

2006 PSA Youth Showcase

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Youngsters playing in the snow, a wooden gate to an adobe walled cemetery, a service man with his young daughter, a cloudy dusk in London, a beautifully flowing waterfall in autumn – these are just a few of the images that had been entered in the Photographic Society of America (PSA) 2006 Youth Showcase.

The category winners in his year's Showcase are:

Architecture: *Last Door* by Ali Malmberg attending Wall High School in Wall Township, New Jersey. Ali was sponsored by the Ocean County Camera Club.

Human Interest: *Daddy's Home* by Alicia Villanueva of Riverdale Christian Academy in Riverdale, CA. The Fresno Camera Club sponsored Alicia.

Landscape/Waterscape: *Autumn Cascade* by Michael D. Mayberry of Shawnee High School in Meeker, OK. Michael's sponsor is the Oklahoma Camera Club.

Photojournalism: *Fun in the Snow* by Vanessa Paladino who attends Lacey Township High School in Laneka Harbor, NJ, another entry sponsored by the Ocean County Camera Club.

Photographer's Choice: *Fallen But Not Alone* by Rashawna Snell, also of Riverdale Christian Academy, sponsored by the Fresno Camera Club.

The print chosen as the Best of Show is *Last Door*. Ali Malmberg will receive the Brian Michael Goldberg Memorial Youth Photography Award, established by Dr. Gerald S., APSA, and Nancy G. Goldberg in memory of their son. In addition to the Goldberg Medallion, Ali will receive a one-year membership in PSA, a \$150 cash award set up by the Goldbergs, and a \$300 cash award sponsored by Freestyle



Architecture Category:

1st Place—*Last Door* by Ali Malmberg

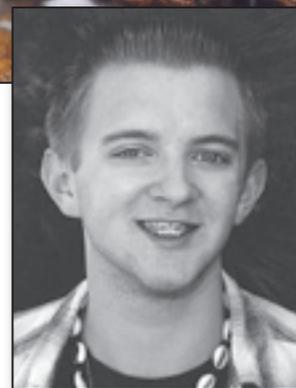
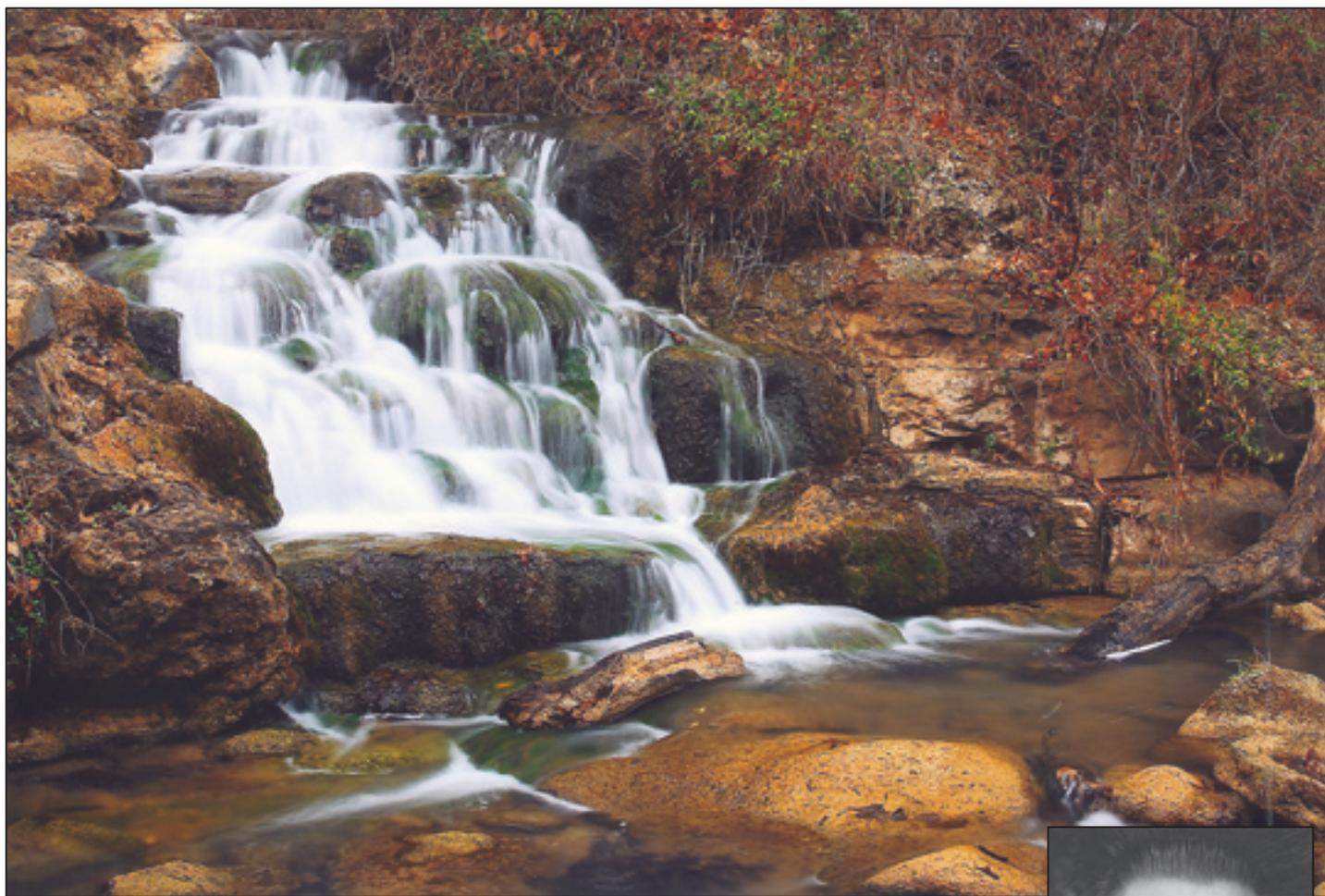


