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City of Ventura photo contest winners announced and public invited to reception, December 1 at 5:30 pm

The City of Ventura invites all participants of the city's ninth annual online photography contest, as well as family, friends and photography enthusiasts to attend a special reception and exhibit at City Hall, 501 Poli Street, on Monday, December 1, at 5:30 PM. The popular photo contest--celebrating our city's stunning natural landscapes, unique architecture, diverse people & active community life--remains a great way for our residents to express civic pride," said Community Partnerships Manager Denise Sindelar.

First place winners are asked to confirm attendance at the Council presentation by contacting Richard Newsham before noon Monday, Dec 1 at 805-658-4706 or newsham@cityofventura.net.

Promptly at 6 PM in the Council Chambers, Mayor Cheryl Heitmann will congratulate first place winners with certificates. The reception continues afterwards in the Bridge Gallery, where winning entries and runners up are on display through January. Attendees may use the parking lot behind City Hall for easy access to the Bridge Gallery, which is at the rear entrance on the second floor

JUDGING: 42 photographers entered 260 images--view them online at www.cityofventura.net/photocontest. Five judges, all professional visual artists, selected winners in six adult categories while more than 114 members of the public cast their own votes online to select their favorite "People's Choice" awards."

FIRST PLACE WINNERS: For the 2014 contest, 8 photographers won first place awards (two won in two categories):

Tom Robinson "End Equals Pacific" • Environment • People's & Judges' Choice

John Ferritto "CMH Iron Worker" • Architecture • People's Choice

Matt Wyatt "City Overview" • Architecture • Judges' Choice
& "Homeless" • Photo Voice • Judges' Choice

Loren Haar "Up at the Cross" • People • Judges' Choice

Michael McMahan "Banjo at Farmers Market" • People • People's Choice

Chris Bates "Pier Surfer" • Community Life • People's Choice
& "Ghost Bird" • Altered Image • People's Choice & Judges' Choice

Ilka Boogaard "Encounter in a Yellow Haze" • Community Life • Judges' Choice

Justin White "Depression" • Photo Voice • People's Choice

Visit the website for the list of Runners Up.

Entries for the 2015 contest will be accepted between January 1 and November 1, 2015 online at the website.

For more info contact Marketing Specialist Richard Newsham at 805-658-4706 or newsham@cityofventura.net or contest website www.cityofventura.net/photocontest.

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