

PSA Nature Division
PHOTOGRAPHER-NATURALIST AWARD INFORMATION

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The Nature Division Photographer-Naturalist Award Program was initiated in 1975 as a method of providing successful star exhibitors with a form of recognition by the Division for continued photographic proficiency in international nature exhibitions. A member of the Photographic Society of America shall act in accordance with all applicable PSA Ethical Standards and Policy, both written and as obviously intended, and without reservation shall include only exact and true information in honors and awards proposals, and shall adhere to principles of morality, particularly with respect to the use of photography or when acting in an official capacity. Members who do not follow the above Ethical Standards will be subject to loss of PSA membership and/or awards and honors received as a member of PSA.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Membership in PSA (you **MUST** send a copy of your PSA Membership card.)
2. A 5 star rating in the Nature Division.
3. Fifty projected images and/or prints which are new (none of which was used for any previous award.) Each of these 50 images must be accepted twice in approved PSA-ND international exhibitions.
4. Acceptances acquired after January 1, 2000 must be earned during membership in PSA as indicated by the date on the membership card.

SUBJECT MATERIAL

The emphasis is on new work. The photographer chooses his subject. In the category of zoology it could be: mammals, birds, insects, etc. In botany: flowering plants, fungi, trees, etc. In general: landscapes and seascapes, geology, etc. A fairly restricted subject is recommended with the photographer doing his own restricting. For example: insects of all types can be used, or the subject further restricted to lepidoptera or even further to moths or butterflies.

The purpose of the "restricted" idea is to present a greater challenge than broad categories such as zoology or botany or general present, and to produce 50 pictures of fairly unified subject material to use in nature dens or convention programs, i.e., "This is the way John Doe photographs birds, or insects or geology, etc.

INELIGIBILITY

Acceptances of nature images in sections recognized by other divisions are not eligible. A second acceptance of the same image in the same exhibition is not eligible. No credit is given for accepted slide sequences, essays or for judging a nature exhibition.

PROCEDURE

When 50 images have had two acceptances each, list them as follows:

1. Group your exhibition activity *by each calendar year* and *then list the exhibitions alphabetically*. Please note a few exhibitions close in one calendar year, but their exhibitions and catalogs fall in the next calendar year (e.g., Paisley, Smethwick, and IRIS). Star ratings files the catalog by the year shown on the catalog.
2. Use only one side of the paper. Be sure and put your name and address at the top of each page of your application.
3. If more than one media (print, slide, digital) is used for a single image, the title must be the same for all and it only counts as one title. Only one acceptance credit per title from a specified exhibition can be applied toward a star.

4. Please prepare two lists, in the following format:

LIST 1: Alphabetical List of Exhibitions by Year

<u>Exhibition/Location</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
Fresno - California GASO	1986	1	Coyote
		2	Dawn
		3	Dawn
		4	Fish
CACCA - Chicago, IL Lighthouse Gallery	1987	5	Coyote
	1987	6	Fish

LIST 2: Alphabetical Titles

<u>Title</u>	<u>Exhibition</u>	<u>Year</u>
1. Coyote	Fresno	1986
	CACCA	1987
2. Dawn	GASO	1986
	GASO	1986
3. Fish	GASO	1986
	Lighthouse Gallery	1986

5. Your approved application lists will be returned to you. When you apply for a new award, send also a copy of the approved titles list from each of your previous awards, in addition to your new lists. These may be combined into one list (preferred.)

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1 The fee for each award is \$12.00. The fee must accompany the application unless using Pay Pal. Do not send PayPal payment until the Director provides the proper link. Cash, credit card, or check or money order payable to Photographic Society of America can also be used. The fee includes first class/air mail return.
- 2 As soon as you receive your exhibition catalogs, check your acceptances. If they are not correct, write to the exhibition chairman for a correction and send a copy of the letter to the ND Star Director. Include a copy of the exhibition chairman's correction response when you submit your application.

Your cooperation in the careful preparation of your application is appreciated. Send your application to:

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