

Maryland Professional Photographers Association, Inc.



Image Competition Awards 2023

updated: 02/14/23

MDPPA IMAGE COMPETITION AWARDS

DIGITAL IMAGE COMPETITION AWARDS (MARCH AND JULY)

- All images scoring 80 or above are awarded a Digital Merit ribbon. Digital files for ribbons can be directly download from the MDPPA website.
- **Category Excellence Award** (previously known as Best In Show) are selected from each category. Images to receive awards are chosen by the judges from all meriting images in that category and may be awarded at their discretion. One image may be chosen from each category.
(Best of Show earns one MDPPA print merit)

The following awards are cumulative of the two Digital Image Competitions, and are presented at the awards banquet following the Annual Image Competition:

- **Maryland Photographer of the Year for Highest Overall Average** - Given to the individual with the **highest average of 8 meriting images**, across all categories during the Digital Image Competitions. Meriting images must be accumulated **in at least 3 different categories** during the year, with a **minimum of 2 meriting images per category**. In the event of a tie, each maker will receive the award.
(Awarded a trophy and four MDPPA prints merits)
- **Photographer of the Year (Per Category)** - Given to the maker with the highest average score of the top 4 meriting entries, per category, accumulated by the entrants during the two Digital Image Competitions. In the event of a tie, each maker will receive the award.
(Awarded a trophy and three MDPPA print merits)
- **Photographer of the Year, Runner-Up** - Given to the individuals in each category who accumulate the second highest point totals in Digital Image competitions. In the event of a tie, each maker will receive the award.
(Awarded a certificate and 2 merits.)

ANNUAL COMPETITION AWARDS (OCTOBER)

The MDPPA Annual Image Competition entries will be awarded as follows:

- Entries that earn a score of 80 and above are awarded a blue rosette ribbon.
- Digital files for ribbons can be directly download from the MDPPA website.
(Each merited entry earns one MDPPA print merit)

The following awards are selected during a closed judging session at the conclusion of the Annual Image Competition. All awards are given at the discretion of the judges and are selected from all merited entries from the competition. They do not have to be given to the highest scoring photograph in each category.

CATEGORY AWARDS

- **Meyer Rivkind Portrait of the Year** - One image shall be chosen for this award from the portrait category. This award is given in memory of Meyer "Mike" Rivkind, an outstanding classic portrait photographer who brought many of his techniques here to the U.S. from Europe. He suffered a serious heart attack shortly before he was to go to the PPA convention to receive his Master of Photography degree. Although the PPA rules require a degree recipient to receive his or her degree in person, the PPA thought so highly of Rivkind that his degree was allowed to be sent to Maryland. Three of MDPPA members visited him and presented him with his degree. He passed away shortly thereafter.
(The winning entry is not eligible for any other sub category awards; receives a trophy and two MDPPA print Merits)
- **Illustrative Image of the Year** - One image shall be chosen from the Illustrative category to receive this award.
(The winning entry is not eligible for any other sub category awards; receives a trophy and two MDPPA print Merits)
- **Monte Zucker Wedding Image of the Year** - One image shall be chosen for this award from the Wedding category. This award is given in honor of Monte Zucker, former MDPPA president and Honorary Life Member, who was known world-wide as the dean of the traditional-style wedding photography for his classic posing and lighting techniques. He achieved every photographic degree that exists. His numerous honors included the 2002 Photographer of the Year Award from the United Nations.
(The winning entry is not eligible for any other sub category awards; receives a trophy and two MDPPA print Merits)
- **Artist Image of the Year** - One image shall be chosen from the Artist category to receive this award. The image cannot be a restoration image.
(The winning entry is not eligible for any other sub category awards; receives a trophy and two MDPPA print Merits)

- **Restoration Image of the Year**- One **restoration** image shall be chosen from the Artist category to receive this award.
 (The winning entry is not eligible for any other sub category awards; receives a trophy and two MDPPA print Merits)
- **Paul Snyder Commercial Image of the Year** - One image shall be chosen from the Commercial to receive this award. This award is given in recognition of commercial photographer Paul Snyder, the only photographer who is still alive to have an award named after him or her. This award was established when he retired from photography and the Association.

• (The winning entry is not eligible for any other sub category awards; receives a trophy and two MDPPA print Merits)
- **Reportage Image of the Year**- One image shall be chosen from the Reportage category to receive this award.
 (The winning entry is not eligible for any other sub category awards; receives a trophy and two MDPPA print Merits)
- **Tom Kreiger Album of the Year** - One social event album/book will be selected to receive this award from the album/book category. This award is given in memory of Tom Kreiger, former MDPPA president, who specialized in event photography. Tom was diagnosed with a brain tumor and passed away at the age of 40.
 (The winning entry is not eligible for any other sub category awards; receives a trophy and two MDPPA print Merits)
- **Album of the Year – Non-Event** - One non-event album/book will be selected to receive this award from the album/book category.
 (The winning entry is not eligible for any other sub category awards; receives a trophy and two MDPPA print Merits)
- **“Maryland” Image of the Year** - One image shall be chosen from the Maryland category to receive this award.
 (The winning entry is not eligible for any other sub category awards; receives a trophy and two MDPPA print Merits)

