



Nikon Photo Contest (color) 2nd Place — Fauna
Keith Szafranski — *Eagle in Flight*

2003 Excellence in Craft Award Winners

Featured along with the 2003 Excellence in Craft award winners are some of the Nikon Photo Contest winners.

Big Game Hunting Contest Sponsored by Leupold & Stevens

Magazine Category:

1st place: Christopher Batin, Fairbanks, AK, "Cub Killer," *Outdoor Life*, April 2002
2nd place: Bill McRae, Choteau, MT, "Orb's Old Elk Rifle," *American Hunter*, July 2002
3rd place: Galen Geer, Finley, ND, "The Fifth Day," *Mule Deer Magazine*, Dec. 2002

Newspaper Category:

1st place: Shannon Tompkins, Houston, TX, "Waiting for Signal to Pull Trigger," *Houston Chronicle*, Jan. 10, 2002
2nd place: Shannon Tompkins, Houston, TX, "Jaguars' Time in Texas is Gone for Good," *Houston Chronicle*, Dec. 15, 2002
3rd place: Ed Zieralski, San Diego, CA, "Just Say Neigh," *San Diego Union-Tribune*, Dec. 7, 2002

Art/Photo Category:

1st place: David Sams, Dallas, TX, "My Buck," *Outdoor Life*, Oct. 2002
2nd place: William Mullins, Boise, ID, "Brown Bear," Silver Creek Press Wildlife Calendar, 2002
3rd place: Tim Flanigan, Bedford, PA, "Feel the Excitement," *Keystone Sportsman*, Jan./Feb. 2002

TV/Video Category:

1st place: Mark Kayser, Pierre, SD, "Wyoming Elk," ESPN2,

June 15, 2002

2nd place: Ron Schara, Minneapolis, MN, "Elk Hunt," ESPN2, Sept. 29, 2002
3rd place: Babe Winkelman, Brainerd, MN, "Three Forks Archery Elk," The Outdoor Channel, July 22, 2002

Radio Category:

1st place: Peter Mathiesen, St. Louis, MO, "African Stories," Field and Stream Radio Network, May 4, 2002
2nd place: Paul Lepisto, Pierre, SD, "The Risk of CWD," Dakota Backroads Radio, Nov. 25, 2002
3rd place: Marty Malin, Laredo, TX, "What Happened?," The Wildlife Report, Oct. 2002

Boating/Paddlesports Contest Sponsored by Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation

Magazine Category:

1st place: T. Edward Nickens, Raleigh, NC, "The Big Ditch," *Wildlife in North Carolina*, May 2002
2nd place: Capt. Mike Holmes, Oyster Creek, TX, "The Ultimate in Recycling," *Marlin*, Feb./March 2002
3rd place: Ryck Lydecker, Alexandria, VA, "Boating in America's Outback," *Boat U.S. Magazine*, March 2002

Newspaper Category:

1st place: Dale Bowman, St. Anne, IL, "Simply Divine," *Chi-*

cago Sun-Times, May 26, 2002

2nd place: Brent Frazee, Kansas City, MO, "Great Plains Kayaking," *Kansas City Star*, July 14, 2002
3rd place: Fenton Roskelley, Spokane, WA, "Outdoorsmen Can Learn," *Spokesman Review*, Dec. 4, 2002

Art/Photo Category:

1st place: Bill Becher, Westlake Village, CA, "Chaos, Uncertainty, Danger," *Daily News*, June 13, 2002
2nd place: David Sams, Dallas, TX, "A Ground," *Boating Life*, May 2002
3rd place: Bill Lindner, Minneapolis, MN, "Bassing South of the Border," *Sports Afield*, Feb. 2002

Video Category:

1st place: Ron Schara, Minneapolis, MN, "BWCA," ESPN2, March 6, 2002
2nd place: Dave Carlson, Eau Claire, WI, "Wings on Their Sides," WQOW, Aug. 11, 2002
3rd place: Bill Pryor, Billings, MT, "Boating on Cooney," KULR-8 (NBC), July 25, 2002

Radio Category:

1st place: Bob Hirsch, Cave Creek, AZ, "Boating Week," KMVP Radio, June 1, 2002
2nd place: Bob Hirsch, Cave Creek, AZ, "Fall Out of a Boat," KMVP Radio, May 25, 2002
3rd place: Tony Dean, Pierre, SD, "The Best First Boat," Dakota Backroads, Jan. 17, 2002

