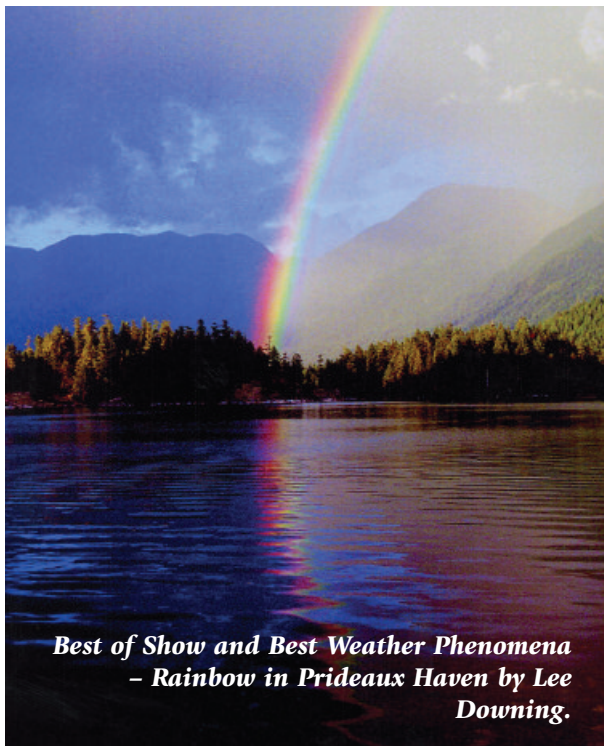


A Breathtaking Gallery

One photo captured the serenity of white swans gliding across clear blue waters in the shadow of snowcapped mountains. Another photo captured the early morning fog as it crept through a forest of tall trees. Still another photographer captured on film the beauty of a spider at work in its glistening web.

The 2005-06 Lions Environmental Photo Contest gallery at the 89th Annual Lions International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, included a breathtaking collection of photos from Lions multiple districts.

Introduced in 2004-05, the Lions Environmental Photo Contest encourages Lions to capture the beauty of nature through the lens of a camera. The contest is open to Lions clubs all over the world. The Lions Environment Program, approved in 1972, encourages Lions to preserve and protect the environment.



*Best of Show and Best Weather Phenomena
– Rainbow in Prideaux Haven by Lee Downing.*



Best Plant Life – Magic Colors by Jan Cariveau.

Any Lion Can Enter

Participation in the Lions Environmental Photo Contest is free and open to all Lions from clubs in good standing. The selection process is similar to the Lions International Peace Poster Contest process.

First, a Lions club agrees to hold a club-level contest. Club members display environment photos (without human subjects) at a designated club meeting. Photos can be digital or print and color or black-and-white. Environment subjects can include: animals, plants, landscapes (urban or natural), weather phenomena, or a photo depicting a special annual theme.

The winner of the club-level photo contest advances to district and multiple district competitions.

Contest rules and entry forms appear on the Lions Web site (www.lionsclubs.org). From the home page, click into *Other Programs, Cultural and Environmental*, then *Lions Environmental Photo Contest*. In addition, council chairpersons, council secretaries, district governors, district environment chairpersons, and club presidents receive information about the contest.

Lions Judge the Contest

At the 89th Annual Lions International Convention in Boston, attendees viewed and then voted for their favorite multiple district photographs. Located on the convention floor, the photo gallery included entries from Brazil, Canada, Cayman Islands, China, Costa Rica, Finland, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Lebanon, Mexico, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, USA and Wales.

At 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 2, International

Director Maynard Rucks served as moderator for the Lions Environmental Photo Contest Awards Ceremony. "Each category winner will receive an engraved wood plaque," said Rucks. "The Best of Show winner will receive an engraved acrylic plaque. The ballots have been tallied. Now it's time to unveil the winners of the second Lions Environmental Photo Contest."

- Best of Show and Best Weather Phenomena – *Rainbow in Prideaux Haven* by Lee Downing, Mohawk Valley Lions Club, Multiple District 36, Oregon.
- Best Landscape – *Manmade Beauty and the Threat* by Olav Kalvatn, Sykkulven Lions Club, Multiple District 104, Norway.
- Best Animal Life – *Unprejudiced* by Jose Antonio A. Fernandez, Primavera-Rosana Lions Club, Multiple District LB, Brazil.
- Best Plant Life – *Magic Colors* by Jan Cariveau, Maple Grove Lions Club, Multiple District 5M, Minnesota.
- Best Special Theme Photo (A Passion for Our World) – *Silent Flight* by Penny Rummel, Apex Lions Club, Multiple District 31, North Carolina.



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2006 district convention. Their 33 club-level photos (matted by a local frame shop for free) were displayed and entered into a silent auction.

At the end of their convention, photo sales totaled US\$1,000. The district photo contest winner, George Millet of the Dundee Township Lions Club, became the newest Melvin Jones Fellow in the district.

For information about the Lions Environmental Photo Contest, contact the Program Development Department at international headquarters at 630-571-5466, ext. 500 or e-mail programs@lionsclubs.org. ■



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The finalist photos appear on the Lions Web site (www.lionsclubs.org; click on: Other Programs, Cultural and Environmental, then Lions Environment Photo Contest.)

Photos for Fundraising

After the awards ceremony, a silent auction that began during the judging of the photos continued. Throughout the convention, attendees had placed bids for the matted photos. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) received all proceeds.

"The photos are a wonderful souvenir of my trip to Boston," said Lion Trish Blair of Columbia 20/20 Lions Club, Missouri, who purchased several photos. "The money goes to LCIF, and I plan to display the photos at our Lions events."

The Lions of District 1-J, Illinois, displayed their 2005-06 club-level photos at their March



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