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Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Unveils Winners of 23rd Annual Photo Contest

Photo Gallery Brings Art & Joy to Residents

COMMACK, NY— Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center recently unveiled the winners of the annual Gurwin Photo Contest, which are now on permanent display at the 460-bed nursing and rehabilitation facility. The striking photos are a signature element of the warm and welcoming environment at Gurwin.

According to Herbert H. Friedman, Gurwin Center Executive Vice President/CEO, the contest began more than 23 years ago with two objectives: to decorate the new facility, and to give local photographers an opportunity to show off their work. “Our contest has a loyal following, and most of the photographers understand that their photo does more than win them a prize,” he said. “When a photo is chosen, it is not only well-done technically and pleasing in subject matter, but also it is selected with our residents in mind. Knowing that it will bring joy to others for years to come is often cited by photographers as the main reason they enter our contest, regardless of the actual prize won.”

This year, more than 850 entries were received in 12 categories. In all, 44 photos were selected to adorn the walls of the Helen and Nat Tiffen Gallery in the main corridor at Gurwin. The Tiffen Company, whose founder Nat was a Gurwin Center resident, has sponsored the contest for 10 years. “Tiffen Company’s generosity enables us to continue to provide beautiful, changing artwork for our residents to enjoy,” Friedman said.

Professional photographers Michael Cassera, Jan LaRoche and Tony Lopez did the honors as judges; a panel of resident judges then chose their “Resident Selections” from a grouping of possible winners. “It is always exciting to enter this contest,” said Karen Celella, a perennial winner whose photo *Winter Solitude* garnered an Honorable Mention in the Landscape Category. “I am honored to be among the winners again this year. In comparison to the many other contests I have been fortunate to be part of, this contest holds the honor of the very best printing, framing and presenting.”

The Gurwin Photo Contest has become one of Long Island’s premier photo contests, drawing entries from amateur photographers across the country. “There were so many awesome photos this year,” said Lopez, owner of Tony Lopez Photography. “Choosing a winner becomes more difficult each year, because the entries keep getting better and better.”

The contest opens each year on February 15. Submissions are due April 15. Visit www.gurwin.org/about/photo-contest to view the 2016 winners’ gallery. To be placed on next year’s contest mailing list, contact publicrelations@gurwin.org.

Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is a 460-bed nursing care facility located in Commack, Long Island. Gurwin offers skilled nursing care, short-term rehabilitation, medical/post-surgical subacute care, respiratory and ventilator dependent care, an adult day health program, on-site dialysis, hospice care, home care and assisted living. Visit us at www.gurwin.org.

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2016 Curwin Photo Contest Winners

Category	Place	Photographer/ Town	Title of Entry
Action/Sports	GRAND PRIZE	Chuck Goodman (Brentwood)	<i>Bi-Plane Chasing Seagull</i>
	Honorable Mention	Karen L. Maresco (Huntington Sta.)	<i>Home Run!</i>
	Honorable Mention	Bobbie Turner (Melville)	<i>Speed Bike</i>
Altered/Enhanced	GRAND PRIZE	Richard Wikover (Commack)	<i>Surreal Sailboats</i>
	Honorable Mention	Jan Golden (Stony Brook)	<i>In the Rice Paddy</i>
	Honorable Mention	Carole B. Wikover (Commack)	<i>Cubistic Sailboats</i>
Children	GRAND PRIZE	Jo-Anne Bodkin (Dix Hills)	<i>Pretty in Pink</i>
	Honorable Mention	Mike DiRenzo (E. Yapank)	<i>Bubble Boy</i>
	Honorable Mention	Phil Jacknis (Dix Hills)	<i>Discovering the World</i>
Landscapes	GRAND PRIZE	Marzena Grabczynska (Glen Cove)	<i>Sky on Fire</i>
	Honorable Mention	Karen Ceella (Coram)	<i>Winter Solitude</i>
	Honorable Mention	Frank Silverman (E. Setauket)	<i>The Palouse</i>
Nature	GRAND PRIZE	Jo-Anne Bodkin (Dix Hills)	<i>Fallen</i>
	Honorable Mention	Karen Del Rosario (Flushing)	<i>Purple Spring</i>
	Honorable Mention	Howard Krieger (Smithtown)	<i>A Stroll Through the Forest, Vietnam</i>
New York, NY	GRAND PRIZE	Brent Eysler (Cold Spring Harbor)	<i>Father and Son</i>
	Honorable Mention	Hallie Geller (Dix Hills)	<i>Street Strut</i>
	Honorable Mention	Marzena Grabczynska (Glen Cove)	<i>Under the Brooklyn Bridge</i>
People	GRAND PRIZE	Leon Hertzog (E. Northport)	<i>Tuning the Harp</i>
	Honorable Mention	Eugene Leff (Commack)	<i>Galapagos Island</i>
	Honorable Mention	Stan Mehlman (Huntington Sta.)	<i>A Vested Interest</i>
Pets	GRAND PRIZE	Suan Lerner (NY, NY)	<i>A Ride in the Country</i>
	Honorable Mention	Tess Froelich (W. Islip)	<i>Love and Happiness</i>
	Honorable Mention	Rebecca Grella (Northport)	<i>It Snowed</i>
Still Life	GRAND PRIZE	Jovanna Hopkins (Dix Hills)	<i>The Glass Ceiling</i>
	Honorable Mention	Hallie Geller (Dix Hills)	<i>Through the Looking Glass</i>
	Honorable Mention	Alissa Rosenberg (Commack)	<i>Pumpkin Patch</i>
Student	GRAND PRIZE	Caitlin Kennaugh (Ronkonkoma)	<i>A Reflection Perception</i>
	Honorable Mention	Alexa K. Forberg (Huntington)	<i>A Moment</i>
	Honorable Mention	Caylie Silveira (Coram)	<i>Midnight Masquerade</i>
Travel	GRAND PRIZE	Deborah Jahier (Long Beach)	<i>Colorful Living, Vienna</i>
	Honorable Mention	Kathleen Hinkaty (Huntington)	<i>Rue Notre Dam</i>
	Honorable Mention	Robert Weiss (Melville)	<i>Florence</i>
Wildlife	GRAND PRIZE	Jovanna Hopkins (Dix Hills)	<i>Flamingo</i>
	Honorable Mention	Mike DiRenzo (E. Yapank)	<i>Hawaiian Tree Frog</i>
	Honorable Mention	Deborah Monastero (Bohemia)	<i>The Catch</i>

Resident Selections

Dianne Boothe (Bohemia)	<i>"Lakeside Breakfast"</i>
Gary Crowe (Bayside)	<i>"Battery Park, NYC"</i>
Valerie DeBiase (Sea Cliff)	<i>"Set Fire to the Sky"</i> <i>"Sisters Forever"</i>
Stuart Greenberg (Coram)	<i>"Urban Balconies"</i>
Tovah Moran (Ronkonkoma)	<i>"Future Musician"</i>



Lothar Piskin
The Children of the Land
Best in Show
2016



Martyna Grabczynska
The Tidy Staircase
Best in Show - Runner Up
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