CROSS-CATEGORY AWARDS

- **Kelly Pierce Award- Best Portrait of a Child** - One image shall be chosen for this award that represents the best portrait of a child or children from any category. This award is given in memory of Kelly Pierce, who was the daughter of Ed and Barbara Pierce. Ed is a past president and an Honorary Life member of the MDPPA. Kelly passed away in 1980 at the age of 9 due to a previously undiagnosed brain tumor, which caused an aneurysm that burst without warning.
(Awarded a trophy and one MPDDA print merit)
- **Ralph White Award- Best Portrait of a Pet** - One image shall be chosen for this award that represents the Best Photograph of a Pet. This award is given in memory of Ralph White who was a wonderful pet photographer. He photographed everything in transparencies and regularly scored 90's and 100's for his pet photographs.
(Awarded a trophy and one MDPPA print merit)
- **Caroline Yen Award- Best Nature Image** – Chosen from any category and all merited images, one image shall be chosen to receive this award. This award was established and funded by Harry Yen in honor of his wife Caroline who passed away after a long illness. Harry Yen was a world-respected photographer who had won just about every photographic award there was to win. He was a Master Photographer of China, Europe and the USA. At his request, this award has traditionally been in the form of a clock.
(Awarded a clock trophy and one MDPPA print merit)
- **Prosperos Zevallos Award - Best Black and White Image** - Chosen from any category and all merited images, one image shall be chosen for this award that represents the best black and white image. This award was created in honor of Prosperos Zevallos, a long-time member of MDPPA known for his black and white photographs and his endearing wit and humor.
(Awarded a trophy and one MDPPA print merit)
- **Karl Hartig Award - Most Creative Image** - Chosen from any category and all merited images, one image shall be chosen for this award from any category. The criterion for this award is the most creative image. This award is given in memory of Karl Hartig, one of MDPPA's founding fathers. Karl was considered by many to be the epitome of quality photography. He was always willing to share his knowledge and educate up-and-coming photographers.
(Awarded a trophy and one MDPPA print merit)

SPECIAL AWARDS

- **Sweepstakes Award** - This award is given to the entrant with the highest average score. **This will be calculated from an entrant's highest four entry scores** from the following categories: Album/Book, Artist, Commercial, Creative Open, Illustrative, Maryland, Portrait and Wedding.
(Awarded a trophy and four MDPPA print merits)
- **ASP Elite Award** – Provided by ASP and awarded to the highest scoring entry by a current, active member of the American Society of Photographers at the state convention. This award is sponsored by Millers Professional Imaging in memory of their founder William Miller. In the event of a tie, total case score will be the first tiebreaker. In the unlikely event that a tie still exists, the second highest scoring entry in the case will break the tie, the third highest scoring entry will break the tie. If by the remotest chance a tie still exists, ASP will declare co-winners of the award and provide an additional trophy.
(This is a non- MDDPA merit award)
- **CPP Award** – Provided by PPA and awarded to the highest scoring entry by a member in good standing with PPA and who is a current CPP. In the case of a tie, the judges will select a winner. (This is a non- MDDPA merit award)

MANUFACTURER AWARDS

Fuji Masterpiece Award (non-merit award)

The Fujifilm Masterpiece Award is given to the makers of the best image in the Portrait, Illustrative and Wedding categories. **Only Physical Prints are eligible for this award.**

This award is given in recognition of technical execution and visual impact and is not necessarily the highest scoring print in its category. Any or all of the awards may or may not be given if, in the opinion of the judges, there are no prints meeting the criteria. The entry form and print label must be marked appropriately to indicate being eligible for the award.

To qualify for a Fujifilm Masterpiece Award:

- The image must receive a score of 80 or higher
- The judges must agree that it best represents the category with the highest level of professional photography
- The image must be printed on Fujicolor Paper

The maker must not be an employee of Fujifilm North America Corporation

MARYLAND LOAN COLLECTION AWARDS

The purpose of this collection of images is to represent the top 50% of merited images from each category. All category, cross category and special awarded images automatically earn the Maryland Loan Collection recognition. To be eligible for this award you must check the box on the entry form that states, "I hereby agree to the Maryland Loan Collection (MLC) terms and conditions as stated in the Print Rules". The terms and conditions are:

- I agree to supply the MLC officer with the print and an artist's bio within 30 days upon receipt of the award at my expense (print and mounted as per MLC Guidelines) unless MDPPA secures a sponsor for the printing of images.
- I understand that the MLC image will travel Maryland for three years. If I leave the MDPPA organization, my print will be removed from the MLC.
- I agree to supply the MLC officer and the MDPPA Secretary with updated contact information so that I can be notified of where & when my print will be exhibited.
- The new MLC print will include my name & the title of the print on the back of the image.
- I agree that any frames purchased by MDPPA are the property of MDPPA. If the work is sold, the frame is to be returned to MDPPA. If the artist chooses to offer their image for sale, the transaction should be conducted directly between the artist and the client, MDPPA is not involved.
- I agree that images may travel as an entire loan collection or travel separately (in the event of entry into a themed exhibition)
- I understand that failure to comply with the MLC terms and conditions will make me ineligible to be considered for this award in the future.
(Awarded a ribbon and one MDPPA Merit)