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Onondaga Lake Partnership announces 2004 photo contest winners

Syracuse, N.Y. – The Onondaga Lake Partnership (OLP) distributed prizes for the winning entries of the 2004 Amateur Photo Contest Wednesday, Nov. 3, during their Annual Progress Meeting. The grand prizewinner for the contest Ray Trudell of Solvay, NY, received \$70 for his picture titled “Silhouette of a Goose”.

Mr. Trudell also received \$60 for this entry as the first place photo in the adult Flora and Fauna category. Additional winners for the adult Flora and Fauna category went to Patti Rusczyk, Camillus, NY, second place winner of \$30, and Tess Freedman, Syracuse, NY, third place winner of a family pass to the Rosamond Gifford Zoo and a pass to the Lights on the Lake Display in Onondaga Lake Park. P. Garry Klink of Jordan, NY, received a family pass to the zoo as the honorable mention prize in this category.

Gregory Dunbar of Memphis, NY, received a combined prize of \$90, a family zoo pass and a pass to Lights on the Lake for winning first, second, and third place in the Flora and Fauna teen category.

Prizes awarded for the Seasons category of the contest were: Irena Felty, Baldwinsville, NY, adult first place winner of \$60 for her photo of the shore of Onondaga “Lake in the Winter”, Debora Stearns, Liverpool, NY, adult second place winner of \$30,

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and Paul Garvey, Liverpool, NY, third place winner of a family pass to the Rosamond Gifford Zoo and a pass to the Lights on the Lake Display in Onondaga Lake Park. Mr. Dunbar received first and third place prizes for the teen group in the Seasons category and Vanessa Thrall, Parish, NY, received second place. Master Qiaree Porch, Syracuse, NY, received \$20, a family zoo pass and a Lights on the Lake pass for his winning entry in the Seasons category for the eleven and under age group.

Adult prize recipients in the Recreation category were: Tess Freedman first place for her picture, "Sailboat on a Summer Day", Ann Marie Leo, Syracuse, NY, second place, and Stacey Frank, Syracuse, NY, third place. Gregory Dunbar won all three places in the 12-17 age group for this category and Carrie Curry, North Syracuse, received \$20, a family zoo pass and a Lights on the Lake pass for her winning entry in the Recreation category for the eleven and under age group.

The partnership thanks CDM/C&S – A Joint Venture for donating \$650 in cash prizes, Nick Pirro, Onondaga County Executive for donating the passes to the Rosamond Gifford Zoo and the Lights on the Lake Display and Charles Wainwright and Stephen Parker for judging the contest. The OLP received 129 photo entries from 42 participants for this year's contest.

"We will be announcing our 2005 Amateur Photo Contest in the near future. The area around the lake and its tributaries is very beautiful and enjoyable," said Seth Ausubel, OLP Outreach Committee Chair and Chief of the Freshwater Protection Section for Region 2 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. "We encourage people to visit the area, relax, enjoy and to take pictures that they can treasure for years to come!"

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