Book Contest

Sponsored by Krause Publications

1st place: Tosh Brown, Austin, TX, *Texas Tides*
2nd place: Rob Wegner, Blue Mounds, WI, *Legendary Deer Camps*
3rd place: Keith Sutton, Alexander, AR, *Hunting Arkansas*

Camping/Backpacking/Outdoor Recreational Travel/Biking/Climbing Contest Sponsored by The Coleman Company

Magazine Category:

1st place: Thomas Stienstra, Weed, CA, "Grounds for Adventure," *Westways*, July 2002
2nd place: T. Edward Nickens, Raleigh, NC, "From 0 to 60," *Wildlife in North Carolina*, Aug. 2002
3rd place: Jim Casada, Rock Hill, SC, "Camping in the Smokies," *Smoky Mountain Living*, Fall 2002

Newspaper Category:

1st place: Rich Landers, Spokane, WA, "Silver Valley's Newest Gem," *Spokesman-Review*, Oct. 27, 2002
2nd place: Rich Landers, Spokane, WA, "Another Europe," *Spokesman-Review*, July 28, 2002
3rd place: Holly Endersby, Corvallis, OR, "Perpetua Motion," *MidValley Sunday Corvallis Gazette Times*, April 28, 2002

Art/Photo Category:

1st place: Earl Nottingham, Temple, TX, "Solitario Solamente," *Texas Parks & Wildlife*, Oct. 2002
 2nd place: Earl Nottingham, Temple, TX, "Texas Wheel Estates," *Texas Parks & Wildlife*, Aug. 2002
 3rd place: Kent Dannen, Allenspark, CO, "Mushing in a Winter Wonderland," *Women in the Outdoors*, Winter 2002

TV/Video Category:

1st place: Leslie Gaines, Gainesville, FL, "Expedition Florida: Wild Alachua," WUFT-TV, Oct. 23, 2002
 2nd place: Dave Carlson, Eau Claire, WI, "On the Rocks," WQOW-TV, May 12, 2002
 3rd place: Ron Schara, Minneapolis, MN, "Paul Bunyon Trail," KARE-TV, April 14, 2002

Radio Category:

1st place: Bob Hirsch, Cave Creek, AZ, "Sleep on the Ground," KMVP, April 6, 2002
 2nd place: Ann Hirsch Norzagaray, Cortaro, AZ, "Word from the Wild – Cochise," KMVP, Sept. 14, 2002
 3rd place: Ann Hirsch Norzagaray, Cortaro, AZ, "Word from the Wild – Camp Kitchen," KMVP, May 4, 2002

Conservation/Environment Contest**Sponsored by Ducks Unlimited Magazine Category:**

1st place: Gary Turbak, Missoula, MT, "Walking the Line," *National Wildlife*, Oct./Nov. 2002
 2nd place: T. Edward Nickens, Raleigh, NC, "North America's Fish Feel the Heat," *National Wildlife*, June/July 2002
 3rd place: Scott Stouder, Corvallis, OR, "Roads, Elk or Hunting," *Bugle*, March/April 2002

Newspaper Category:

1st place: Robert Drieslein, Eden Prairie, MN, "CWD: An Expert's Opinion," *Outdoor News*, Sept. 27, 2002
 2nd place: Pete Thomas, Los

Angeles, CA, "Totoaba – A Fighting Chance," *Los Angeles Times*, Nov. 15, 2002
 3rd place: Rich Patterson, Cedar Rapids, IA, "Watershed Abuse Caused Recent Flood Damage," *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, June 12, 2002

Art/Photo Category:

1st place: Bill Marchel, Fort Ripley, MN, "Loon and Chick," Lake County Journal Calendar, 2002
 2nd place: Bill Kinney, Redding, IA, "Snake – The Other White Meat," American Wild Bird Calendar, 2002
 3rd place: Denver Bryan, Bozeman, MT, "Special Delivery," *Texas Parks & Wildlife*, July 2002

TV/Video Category:

1st place: Leslie Gaines, Gainesville, FL, "Expedition Florida: The Wild Heart of Florida," WUSF-TV, Feb. 7, 2002
 2nd place: Lawrence Pyne, Cornwall, VT, "Living With Beaver," WETK, Vermont Public Television, Jan. 15, 2002
 3rd place: Dave Carlson, Eau Claire, WI, "WNV's Big Bite Next?," WQOW, Oct. 6, 2002

