The ASGC Photo Contest Committee wishes to thank all the participants in this year's contest. The quality of this year's entrants was excellent; you are all to be commended. One of the intriguing aspects of this year's competition was the outstanding quality of the youth entries. They were at least as good as the adult entries, as can be attested by the Grand Prize winner coming from the youth category. It is obvious that each of you enjoys capturing images of nature and birds.

Please note that half of the winners are in portrait format as opposed to landscape format. Portrait format stands out and can seem more dynamic or eye catching. A number of action photos brought to mind a quote from Arthur Fellig (photo journalist) on the best way to capture fleeting images: “f/11 and be there.” Sometimes fate smiles on you and everything is just right at the exact moment and you obtain the perfect image. Other photos showed how meticulous set-up and patience are rewarded with a stunning photo.

Each of this year's entries exemplifies art and engages the viewer. There were a number of astounding photos that did not make it to the finals that showed wonderful texture, structure and color. It is a shame that we cannot recognize every one of them. Please do not be discouraged if your photo didn't win. Keep clicking that shutter and meanwhile, enjoy nature in all its wonderful variety.

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