

CRC's 2019 Photo Contest Celebrates 50th Anniversary

In honor of our 50th anniversary, CRC launched our first-ever photo contest in the summer of 2019, asking participants to capture the beauty of the creeks, woods, hills, valleys and wildlife of the Chester, Ridley and Crum watersheds. The free contest came with modest cash prizes and winners being featured in a 2020 calendar, on our web site and at the CRC Awards Dinner. CRC's contest was open to both professional and amateur photographers. Images were taken within the past 5 years from anywhere in the Chester, Ridley and Crum Creek watersheds. Photographs were judged for originality, composition and storytelling. Judges were: Paula Jackson, owner, Beauty Art, Gifts & Décor (who also hosted the photo contest reception in October); Tracy Bouvette, visual artist and former CRC President and board member; and, Beth Murray, who has judged many photo contests and is a CRC Board member.

The first-place prize winner was Susan Heberling, of West Chester, for her image "Busy World Disappears." Second place went to Beth Dhunjisha of Newtown Square and third to John Blough of Altoona. The winning calendar images and photographers include:

January – Snowy Creek 1 by Carol Brunner of Media

February – Ridley Creek by Michael Ostroski of Upland

March – Jacob's Ladder by Beth Dhunjisha of Newtown Square

April – ARP by Erika Matyok of Aston

May – Love on the Pond by Calley Kender of Media

June – Green Heron @ Springton Reservoir by John Blough of Altoona

July – House Upon the Hill by Carla Welsh of Springfield

August – Fallen Petals by Rachel Keane of Wayne

September – Late Summer Cascade by Beth Dhunjisha of Newtown Square

October – The Busy World Disappears by Susan Heberling of West Chester

November – Crum Creek Sunset by Bruce Litecky of Media

December – Timber by Sarah Rosenberg of Swarthmore