Radio Category:

1st place: Chris Slemp, Culloden, WV, "ATVs: Between a Rock and a Hard Place," WV Outdoors/MetroNews Radio Network, July

13, 2002
 2nd place: Chris Slemp, Culloden, WV, "Fishing the Great Lakes," WV Outdoors/MetroNews Radio, May 4, 2002
 3rd place: Marty Malin, Laredo, TX, "Tongass National Forest," The Wildlife Report, Oct. 2002

Family Participation/Youth Outdoor Education Contest Co-Sponsored by Daisy Manufacturing and Realtree Camouflage Magazine Category:

1st place: Bruce Masterman, High River, Alberta, "A Special Place and Time," *Outdoor Canada*, April 2002
 2nd place: Richard Wulterkens, Stanley, WI, "The Stick," *Wisconsin Outdoor Journal*, Oct./Nov. 2002
 3rd place: T. Edward Nickens, Raleigh, NC, "From 0 to 60," *Wildlife in North Carolina*, Aug. 2002

Newspaper Category:

1st place: Steve Griffin, Midland, MI, "Getting Hooked on Fishing," *Midland Daily News*, May 30, 2002
 2nd place: Thomas Stienstra, Weed, CA, "Learning the Lessons of a Night in the Backyard," *San Francisco Chronicle*, Nov. 24, 2002
 3rd place: Galen Geer, Finley,

ND, "My Mother's Hunter's Heart," *Steele County Press*, Nov. 8, 2002

Art/Photo Category:

1st place: Denver Bryan, Bozeman, MT, "A Beginning Shaped," Fieldandstream.com, Oct. 2002
 2nd place: Charles Willey, Lemington, VT, "Ice Fishing With Dad," Vermont Fish and Wildlife Calendar, 2002
 3rd place: Gary Kramer, Willows, CA, "Young Hunter with Lab and Mallard," Cabela's Wildlife Conservation Calendar, 2002

TV/Video Category:

1st place: Gary Schafer, Peoria, AZ, "Rabbit Hunt," KAET TV8, Sept. 21, 2002
 2nd place: Ron Schara, Minneapolis, MN, "Laura's



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 3rd Place – Fauna
 Joseph Doggett – *Wild-Eyed Alaska*

Turkey," ESPN2, March 20, 2002
 3rd place: Keith Warren, New Braunfels, TX, "Earning a Hunt," The Outdoor Channel, Aug. 14, 2002

Radio Category:

1st place: Marty Malin, Laredo, TX, "Adam's First," The Wildlife Report, Jan. 2002
 2nd place: Chris Slemp, Culloden, WV, "Hank Meets Red Rider," WV Outdoors/MetroNews Radio Network, Sept. 19, 2002
 3rd place: Bob Hirsch, Cave



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 Donna Dannen – *Ponderosa Pine*

Creek, AZ, "Stay Forever,"
KMVP, June 29, 2002

Fishing Contest

Sponsored by Chevrolet

Magazine Category:

1st place: Bruce Masterman,
High River, Alberta, "A Special
Place and Time," *Outdoor
Canada*, April 2002
2nd place: Dave Vedder, Wood-
inville, WA, "South to Alijos," *Salt
Water Sportsman*, Aug. 2002
3rd place: Raymond Hrynyk,
Syracuse, NY, "Wishing Well,"
On the Trail, Feb. 2002

Newspaper Category:

1st place: John E. Phillips,
Birmingham, AL, "Hooked On
Life," *Birmingham Post Herald*,
July 22, 2002
2nd place: Brent Frazee, Kansas
City, MO, "The Frugal
Fisherman," *Kansas City Star*,
Aug. 11, 2002
3rd place: Dave Strege, Brea,
CA, "Searching for the Holy Grail
of Fishing," *Orange County*

Register, Sept. 3, 2002

Art/Photo Category:

1st place: Bill Marchel, Fort
Ripley, MN, "Silhouette on Ice,"
Jakes, Winter 2002
2nd place: Denver Bryan,
Bozeman, MT, "Permit Release,"
Fly Fish America, April 2002
3rd place: Judd Cooney, Pagosa
Springs, CO, "Quality Time,"
Colorado Fishing Guide, 2002

TV/Video Category:

