



Editor's Pick Awards 2003

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Another year of Editor's Picks has come and gone. As in the year before, the photography posted in the NPN forums in 2003 was some of the best nature imagery to be found anywhere. Once again, picking just a few from so many extraordinary images was no easy task. Our thanks to all of members for posting their work NPN!

So here they are, NPN's Editor's Pick Award winners for 2003!

The Best of the Best - 2003

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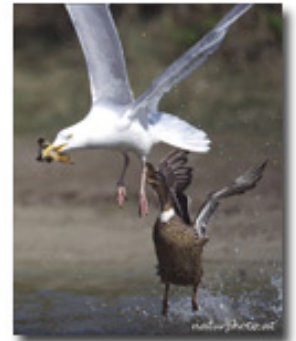
Avian Gallery

First Place Winner - [Gull Gets Duck Chick](#) by Norbert Reif

"Truly amazing and powerful image. I will likely remember this one forever." *Mark Graf*

1st Honorable Mention - [Sanderling on Gold](#) by Richard Hogg

2nd Honorable Mention - [Red Breasted Jaeger](#) by Paul Fusco



Earth, Sea & Sky Gallery

First Place Winner - [Nova Scotia Autumn](#) by Scott Leslie

"This is excellent. Very creative use of motion blur and I like the sharp detail in the trunk and rocks. One of the more original images I've seen in a while!" *Guy Tal*

1st Honorable Mention - [Sunrise, Fog and Cypresses](#) by Dan Baumbach

2nd Honorable Mention - [Point Reyes Cypresses, B&W](#) by Warren Agee



Fauna Gallery

First Place Winner - [Same Old Bull, Different View](#) by Pete Dickson

"This is very nice. You've caught the mood and feeling of a Rocky mountain fall perfectly. I can almost hear him bugle." *Pete Bengueyfield*

1st Honorable Mention - [Out of the Depths](#) by Barbara Henneke

2nd Honorable Mention - [Jasper Big Horn Sheep Series #1](#) by Drew Fulton



Flora Gallery

First Place Winner - [Butterfly Flower](#) by Ronnie Gaubert

"This is simply a stunning shot and a very worthy choice of Editors Pick. Congratulations on this outstanding image!" *Justin Cowtan*

1st Honorable Mention - [Water Hyacinth](#) by Bob Elliot

2nd Honorable Mention - [Snowdrops](#) by Guy Edwardes



Macro/Close-up Gallery

First Place Winner - [Underwater Mystery](#) by David Gottlieb

"Its a BEAUTY of a macro David. From edge to edge, its marvellous and so darned interesting M8t. I'm totally fascinated by this shot." *Danny Young*

1st Honorable Mention - [Diana on Starflower](#) by Ron Day

2nd Honorable Mention - [Spider Behavioral](#) by Terri Norris



Man & Nature Gallery

First Place Winner - [Northern Lights and Landmark](#) by Kyle Gerstner

"Kyle, great job of visualizing and making a shot happen. I really like this one." *Dave Uhlig*

1st Honorable Mention - [Windsurfer Airborne - Maui](#) by Duke Coonrad

2nd Honorable Mention - [Early Morning Rower in Fog](#) by Richard Miller



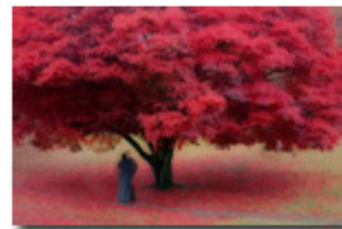
Photo Art Gallery

First Place Winner - [Autumn](#) by Miguel Lasa

"This is really nice. Love the colors and the whole mood of the image." Sue Alden

1st Honorable Mention - [Winter Peace](#) by Robert Ganz

2nd Honorable Mention - [African Art Lion](#) by Jos De Braekeleer



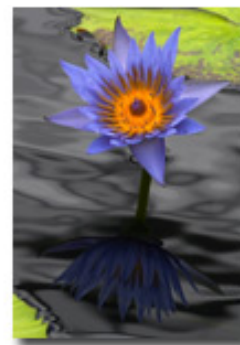
Weekly Challenge Gallery

First Place Winner - [Water Lily](#) by Sue Alden

"Nicely done. I like the smooth, ink-like appearance of the water and the great colors. My husband, standing behind me, also gives this a WOW." Kathy Odiorne

1st Honorable Mention - [Somebody Pulled the Plug](#) by Kathy Odiorne

2nd Honorable Mention - [Footprints](#) by Dolores Neilson



What They Won

Along with the admiration and respect of the NPN staff, members and readers, this year's winners were awarded the following -

First Place Winners

- [Wimberley](#) Telephoto/Macro Combo No. 3 flash bracket system
- [Kirk Enterprises](#) BH-3 ball head... "The Kirk BH-3 has raised the benchmark in the medium ballhead market." [Read our review!](#)
- [Magnum Photo Vest](#) by Vested Interest
- A selection of [LiteDisc](#) reflectors and diffusers by Photoflex including -
 - One 32-inch Silver/Gold Reflector
 - One 12-inch Silver/Gold Reflector
 - One 32-inch White Translucent Diffuser
 - One 12-inch White Translucent Diffuser
- [Kinesis SafariSack](#) Beanbag
- [Better Beamer](#) flash accessory (your choice of model)
- [GroundShot2 CSP](#) camera support plate
- Special edition Editor's Pick Award 2003 [NPN Field Cap](#)
- 1-year extension of their [Nature Photographers Network](#) membership
- Editor's Pick Awards 2003 Certificate

1st Honorable Mention -

- A selection of [LiteDisc](#) reflectors and diffusers by Photoflex including -
 - One 22-inch Silver/Gold Reflector
 - One 12-inch Silver/Gold Reflector
 - One 12-inch White Translucent Diffuser
- [Kinesis SafariSack](#) Beanbag
- [PhotoLibrary](#) Photo Management Software
- Special edition Editor's Pick Award 2003 [NPN Field Cap](#)
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2nd Honorable Mention -

- A selection of [LiteDisc](#) reflectors and diffusers by Photoflex including -
 - One 12-inch Silver/Gold Reflector
 - One 12-inch White Translucent Diffuser
- [Kinesis SafariSack](#) Beanbag
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In total, over \$11,000.00 in awards were distributed in the 2003 Editor's Pick Awards!

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