

Many thanks to our talented judges:

Kevin Amrose is the author of several weather-related books: "Washington Weather," "Blizzards and Snowstorms of Washington, D.C.," "Snowmageddon," "Great Blizzards of New York City," and "Knickerbocker Snowstorm." Ambrose is a professional photographer and avid storm chaser, and writes and photographs for the Washington Post Capital Weather Gang blog, specializing in photography of the Washington, D.C. area. He holds a B.S. in computer science from the University of Virginia, and his interests include weather forecasting, history, archeology and running.

Ray Foote is executive vice president of the National Forest Foundation and has 26 years' experience in nonprofit organizations, 19 of them in conservation-related work. Most recently he served for nearly seven years as vice president of development for the National Parks Conservation Association. Ray began his nonprofit career in corporate development at the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He holds a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in History from the University of Pennsylvania. He serves on the Advisory Board of Scenic Virginia, and has served on the Environmental Quality Advisory Council of Fairfax County, and the national board of Earth Share.

Susan Taylor-Schran is recently retired from a career in photography that spanned almost 40 years. Though primarily involved in fine art documentation, her expertise in traditional and digital darkroom room work was her specialty.

William Schran is professor emeritus of fine arts at Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus, where he served as assistant dean of Fine Arts and taught all disciplines of studio art. An internationally known ceramicist and author, he continues to explore his chosen medium.

Bob Wick is a wilderness specialist for the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Washington D.C. office but is stationed in Sacramento, CA. He has spent his entire 28-year career with the BLM working in several locations in California as well as Colorado. Bob is the BLM's unofficial landscape photographer, a collateral duty that has taken him to many hidden crown jewels areas that the agency manages across the west.

Bob's landscape images of BLM's National Conservation Lands have been featured in numerous publications including Outside, Wilderness, National Geographic Adventure magazines, the Washington Post, Huffington Post, U K Daily Mail and numerous on-line publications. He has also been featured on CBS evening news. His images can be regularly seen on the BLM and Department of Interior's popular Instagram sites.