1st place: Dave Carlson, Eau
Claire, WI, "A Fish Gift," WQOW-
TV, June 30, 2002
2nd place: Babe Winkelman,
Brainerd, MN, "Spot and Stalk
Pike," *The Outdoor Channel*, Jan.
17-21, 2002
3rd place: Keith Warren, New
Braunfels, TX, "Taking the Kids,"
The Outdoor Channel, May 6,
2002

Radio Category:

1st place: Marty Malin, Laredo,
TX, "An Old Salt," *The Wildlife*

Report, July 2002

2nd place: Tony Dean, Pierre,
SD, "It Makes Sense to Use
Scents," *Dakota Backroads*,
March 23, 2002

3rd place: Peter Mathiesen, St.
Louis, MO, "The Lake Trout That
Ate the Thumb," *Field & Stream
Radio Network*, Jan. 19, 2002

Humor Contest

**Sponsored by the Outdoor
Writers Association of America**
Magazine Category:

1st place: Dave Vedder,
Woodinville, WA, "Steelhead Can
be Awful Cowards," *Fish Alaska
Magazine*, April 2002
2nd place: Chuck Robbins,
Dillon, MT, "Near Virgin
Wilderness Feeshing," *Sporting
Tales*, March/April 2002
3rd place: Gene Kira, Valley Cen-
ter, GA, "A Bloody Good Meal,"
Western Outdoors, June 2002

Newspaper Category:

1st place: Kendal Hemphill,
Mason, TX, "Dashing Through
the Slab," *Mason County News*,
April 10, 2002
2nd place: Reavis Wortham,
Frisco, TX, "Monkey Shines,"
Bryan Eagle, March 14, 2002
3rd place: Mark Freeman,
Medford, OR, "This Sounds Like
a Case for the Fish Detective,"
Medford Mail Tribune, March 7,
2002

Art/Photo Category:

1st place: Judd Cooney, Pagosa
Springs, CO, "Faux Fight,"
Whitetail Times, Aug./Sept. 2002
2nd place: Bill Lindner, Minnea-
polis, MN, "Fisherman's Jacuzzi,"
Storm Lure Catalog, Spring 2002
3rd place: Wendy Shattil/Bob
Rozinski, Denver, CO, "Just One
More," *Colorado Wildlife
Calendar*, 2002

TV/Video Category:

1st place: Ron Schara,
Minneapolis, MN, "Greg the
Grouse," KARE-TV, April 7, 2002
2nd place: Babe Winkelman,
Brainerd, MN, "Turkey Strut," *The
Outdoor Channel*, Sept. 2, 2002

3rd place: Ray Eng, East Gull
Lake, MN, "Muskie Mania," *The
Outdoor Channel*, March 18, 2002

Radio Category:

1st place: Marty Malin, Laredo,
TX, "How to Feed a Cat a Pill,"
The Wildlife Report, Aug. 2002
2nd place: Peter St. James,
Warner, NH, "Four Reasons,"
WNNH, Nov. 2002
3rd place: Peter Mathiesen, St.
Louis, MO, "Bush Pilots and
Cigars," *Field & Stream Radio
Network*, April 27, 2002

Natural History Contest

**Sponsored by the Outdoor
Writers Association of America**
Magazine Category:

1st place: Michael Furtman,
Duluth, MN, "God's Swamp,"
Texas Parks & Wildlife, July 2002
2nd place: Linda Steiner,
Cooperstown, PA, "Pennsylvania
Elk ... Personally," *Pennsylvania
Game News*, Sept. 2002
3rd place: Chris Madson,
Cheyenne, WY, "When the Going
Gets Tough," *Wyoming Wildlife*,
Oct. 2002

Newspaper Category:

1st place: Pete Thomas, Los
Angeles, CA, "Guadalupe Island
- Shark Haunt," *Los Angeles
Times*, Aug. 21, 2002
2nd place: Ed Zieralski, San
Diego, CA, "Power of Nature,"
San Diego Union Tribune,
Nov. 30, 2002
3rd place: Brent Frazee, Kansas
City, MO, "On the Trail of Lewis
and Clark," *Kansas City Star*,
Oct. 25, 2002

Art/Photo Category:

1st place: Charles Willey,
Lemington, VT, "Moose at
Sunrise," *Official New Hampshire
Guidebook*, 2002
2nd place: Wendy Shattil/Bob
Rozinski, Denver, CO, "Bison at
Dunes," *Nature Conservancy
Journal*, Spring 2002
3rd place: Gary Kramer, Willows,
CA, "Leopard," *Cabela's
Wildlife Conservation
Calendar*, 2002



