## 2018 ASGC Photo Contest

## Judge's Statement

The Judging of this selection of entries was an honor for me. I especially enjoy seeing the works of current photographers in Ohio and this competition certainly gave me plenty of images to appreciate.

The bird images were especially impressive in their clarity and intimate points-of-view. The variety of poses and habitats made for an enjoyable viewing. Interactive images of bird groups or couples were memorable and the fine details of the feathered subjects well done. The colors were rendered faithfully.

The nature segment had some real winners, too. From the simplest night image of the moon to the detailed frosty tips on green leaves, the many different views of our natural surroundings makes one stop and appreciate the changing seasons here in Ohio. Winters included.

Water seemed to be a common focus in the youth images. The captures entered indicate that a new generation of photographers is emerging. The collection is visually stimulating and a good sign that nature photography will continue for a good long time.

Fine art is the fourth category and the one with the fewest number of entries. There were five very different presentations each with a distinct mood. The leaf on water is a particularly clever presentation.

Congratulations to everyone who entered and shared these presentations of our natural world.

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