



## *Spring in Loudoun Photography Contest*

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This year we had our first ever photography contest. Our thanks to everyone that shared their work with us. We hope you enjoy looking at the winning photos as much as we did. Every picture submitted showed us an appreciation of nature that is as rich, varied and as outstanding as the marvelous county we live in. Enjoy!

### *Youth—Under 13*



Congratulations to our 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner!

Erin Kirkendall  
 Age 13

Nice job Erin!



Young photographers see the world in ways adults may have forgotten. May their ingenuity and delight be an inspiration to those of us young at heart. May their first steps into a greater world inspire those who have gone before them to look back and remember our own first steps.





## *Surprise*



1st Place—Susie Torres

Every time you go out in the woods and meadows, something new is there to greet us. Sometimes it's a delight, sometimes it's a fright.

## *In a Series*

In a series of images you can see the world in an entirely new way

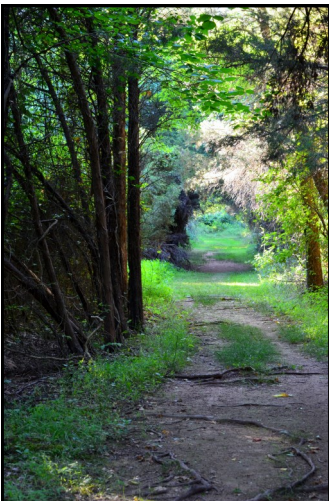


1st Place—Thuy Dong

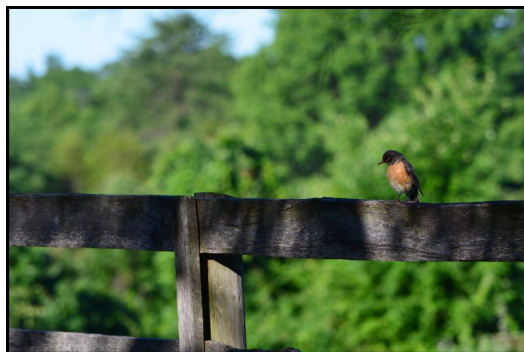


2nd Place—Thuy Dong

## *Landscape and Nature*

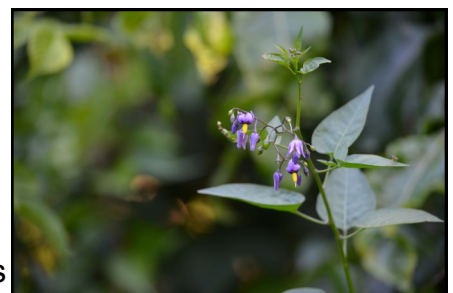


1st Place—Susie Torres



2nd Place—Susie Torres

Every year we welcome spring flowers and the return of our feathered friends as the world reawakens from its long winter slumber.



3rd Place—Susie Torres



## *The people's choice*



1st Place—Susie Torres



Honorable mention—Andrew Elmquist, Age 13

# Our Judges

## Peter Bulanow

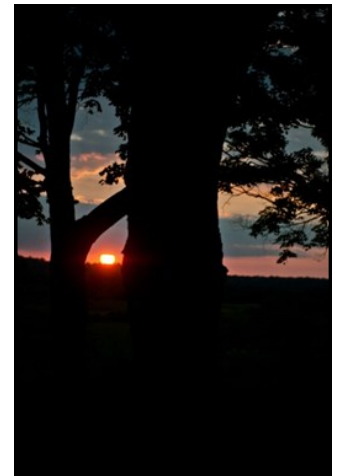


Peter Bulanow, of Peter B Photo is a life-long artist. Starting with pots and pans at age 2, upright piano at age 5, grand piano and keyboards at 15, and later a home digital studio, Pete has been playing, producing and collaborating on art for as long as he can remember.

Moved first by sound, and later by light, Pete found his way into photography, beginning with a 1 megapixel point and shoot.

Today, Pete is moved by the warm resonance of natural light. In addition to beautiful light, Pete believes a photo should have two things: a balanced composition and a story. “It should both feel right, and it should say something. A strong technical execution helps clarify those two things, but can't make her of them.”

Just like he loves playing and interacting with other musicians, Pete loves collaborating with those in front of the lens. Which is another way of saying that he enjoys photographing people.



