



the POWER of a PICTURE

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“A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS.” This old cliché is true: photographic images are powerful tools of communication upon which we rely to illustrate and better understand the world around us. A photograph captures a moment in time that is as fleeting and unique as a snowflake. Pictures record and teach us about historical happenings, help us recall our pasts and preserve precious memories and important events for future generations. Just as images can take us to favorite and familiar places, they can take us to places we've never been, places we'll never go, places we don't want to visit and places that either can or cannot be returned to. They have the ability to stir deep emotions, often causing us to burst out in laughter, break down in tears, feel a flash of anger or tingle with awe.

A great image is the product of a talented photographer. This person must possess just the right combination of equipment, skill, timing and luck to look through a camera lens and click the shutter shut with precision. Lake Metroparks has developed and nurtured wonderful relationships with several gifted local amateur photographers. Additionally, the park district is fortunate to employ a talented staff—some of whom dabble in photography and successfully use it as a tool to chronicle select projects. These generous friends and thoughtful employees allow the park district to borrow their images and reproduce them in park publications like the one you are reading.

Through its publications, Lake Metroparks can share photographs that catch rare glimpses of the beautiful, natural treasures found in your park system. These images illustrate the high quality of life we are fortunate to enjoy here in Lake County, and are a way to bring nature and the great outdoors to all—particularly to those who may not be able to visit the parks. At the same time, it is hoped that these pictures will introduce and inspire readers to visit their parks.

Fall colors are glorious along the Grand River corridor and can be viewed from Indian Point Park. Enjoy snowy silence as you hike or ski along sparkling trails at Chapin Forest Reservation. Watch a fish jump or a great blue heron feed in the river at Chagrin River Park and marvel at the carpet of color that covers Hogback Ridge Park when wildflowers bloom in the spring. Summer brings beautiful sunsets all along the lakeshore—at Lakefront Lodge Park, Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park and Lakeshore Reservation. No matter what the season, Lake Metroparks offers fantastic scenery for photographers and non-photographers alike!

Lake Metroparks has promoted the art of photography for 24 years, by hosting an annual photography contest held at Penitentiary Glen Reservation in Kirtland. The park district also works closely with the Western Reserve Photographic Society (WRPS), a club with open membership that meets regularly at Penitentiary Glen. WRPS members often volunteer to photograph Lake Metroparks' facilities and events, and assist with the annual photo contest. Enjoy all of the top finishers in this year's contest on the following pages.

Shutterbugs of all ages and abilities are welcome to join WRPS and/or participate in Lake Metroparks annual amateur photography contest or newly launched Flickr contest (see below). Your parks preserve breathtaking natural features complemented by top-notch facilities, just waiting to be discovered. So visit Lake Metroparks—bring your camera if you like—and take home a beautiful memory!



Visit <http://www.flickr.com/groups/lakemetroparks/> and read the discussion board for contest information and monthly theme. Only photos uploaded to our Flickr group pool and tagged will be eligible for the contest. One photo per month will be declared the winner. Winning photos will be published on our website, via our social media outlets and in some cases, in our publications. Winners also receive a Lake Metroparks prize pack.

flickr PHOTO CONTEST

To help celebrate the beauty of nature, Lake Metroparks has launched a monthly photo contest! Each month, a new topic will be chosen and we will ask people like you to post photos that fit the theme to our Flickr group and tag them to be eligible for our monthly Flickr Photo Contest. At the end of each month, finalists will be chosen and sent to be judged by our Facebook fans.

24th annual AMATEUR photography contest

adult best of show



Ice in the Alley by Steven Hale

junior best of show



Buddies by Alex Lenhart

LAKE METROPARKS' 24TH ANNUAL amateur photography contest captured the beauty of nature through the art of photography. We graciously acknowledge the support and generosity of the following businesses and organizations from around Lake County who made this show possible:

- The Art Gallery
- Dodd Camera and Video
- Van's Photo
- The Western Reserve Photographic Society

THE CONTEST JUDGES
Ms. George Ann Trembour
OWNER, THE ART GALLERY

Mr. Chuck Webster
MANAGER, DODD CAMERA

Mr. Dave Saifman
PHOTOGRAPHER, DIRECTOR OF
MARKETING LAKE COUNTY YMCA

TO ENTER YOUR WORK in next year's contest, look for information in the Spring 2011 issue of *Parks Plus!* or contact Penitentiary Glen Nature Center at 440-256-1404 with questions.

congrats

1st place winners

GENERAL NATURE

Dogwood Denise Molesch

BLACK & WHITE

#10 Lara Talevski

CREATIVE MANIPULATIONS

Sunspot No. 2 John Opie

LAKE METROPARKS

Ice in the Alley Steven Hale

HUMAN NATURE

Bicyclists in Morning Fog Paul Orzel

LAKE COUNTY

Take Pride Linda Terdan

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Dogwood by Denise Molesch



#10 by Lara Talevski



Take Pride by Linda Terdan



Sunspot No. 2 by John Opie



Gorilla Gaze by Ryan Dockman

visitor's choice

more 2010 winners

GENERAL NATURE

2nd Waiting for a Treat? Rosemary Bauders
3rd Jack in the Rain Steven Hale

BLACK & WHITE

2nd Tulips Stuart Watson
3rd A Lonely Bridge Paul A. Newman

CREATIVE MANIPULATIONS

2nd Bird of Paradise Susan Westover
3rd My Perfect Moment in Time John P. Roskos

LAKE METROPARKS

2nd Pond Lily Gary Dell
3rd In the Ravine Don Kemp

HUMAN NATURE

2nd Sundown Surfers Rolland Standish
3rd Striker Betsy Reed

LAKE COUNTY

2nd Wood Frame Stuart Watson
3rd Perfect Peace Theresa Crosby

JUNIORS

2nd Sunset Mark Mullinzer
3rd Flower Kirsten Prout



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