

2021 Fredericksburg Photo Show Judges

Jeanne Mitcho caught the photography bug back in 2007 when her husband gifted her with a Nikon Coolpix; one of the earlier consumer level digital cameras. She was not excited. But during a visit to the Outer Banks, with camera in tow, she took a late afternoon walk along Currituck Sound during the “golden hour.” She captured some great shots that afternoon and learned two things about photography: amazing light can make even the ordinary shine; and photography is addictive.

Jeanne joined Manassas Warrenton Camera Club soon after and learned most of what she knows about photography from the most talented and generous photographers I could ever be privileged to know. She learned also from monthly competitions, and judges who were critical, honest, sometimes biased and inconsistent; but who taught her how to look honestly at an image and ask what it had to say.

Jeanne has been fortunate to have images juried into Nature Visions (now Mid Atlantic Photo Visions) annually for the last 13 years, with some selected for People’s Choice and Vendor’s Awards; The Joseph Miller Abstract Photography Exhibit for the last 10 years, with several receiving Special Merit Awards, as well as several recognitions from the Manassas Warrenton Camera Club.

She believes awards and recognition are wonderful and affirming. But photography for the most part is art...and like art, you first learn the rules, and then you know when to break them...knowing what you see and love may not be what everyone sees and loves.

Art Cole has lived in Northern Virginia his entire life. He gravitates towards Nature Photography but is always looking for photo possibilities with other eye catching subject matter. He took black and white film photography courses in college as he earned degrees in Commercial Art and Studio. He has shot digitally since 2000 and enjoys taking advantage of this dynamic photographic medium. Art uses his degrees in Commercial and Studio Art as a foundation for the images he captures. Some of his images have earned awards in local photo or fine art events over the years and he has won Photographer of the Year honors in both color prints and digital images at Manassas Warrenton Camera Club.

Sarah Skerker, a retired Fairfax County Public Schools educator and school administrator, is an award winning nature photographer and a wildlife enthusiast. She is a member of the Manassas Warrenton Camera Club (MWCC), and has served as President of the Heritage Hunt Photography Club (HHPC), Gainesville, Virginia. Sarah has also served on the Nature Visions Photography Expo Board of Directors. She has had images juried into Nature Visions, the Joe Miller Annual Abstract Photography Exhibit, and the HHPC Gallery Project. Sarah has many awards for her photography to include several end of year awards at MWCC, and Best in Wildlife and Water Categories plus Best in Show for her image “Antarctic Ice” at Nature Visions Photography Expo. Sarah has also created two books of children’s literature that feature her photography