# Patricia Schuchman



Patty is a professional portrait photographer in Western Loudoun county specializing in High School Senior Portraits, Family portraits, Business/ Commercial Photography and Weddings and Events.

Patty knows a treasured portrait starts at the session and works with all her subjects to put them at ease with the camera and the experience. Finding poses, expressions

and environments that complement the subject while utilizing the latest technology and equipment to make a portrait session fun and exciting are key elements to the end results of portraits a client loves and is happy to show the world.

Patty works both on location and out of her home based studio in Round Hill, Virginia where she offers a full service indoor studio and an outdoor

“Portrait Park” with natural landscapes and creative backdrops.



# Frank Lee Ruggles

In 2007, while hiking in the George Washington National Forest, Frank Lee Ruggles' cell phone



unexpectedly rang. It was the National Park Service calling to tell him he had been accepted to the position as an official photographer for the National Park Service, a position once held by his photographic hero, Ansel Adams. It seemed fitting to him that he would be awarded his "dream job" while hiking on public lands. In the

years following, Frank has visited and hiked over 150 National Parks and Forests across the Nation, on a 1000 day, 25000 mile journey that took him to the most beautiful and wondrous places in the country.

A Professional Photographer since 1992, he's done just about every type of photography a commercial

shooter can do; Fine Art, Architecture, Portraiture, Product Photography, Photo Journalism, Scientific Photography and even Weddings. He was a photo services provider for several Federal Agencies in Washington DC, including the State Department, where he was the exclusive





photographic printer for Secretary of State Colin Powell. He worked for the Treasury, FBI, Commerce and Energy Departments, and did the custom hand printing for the Smithsonian. As a Soldier, Federal Contractor, and Government Employee, Frank has worked for the last five Presi-

dents. Through the years however, his passion has always been photographing nature while hiking and camping. His position with the Park Service would afford him endless possibilities to explore and photograph the country. He recently finished his tour with the National Park Service and is

showing his private works in Gallery exhibitions across the country, and his latest civilian excursions have led him on a 79 mile solo hike through Death Valley National Park and a 36 mile hike through Olympic National Park. In his spare time, he teaches the Hike and Shoot photography workshops.



*Frank lives in Virginia with his Wife Lisa Crow Ruggles and his Great Dane, Wilson."*

# Our Next Photo Contest

## *Fun Fall Foliage Photo Contest*

Categories:

1. Landscape and Nature
2. In Black and White
3. The Unexpected
4. Seen at Bolen Park

Age Groups:

1. Youth (13 & under)
2. Teen (13-18)
3. Adult (19 & over)

Submission Due Date:

November 1, 2013

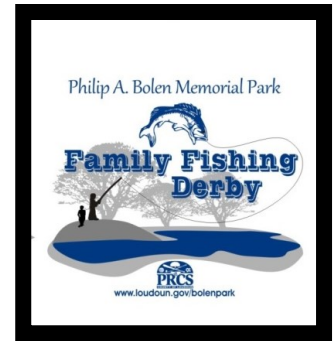


## *What's coming up at Bolen Park?*

### **Family Fishing Derby at Bolen**

Saturday, May 18, 9:00am – Noon

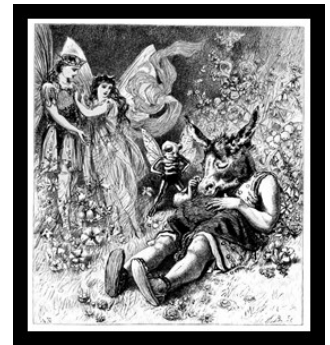
Come catch a big old largemouth bass!



### **A Midsummer Night's Dream Dinner**

Saturday, June 1, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Tickets on sale now!



### **5K Walk, Wag & Run**

Saturday, June 8, 9:00am

Come for the race, stay for the pet expo

Registration Open. Tickets on sale now!



### **Fun Summer Camps**

Our Summer camps still have openings! In June a fun combination of exploration, craft projects, and games help the animal world come alive in All About Animals Camp (June 25-29, Age 8-10). If hiking is more your speed, learn the fine art of packing it all in and hitting the trail with Philip Bolen's Backpacking Camp (June 18-22, Ages 10-14). Check out our other great camps in July and August.



For more info on upcoming events, please contact Tina Driskell at 571-258-3487 or [www.loudoun.gov/bolenpark](http://www.loudoun.gov/bolenpark)