Ali Malmberg

"I love creative expression. I have been drawing since I was very young and began writing poetry and short stories in the past couple of years. I also enjoy yoga.

"While I always liked photography, it was not until my freshman year of high school that I took a media graphics course to further my knowledge and to learn Photoshop. I have since gained a better respect for the many aspects of photography and have grown to love it. My teacher in media graphics encouraged everyone to submit pictures to last year's PSA local competition. Several of my photos won awards and one won Photographer's Choice 1st Honorable Mention in the 2005 PSA Youth Showcase Program.

"I am not sure what I want to study in college, but I just finished my sophomore year of high school and still have time to decide. I am excited to learn as much as I can about photography while I am still young. Whatever I do in the future, I hope it includes both photography and creative writing."



Landscapes or Waterscapes Category: 1st Place—*Autumn Cascade* by Michael Mayberry

Michael Mayberry

"I have been active in photography since the age of 8. In December of 2000, I was featured in an article in the PSA Journal titled Michael—The Story of an Autistic Photographer. I have served on my school's yearbook staff and remain interested in all areas of photography, especially digital manipulation and nature photography. I use 35mm, medium format and digital SLR cameras to capture my images. I am a sophomore at Shawnee High School in Oklahoma."

Photographic Supplies. The other four winners will receive a \$50 award, a one-year membership in PSA, and a \$100 Freestyle cash award.

Freestyle will also award \$50 to each of the *first honorable mentions* in each category. The first and other honorable mention prints were selected as runner-ups in each of the five categories. In Architecture, the first honorable mention went to *London Twilight* by Abby Rix of Monmouth Regional High School in Tinton Falls, NJ and the second honorable mention went to *Gates of the Dead* by Shannon Keene from American Legion Post 5 in Kingfisher, OK.

In the Human Interest category Colin Stringer from Southwest Covenant School in Oklahoma City gained a first honorable mention for *We Live on Front Porches*. The second honorable mention went to *Old-Timer Rock and Roll* by Jesse Shea of Monmouth Regional High School in Tinton Falls, NJ.

First honorable mention in the Landscape/Waterscape Category went to *Fresh Snow* by Alison Garel of Cherry Creek High School in Greenwood Village, CO. *Yosemite Falls Overlooks Lush Meadow* was awarded the second honorable mention. Adam Rice of Nanaplan High School in Englishtown, NJ was the photographer.

Alexander Dolan has the first honorable mention in the Photojournalism category for *Rider Number 30*. Alexander attends Wall High School in Wall Township, NJ. The second honorable mention goes to Kellie Parr of Shadle Park High School in Spokane, WA, for *Aged Eyes and Guitar Picks*.

Honorable mentions in the *Photographer's Choice* category were awarded to five young photographers. The first honorable mention print was *A Little Prayer* by Janice Rivera of Lakewood High School in Lakewood, NJ.

Sweet Teenage Rites by Cara MacNeil, another Monmouth Regional student is the second honorable mention print. A repeat winner is Michael Mayberry with the third honorable mention print, *Treefrog on Stilts*. Michael is from Shawnee High School in Meeker, OK. Fourth honorable mention went to Alex Heisler for *Ghostly Guitarist*. Alex attends North Central High School in Spokane, WA. Nicole Groziano's print *Hidden Angel*, is the fifth honorable mention print. Nicole is a student at Freehold Township High School in Freehold, NJ.