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Kent Dannen — *Golden Retriever*

TV/Video Category:

1st place: Leslie Gaines, Gainesville, FL, "Expedition Florida: The Wild Heart of Florida," WUSF-TV, Feb. 7, 2002
 2nd place: Michael English, Columbia, MD, "Outdoors Maryland: Colonel Lee's Birdhouse," Maryland Public Television, May 26, 2002



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 Tim Christie — *A Special Moment on the Hunt*

3rd place: Mike Baker, Tulsa, OK, "Wayne's Buffalo," ESPN2, Jan. 20, 2002

Radio Category:

1st place: Peter St. James, Warner, NH, "Acorns," WNNH, June 2002
 2nd place: Peter St. James, Warner, NH, "Rattlesnakes," WNNH, Feb. 2002
 3rd place: Bob Marshall and Peter Mathiesen, St. Louis, MO, "The Summer of the Cicada," Field and Stream Radio Network, Jan. 19, 2002

Newspaper Outdoor Page Award
Sponsored by the Outdoor Writers Association of America
Page Category:

1st place: *Record Searchlight*, Redding, CA, Thom Gabrukiewicz, Outdoors Editor
 1st Honorable Mention: *Journal Gazette*, Fort Wayne, IN, Phil Bloom, Outdoors Editor
 2nd Honorable Mention: *Greeley Tribune*, Greeley, CO, Dan England, Outdoors Writer

Section Category:

1st place: *Charleston Daily Mail*, Charleston, WV, John McCoy, Outdoors Writer
 1st Honorable Mention: *Daily News of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles, CA, Bill Becher, Outdoors Writer
 2nd Honorable Mention: *Wyoming Tribune Eagle*,

Cheyenne, WY, Tyler Stockton, outdoors writer

Outdoor Ethics/Take Pride In America Contest
Co-Sponsored by Izaak Walton League of America and National Wild Turkey Federation
Magazine Category:

1st place: Bill Sherwonit, Anchorage, AK, "Mountain of Trash," *Alaska Magazine*, May/June 2002
 2nd place: Michael Furtman, Duluth, MN, "Hung Out to Dry," *Outdoor America*, Spring 2002
 3rd place: Linda Steiner, Coopers-town, PA, "The Pymatuning Lake Association," *Pennsylvania Angler & Boater*, Sept./Oct. 2002

Newspaper Category:

1st place: Scott Stouder, Corvallis, OR, "Life or Death with Dignity," *Corvallis Gazette-Times*, March 31, 2002
 2nd place: Shannon Tompkins, Houston, TX, "Trap Corps," *Houston Chronicle*, March 7, 2002
 3rd place: Doug Smith, Lakeville, MN, "A Game Warden's Life," *Star Tribune*, June 23, 2002



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 Bill Marchel — *Sunset With Two Oyster Plant Seed Heads*

Art/Photo Category:

1st place: Earl Nottingham, Temple, TX, "Texas Rivers," Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Publications, June 2002
 2nd place: Wendy Shattil/Bob Rozinski, Denver, CO, "Family Stroll," *Birder's World*, Aug. 2002
 3rd place: Neal Mishler, Great Falls, MT, "Poached Elk in Glacier National Park," *Montana Outdoors*, Sept./Oct. 2002

TV/Video Category:

1st place: Ron Schara, Minneapolis, MN, "Buffalo Roundup," KARE, Nov. 30, 2002
 2nd place: Ron Schara, Minneapolis, MN, "DU Story," KARE, Oct. 20, 2002
 3rd place: Babe Winkelman, Brainerd, MN, "Anything for Elk," The Outdoor Channel, Sept. 16, 2002

Radio Category:

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 2nd place: Ann Hirsch Norzagaray, Cortaro, AZ, "Word From the Wild: Hunter's Safety," KMVP, Dec. 7, 2002
 3rd place: Marty Malin, Laredo, TX, "Bad Apples," The Wildlife Report, April 2002

Outdoor Related Essays Contest
Sponsored by Outdoor Writers Association of America
Magazine Category:

1st place: Chris Madson, Cheyenne, WY, "What We Owe," *Wyoming Wildlife*, April 2002

