The 2021 Photo Contest Winners

Grand Prize and U.S. East Coast:
“Magical Monarchs,” by Maura K. Boswell

“The butterflies were all over the dunes for a few days and looked so pretty with the yellow flowers blooming.”
Above:
U.S. Great Lakes Coast:
“Overtopping Splash-Up at Columbia Park, Bay Village, Ohio, on 31 January 2021 before Lake Erie Freezes Over,” by Christopher M. Day

Facing page:
Caribbean (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands):
“Tropical Treasure,” by Kevián Augusto Pérez Valentín.
“Aerial view of the coastline of Punta Maracayo Hatillo, Puerto Rico. Image taken with a DJI Mavic Air 2.”
U.S. Gulf of Mexico Coast:
“Painted Skies, Siesta Key Beach, Florida,” by Westleigh Moore

“I thought it may be worth mentioning that the photo has no filters because I like to play around with the camera’s manual settings.”
ASBPA’s 15th annual photography contest

The editors of Shore & Beach announce the ASBPA’s 15th annual photography competition. The purpose of the contest is to highlight the beauty and natural wonders of America’s magnificent coasts as part of celebrating more than 85 years of continuous publication of Shore & Beach.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE: The competition is open to all except ASBPA consultants and/or their immediate families (children, spouses, parents).

SUBJECT MATTER AND RULES:
Any photographs depicting the coastal zone are appropriate. These include, but are not limited to beaches, bluffs, marinas, wetlands, marine life, recreational facilities, and engineered projects as long as they include the setting in which they were built (i.e. no portraits of dredges or your favorite armor unit).

Manipulated photographs (colorized, posterized, solarized, etc.) are also welcome if the photographer briefly describes the changes or procedure. The original base photograph must have been taken by the submitter.

Submissions must be made in one of the geographic categories listed below.

Winning photographs may be used as cover art on Shore & Beach. Therefore, VERTICAL-format photographs are highly preferred. Horizontal photographs can be submitted, too, but if a horizontal format photograph is a winner in one of the categories below, the editors of ASBPA may have to crop some of the image, at their sole discretion, to fit on the cover of Shore & Beach.

Photographs must have been taken since 1 January 2022. Photographs can be full-color, black and white, sepia, or colorized.

CATEGORIES:
• U.S. East Coast
• U.S. Gulf of Mexico Coast
• Caribbean (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands)
• U.S. Pacific Coast and Alaska
• U.S. Great Lakes
• Pacific (Hawaiian Islands, Guam, etc.)

SUBMISSION: Participants are to send electronic files in JPEG, TIFF or BMP format to contest@ASBPA.org.

The full-size JPEG file as created in your camera (note, minimum camera resolution of 3 megapixels to allow for sufficient printing quality for cover art) or a reduced-size file (800x600 pixels minimum). Winners will have to send the full-size file later.

Each participant may submit up to three (3) photographs total. Photographers may submit all entries in a single category or select different categories as long as the total does not exceed five photographs.

Do not submit RAW files because there are too many manufacturer-specific formats. Convert RAW files to JPEG or TIFF files.

Also, please do not submit prints or transparencies of any size. ASBPA simply does not have the facilities to properly scan materials and handle the logistics of physical submissions.

In the text of the email, please include the following information:
1) Your name
2) Physical address
3) Email address
4) Occupation and place of employment
5) Photograph title or description
6) Date taken
7) Category (see list above)
8) Indicate if submission is full-size original or reduced size file for contest purpose.
9) Other notes if necessary (what is happening if it is an unusual scene, why you took the photograph, etc.).

WHEN: Deadline for submitting entries is 11:59 p.m. EDT on 1 October 2022.

PRIZES:
Winner in each category will have his (her) name and photograph printed in either Shore & Beach or the “Coastal Voice” e-newsletter, or both.

A Grand Prize winner will be selected from among the category winners to have his or her photograph printed on the cover of Shore & Beach and receive an annual membership renewal to ASBPA.

Other entries of outstanding merit may be printed in “Coastal Voice,” Shore & Beach, or on the ASBPA website. (Note: The editors may contact you for more information).

THE FINE PRINT: LEGAL CONDITIONS:
By entering the contest, photographers agree to the following entry rules and conditions.

Your entry in the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your photographs and your name, occupation, city and state of residence to be published in a selected award winner in Shore & Beach, used on websites owned by the ASBPA or otherwise displayed or published in association with ASBPA and its activities. The American Shore & Beach Preservation Association retains permission in perpetuity for future use of the photographs in any and all ASBPA publications, materials, or activities.

By entering the contest also constitutes your agreement that your name, likeness, city, and winning photograph(s) may be used by ASBPA for promotional and publication purposes without compensation.

Participant warrants that his or her entry materials are original, do not infringe on any third party’s rights, and that the participant has obtained any and all necessary permissions and releases from any third party if such third party appears in the photograph. Permission may not be needed for persons depicted in photographs taken in public settings such as crowded beaches where the purpose of the photograph is to show the overall setting or the environment.

ASBPA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any entry, and/or to name winners in any category where photos of sufficient quality or quantity have not been received.

ASBPA reserves the right to alter the photographs submitted as it sees fit.

By entering, participants release and hold harmless the ASBPA and its officers, contractors, , attorneys, agents and representatives from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, claim, action, demand or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with the contest or any prize won, any use of the entry materials by ASBPA.

ASBPA is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information by any technical or human error that may occur in the processing of submissions to the ASBPA, including but not limited to any misprints or typographical errors.

ASBPA reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify, extend or suspend the contest.

ASBPA will not share or sell your personal information to any party, and winners’ full addresses will not be printed.

All decisions by the ASBPA judges will be final and binding. Editors and officers of ASBPA will serve as the review and judging committee.