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NJMC Announces Photo Contest Winners

Contest Entries on Display at Flyway Gallery in December

LYNDHURST, N.J. – A stunning photo of an immature yellow-crowned night-heron captured first prize in the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission’s 2009 Amateur Photo Contest, “The Meadowlands: 40 Years of Progress,” the NJMC announced today. The winning photo, and other contest entries, will be on display from Dec. 2 to Jan. 3 at the NJMC’s Flyway Gallery.

Kearny resident Ronald Shields’ photo, “Out on a Limb,” placed first out of more than 100 entries received over the past three months. His image captures a young night-heron surveying the Kearny Marsh from its perch on a tree branch jutting over the water.

Laura Frazer of Montclair took second prize for “Reflections,” a beautiful photo of the gazebo and walkway reflected in a tidal impoundment at DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst. Ernie Fragetta of Lyndhurst won third prize for “Beautiful Lyndhurst Meadowlands,” which captures a majestic great egret flying across the marshes. The three winners will receive prizes of \$300, \$150 and \$75.

“We congratulate the winners and all those who entered this year’s photo contest for sharing their artistic talent with the NJMC and the public,” said Robert Ceberio, Executive Director of the NJMC. “The photographers did a wonderful job of capturing the spectacular natural beauty and landscapes that make the Meadowlands such a special place to live, work and play.”

A committee of NJMC judges selected the winning photos as best representing the beauty and progress of the Meadowlands over the past four decades. The contest entries on display at the Flyway Gallery capture flora, fauna, sunsets, tranquil waters and more. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. It is one of several free attractions at the Meadowlands Environment

Center, which is located in DeKorte Park, a 110-acre oasis with walking trails and water views, all framed by the New York City skyline

The NJMC created the Flyway Gallery in 2002 to help foster the cultural identity of the 14-town Meadowlands District by providing a space for talented local artists to display their work. For information on the Flyway Gallery exhibit or Meadowlands Environment Center programs, please call (201) 460-8300 or visit www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec. Directions to the Environment Center are available in the “About Us” section of the NJMC’s Web site, at www.njmeadowlands.gov.

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