2nd place: Terry Sheely, Black Diamond, WA, "Chinook Winds," *Alaska Airlines Magazine*, Sept. 2002
 3rd place: Christopher Batin, Fairbanks, AK, "Cub Killer," *Outdoor Life*, April 2002

Newspaper Category:

1st place: Rich Landers, Spokane, WA, "Even Great Anglers Try to Do Better," *Spokesman-Review*, Aug. 8, 2002
 2nd place: George Smith, Mountain Top, PA, "A Fruitful Ramble," *The Times Leader*, Dec. 22, 2002
 3rd place: Ray Hrynyk, Syracuse, NY, "Plunder Down Under," *Syracuse New Times*, Nov. 20, 2002

Art/Photo Category:

None awarded — insufficient entries

TV/Video Category:

None awarded — insufficient entries

Radio Category:

1st place: Peter St. James, Warner, NH, "Stores," WNNH, Nov. 2002
 2nd place: Marty Malin, Laredo, TX, "There Has Been an Accident," The Wildlife Report, May 2002
 3rd place: Marty Malin, Laredo, TX, "P.C. Run Amuck," The Wildlife Report, June 2002

Photo Contest

Sponsored by Nikon Sport Optics

Color:**Action**

1st place: Bill Lindner, Minneapolis, MN, "Angler Cutting a Hole"
 2nd place: Keith Szafranski, Livingston, MT, "The Chase"
 3rd place: W.H. "Chip" Gross, Fredericktown, OH, "Duck Hunter at Dawn"

Fauna

1st place: Tom Ulrich, West Glacier, MT, "Marmot Lookout"
 2nd place: Keith Szafranski, Livingston, MT, "Eagle in Flight"
 3rd place: Bill Marchel, Fort Ripley, MN, "Baltimore Oriole"

Flora

1st place: Tom Ulrich, West Glacier, MT, "Beargrass"
 2nd place: Bill Lindner, Minneapolis, MN, "Fall Colors – Oak Leaves in Ice"
 3rd place: Bill Marchel, Fort Ripley, MN, "Sunset With Two Oyster Plant Seed Heads"

People

1st place: Tim Christie, Coeur d'Alene, ID, "A Special Moment on the Hunt"
 2nd place: Betty Lou Fegely, Walnutport, PA, "On the Range"
 3rd place: Jack Ballard, Billings, MT, "Packin' Out"

Scenic

1st place: Gary Kramer, Willows, CA, "Battery Point Lighthouse, Crescent City, California"
 2nd place: Linda Steiner, Cooperstown, PA, "Winter View from Tabletop Mountain"
 3rd place: Tes Randle Jolly, Tuskegee, AL, "September in the Smokies"

Black & White:**Action**

1st place: Jon Blumb, Lawrence, KS, "Casting a Fly on the Rio Grande, Colorado"
 2nd place: Kent Dannen, Allenspark, CO, "Golden Entry"
 3rd place: Donna Dannen, Allenspark, CO, "Hunter Jumping"

Fauna

1st place: Kent Dannen, Allenspark, CO, "Golden Retriever"
 2nd place: Jon Blumb, Lawrence, KS, "Uniquely Colored Eastern Wild Turkey Gobbler"
 3rd place: Joseph Doggett, Houston, TX, "Wild-Eyed Alaska"

Flora

1st place: Donna Dannen, Allenspark, CO, "Ponderosa Pine"
 2nd place: Jon Blumb, Lawrence, KS, "Sycamore Tree, Douglas County, Kansas"
 3rd place: Kent Dannen, Allenspark, CO, "Colorado Thistle"

People

1st place: Paul Smith, Wauwatosa, WI, "21st Century Mountain Man"
 2nd place: Kent Dannen, Allenspark, CO, "Ranger"
 3rd place: Paul Smith, Wauwatosa, WI, "Spider Man"

Scenic

1st place: Jon Blumb, Lawrence, KS, "Summer Cloudburst on a Bottomland Township Road, Central Illinois"
 2nd place: Kent Dannen, Allenspark, CO, "Many Parks Curve"
 3rd place: Donna Dannen, Allenspark, CO, "Keyboard of the Winds"

Shooting Sports Contest**Sponsored by National Shooting Sports Foundation Magazine Category:**

1st place: Jim Zumbo, Cody, WY, "Why We Hunt," *Outdoor Life*, Nov. 2002
 2nd place: Galen Geer, Finley, ND, "The Window," *Fur-Fish-Game*, Dec. 2002
 3rd place: Guy Sagi, Linden, VA, "Waterfowling's Heavy Hitters," *Shooting Illustrated*, Nov. 2002