The above listed photographers will receive ribbons and certificates of excellence. These prints will be on display at PSA Headquarters in Oklahoma City from October through December. Certificates of exhibition will be awarded to the makers of the other eighty-two prints chosen for display in Baltimore.

This year's showcase had some very different highs and lows. Beginning with the sad news, one of our student photographers was killed in an automobile accident in May. On the brighter side, we had entries from foreign exchange students from such countries as the Czech Republic and Korea. We also have a new record for long distance entries, prints entered by a home schooled student in Guam. Most amazing

is that one of our winners is autistic and must use a tripod for all of his photographic endeavors to control the shaking. And of this young man's five entries, four were chosen for exhibition, among them a winner and an honorable mention.

The judging took place on May 16th with three members of the Chicago Chapter selecting the winners and other prints for exhibition at the 2006 PSA Annual Conference in Baltimore. Doing the honors were Nancy Jacobek, APSA, Ruby Riota, and Bill Brown.

Enough gratitude cannot be extended to our dedicated and hardworking individuals from participating clubs, councils, and chapters, many of whom have quite large scale youth programs in

Vanessa Paladino

"This year was actually my first year studying photography. I have always been interested, but never found it necessary to take it as an elective, because I preferred business classes. When I moved to Lacey Township I decided to finally take Photography I under the instruction of Mr. Gary Engelhardt. It was probably one of the best decisions I could have made, because I have accomplished so much with my present course. I plan to continue taking photographs in the future and exploring the possibilities."



Photojournalism Category: 1st Place—*Fun in the Snow* by Vanessa Paladino



Photographer's Choice: 1st Place—*Fallen, But Not Alone* by Rashawna Snell

Rashawna Snell

*"I am a student at Riverdale Christian Academy in Riverdale, California. I began taking photography classes this year. Believe it or not, *Fallen, But Not Alone*, was my first print ever! I have since taken a few more photos under the direction of Priscilla Tompkins, my teacher. I don't plan on a professional career in photography, but I do enjoy taking photos, and will continue to do so in my spare time."*



their own local area. They furnished almost 400 entries from a record 87 churches, groups, and schools. The combined effort of all is what makes this program such a success. Thanks to Claudia Morgan, Lafayette Photographic Society (in spite of being hard hit by Katrina); Scott Udey, Topeka Camera Club; Joanne Stolte, PPSA, Southern California Council of Camera Clubs; Edgar Lower, APSA, Central Illinois Camera Club Association; Barbara Kuebler, Everglades

Chapter; Elena McTighe, Ocean County Camera Club; William Demers, Inland Empire Chapter; Joe Zaia, FPSA, Photo Club of Flagler County; Jim and Alyce Pagano, Yerba Buena Chapter; Lee Cates, APSA, Fresno Camera Club; Nancy Salinas, Twin Cities Area Council of Camera Clubs; Tim Solomon, a newcomer from the Photographic Society of Chattanooga; Jack Worthen, FPSA, Fox Valley Camera Club; Gerry Emmerich, FPSA, EPSA, East Troy Viewfinders; Kathy Braun, APSA, Photo Pictorialists of Milwaukee; Richard Kniesbeck, Wisconsin Chapter; Carol McCreary, Oklahoma Camera Club, and John Yurchak, Rocky Mountain Chapter. And thanks to all those who assisted these sponsors in their local areas.

This program is administered under the PSA Chapters, Clubs, and Councils Committee headed by CCC Vice President, Jim Baker, APSA, and is directed by Special Projects Youth Group Advisor, Kathleen Z. Braun, APSA. Any student, teacher, or group leader, as well as PSA club, chapter, and council members, may obtain information about participation in the PSA



Human Interest
Category: 1st
Place—*Daddy's*
Home by Alicia
Villanueva

Youth Showcase program by contacting Kathy at 300 Lake Shore Road, Grafton, WI, 53024, or pkzbraun@aol.com. Entry forms are also available from her.

Should we aim for 100 groups and schools entering next year? Could we top the 400 entry mark next year? We can with your help! How about finding out? Experience the thrill of working with teachers and young photographers in your local area. Talk to a photography teacher or an art instructor or a group leader about entering their young people's work for this popular program. Hints and suggestions for getting involved are available for those willing to become part of the 2007 PSA Youth Showcase. 🌐

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Alicia Villanueva

"My name is Alicia Villanueva. I am a junior at Riverdale Christian Academy. I enrolled in a photography class because I thought it would be fun. Once I started the class I found I loved it. I have learned a lot in my photography class. I learned photos show so many things, and it's just in the way you look at them.

"This photo was taken in my home town, Avenal, CA. I like this photo because it is patriotic, and so am I. My hope is every family can pass on a love for the greatest country on God's green earth—the United States of America."