISION WINNERS:

- Youth—Scenic: 1st—Lexi Harper, “Teacups”; 2nd—Kate Kyzar, “Gray and Alone”; 3rd—Dorion McFadden, “Thunder on the Bayou.” Honorable Mention—Lexi Harper, “Here Comes the Moon”; Kate Kyzar, “Louisiana Landscape.”
- Youth—Micro: 1st—Lexi Harper, “Dinner Is Served”; 2nd—Kate Kyzar, “Gray Galaxy”; 3rd—Dorion McFadden, “Wildflower.” Honorable Mention—Lexi Harper, “Get Your Own Flower”; Lexi Harper, “Stay Away from Me.”
- Youth—Plants: 1st—Lexi Harper, “Queen of the Pad!”; 2nd—Kate Kyzar, “Bright Red”; 3rd—Makala Gagnon, “Untitled.” Honorable Mention—Lexi Harper, “End of the Day”; Lexi Harper, “Don’t Leave Me Hangin’!”; Nola Grigson, “Untitled (Zinnia)”; Dorion McFadden, “Rose and Thorns.”
- Youth—People on the Refuge: 1st—Lexi Harper, “Where Did That Bug Go?”; 2nd—Keira Boudreaux, “Pro on the Trail”; 3rd—Sapphire Davis, “Untitled (Nova).” Honorable Mention—Lexi Harper, “Run!”; Lexi Harper, “Wait for Me!”
- Youth—Birds: 1st—Keira Boudreaux, “Fly By”; 2nd—Lexi Harper, “It Is Hot!”; 3rd—Dorion McFadden, “Swoosh!” Honorable Mention—Lexi Harper, “Get Your Own Branch!”; Lexi Harper, “Where Are You, Little Fish?”
- Youth—Wildlife: 1st—Kate Kyzar, “Black and White Beauty”; 2nd—Lexi Harper, “I Love the Sun.” Honorable Mention—Lexi Harper, “King of the Lily Pad”; Lexi Harper, “Make Room for Me!”

YOUTH DIVISION

Scenic Category

1ST—LEXI
HARPER,
“TEACUPS”



2ND—KATE
KYZAR, “GRAY
AND ALONE”;



3RD—DORION
MCFADDEN,
“THUNDER ON THE
BAYOU.”





HONORABLE MENTION—LEXI HARPER, “HERE COMES THE MOON”; KATE KYZAR, “LOUISIANA LANDSCAPE.”



YOUTH DIVISION

Wildlife Category

1ST—KATE
KYZAR,
“BLACK
AND WHITE
BEAUTY”;



2ND—LEXI
HARPER,
“I LOVE
THE SUN.”





HONORABLE MENTION—LEXI HARPER, “KING OF THE LILY PAD”; LEXI HARPER, “MAKE ROOM FOR ME!”

YOUTH DIVISION

Plants Category

1ST—LEXI
HARPER, “QUEEN
OF THE PAD!”



2ND—KATE KYZAR,
“BRIGHT RED”



3RD—
MAKALA
GAGNON,
“UNTITLED.”



HONORABLE MENTION—LEXI
HARPER, “END OF THE DAY”; LEXI
HARPER, “DON’T LEAVE ME
HANGIN’!”;



NOLA GRIGSON, "UNTITLED
(ZINNIA)"; DORION MCFADDEN,
"ROSE AND THORNS."



YOUTH DIVISION

Birds Category

1ST—KEIRA
BOURDREAUX,
“FLY BY”



2ND—LEXI
HARPER, “IT IS
HOT!”



3RD —
DORION
MCFADDEN,
“SWOOSH!”





HONROABLE MENTION—LEXI HARPER, “GET YOUR OWN BRANCH!”; LEXI HARPER, “WHERE ARE YOU, LITTLE FISH?”

YOUTH DIVISION

People on the Refuge Category

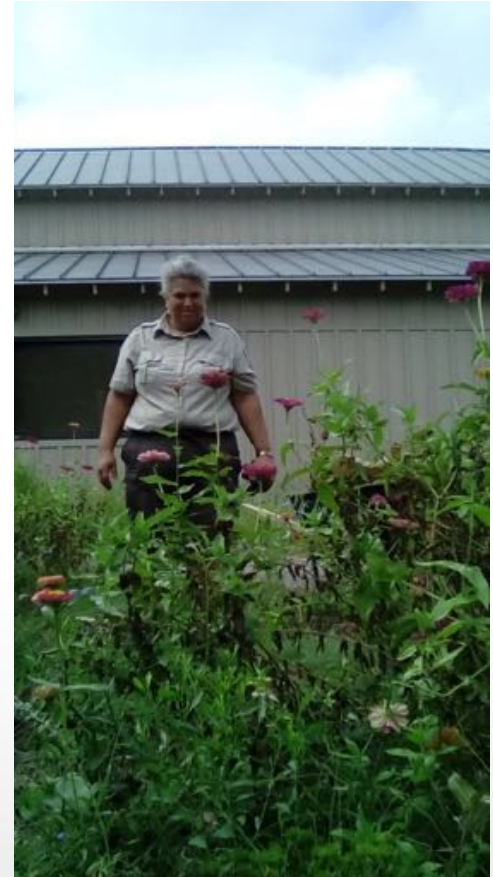
1ST—LEXI
HARPER,
“WHERE
DID THAT
BUG GO?”



2ND—KEIRA
BOUDREAUX,
“PRO ON THE
TRAIL”



3RD—SAPPHIRE
DAVIS, “UNTITLED
(NOVA).”





HONORABLE MENTION—LEXI HARPER, “RUN!”;
LEXI HARPER, “WAIT FOR ME!”

YOUTH DIVISION

Micro/Macro Category



1ST—LEXI HARPER,
“DINNER IS SERVED”



2ND—KATE KYZAR,
“GRAY GALAXY”



3RD—DORION
MCFADDEN,
“WILDFLOWER.”



HONORABLE
MENTION—LEXI
HARPER, “GET YOUR
OWN FLOWER”; LEXI
HARPER, “STAY AWAY
FROM ME.”