Newspaper Category:

1st place: Shannon Tompkins, Houston, TX, "On Target," *Houston Chronicle*, March 28, 2002
 2nd place: John McCoy, Barboursville, WV, "Air Power," *Charleston Daily Mail*, Nov. 1, 2002
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 2nd place: Jack Abrams/Dan Small, Milwaukee, WI, "Shooting Lessons Part 1 & 2," WMVS Television, July 11 and 18, 2002
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**Small Game Hunting Contest
Co-Sponsored by National
Rifle Association and
NRA Foundation**

Magazine Category:

1st place: Bob Steiner, Cooperstown, PA, "Five Grouse," *Pennsylvania Game News*, Dec. 2002
2nd place: Bruce Masterman, High River, Alberta, "Seasons of the Marsh – Fall: The Icy Waters of Late Season Stir the Outdoor Soul," *Conservator*, Fall 2002
3rd place: W.H. "Chip" Gross, Fredricktown, OH, "Doves After Opening Day," *DiscoverTheOutdoors.com*, Sept. 2002

Newspaper Category:

1st place: Joseph Doggett, Houston, TX, "Retrieving Birds Not Just for Dogs," *Houston Chronicle*, Sept. 29, 2002
2nd place: Tom Stienstra, Weed, CA, "Environmentalists Try a New View – From Duck Blind," *San Francisco Chronicle*, Dec. 15, 2002
3rd place: J. Michael Kelly, Marcellus, NY, "Under Appreciated," *Syracuse Post-Herald*, Oct. 17, 2002

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for Hare," Vermont Public Television, March 12, 2002

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3rd place: Tony Dean, Pierre, SD, "The Changes in Canada Geese," *Dakota Backroads*, Nov. 11, 2002

Technical Contest

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Association of
America**

Magazine Category:

1st place: Larry Peabody, San Antonio, TX, "Whither the Weather," *Sport Fishing*, April 2002
2nd place: Gary Koehler, Bartlett, TN, "Acrylic Revolution," *Ducks Unlimited*, Sept./Oct. 2002
3rd place: Marilyn Stone, Pleasant View, UT, "Socks," *Wyoming Wildlife*, June 2002

Newspaper Category:

1st place: Lee Leschper, Amarillo, TX, "Document That Great Moment With Quality Photos," *Amarillo Globe-News*, July 7, 2002
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None awarded – insufficient entries

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Contest

"Walking the Line," *National Wildlife*, Oct./Nov. 2002

Newspaper Category:

Robert Drieslein, Conservation/Environment Contest



Nikon Photo Contest (color) 3rd Place – People
Jack Ballard – *Packin' Out*

Channel, April 23, 2002
2nd place: Ray Eng, East Gull Lake, MN, "Aqua-Vu," *The Outdoor Channel*, June 24, 2002
3rd place: Jack Abrams and Dan Small, Milwaukee, WI, "Lone Wolf Tree Stands," *WMVS Television*, Nov. 28, 2002

Radio Category:

1st place: Paul Lepisto, Pierre, SD, "Advice to Big Game Hunters," *Dakota Backroads Radio*, Oct. 25, 2002
2nd place: Peter Mathiesen, St. Louis, MO, "Cleaning Up Your Box Call," *Field and Stream Radio Network*, March 30, 2002
3rd place: Peter Mathiesen, St. Louis, MO, "Keep Your 4x4 Smooth," *Field and Stream Radio Network*, March 9, 2002

President's Choice Awards:

Magazine Category:
Gary Turbak, Conservation/Environment

"CWD: An Expert's Opinion," *Outdoor News*, Sept. 27, 2002

Art/Photo Category:

Denver Bryan, Family Participation/Youth Outdoor Education Contest
"A Beginning Shaped," *Fieldandstream.com*, Oct. 2002

TV/Video Category:

Leslie Gaines, Conservation/Environment and Natural History Contests
"Expedition Florida: The Wild Heart of Florida", *WUSF-TV*, Feb. 7, 2002

Radio Category:

Chris Slem, Conservation/Environment and Outdoor Ethics Contests
"ATVs: Between a Rock and a Hard Place," *WV Outdoors/MetroNews Radio Network*, July 13, 2002 ■