



North Carolina Coastal Federation

Working Together for a Healthy Coast

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Coastal Federation Announces Photo Contest Winners

OCEAN -- Jim Snyders chose a glorious October day to visit the Cedar Point Natural Area in the Croatan National Forest in Carteret County. He walked by the little public boat ramp in Boathouse Creek and an artistic inkling struck him and stuck.

“Earlier in the day I noticed this area when walking the beautiful & tranquil trails,” he later wrote to the N.C. Coastal Federation. “Later in the day when seeing the potential for a beautiful sunset and no wind I drove back to capture this serene image long after sunset.”

Snyders’ photo of a glorious fall sunset along the N.C. coast won the \$500 first prize in the federation’s 2012 Photo Contest. Snyders lives in Ohio but has a house in Emerald Isle.

The winners were announced today on the federation’s Web site, www.nccoast.org.

Debby Gleeson of Jacksonville took second place and \$250 for her serene photo of a foggy field near Richlands in Onslow County, and Miriam Sutton of Beaufort captured third place and \$100 for the mystic fishermen of Ward's Creek in eastern Carteret County.

Four other photographers were awarded honorable mentions. They will receive federation memberships.

The 51 entries are a diverse bunch. The federation had asked people to enter photos of their favorite places along the N.C. coast. There were plenty beach scenes, but people also took pictures of cotton fields and pastures, swamps, ducks waddling along a lawn and even a green car in crowded street.

The diversity of the scenery and the technical excellence of many of the photos struck Scott Taylor, a professional photographer who has a studio in Beaufort and was among the three judges of the contest.

“The quality of the entries in this year's competition was outstanding which made judging both enjoyable and challenging,” he said. “There were so many great images to choose from. The winning photographers used their creative vision to rise above the crowd and show that cameras don't make the picture, people do. In today's Insta-gram, over-saturated world they have shown that there is more to creating a quality image than having an ‘App for that.’”

Emerald Isle Realty provided the prize money.

Todd Miller, the federation's executive director, hopes the beautiful photos inspire people. “There are so many beautiful places along our coast - many

are hidden treasures,” he said. “We hope that by seeing some of these special places, people will want to visit and learn more about them, and become more engaged stewards of our state’s coastal areas.”

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Editor’s Note: All photographs are available for reprint free of charge. All we ask is that you credit the N.C. Coastal Federation. Email Frank Tursi if you want photos at a higher resolution than those that appear on the Web site.

About the North Carolina Coastal Federation:

“Working Together for a Healthy Coast”

The N.C. Coastal Federation is the state’s only non-profit organization focused exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy and habitat restoration and preservation. The federation’s headquarters are at 3609 N.C 24 in Ocean between Morehead City and Swansboro and the office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The federation also operates field offices in Wilmington and Manteo. For more information call 252.393.8185 or check our website at

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