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2008 ERIE CANALWAY
PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Winning images to be featured in 2009 Erie Canalway calendar

WATERFORD, NY - The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor today announced the winners of its 2008 Photo Contest. The twelve winning photographs and twelve honorable mention photographs will be featured in the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor 2009 Calendar. Winning photos can be viewed at *www.eriecanalway.org. (See also attached list of winners.)*

This year's contest drew 433 entries from 124 photographers, an increase of 145 images over 2007. A panel of judges selected winning photographs based on creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty or character of the Erie Canalway in one of four contest categories: Historic Architecture and Engineering Marvels, For the Fun of It, Canal Culture, and The Nature of the Canal.

"The talent and enthusiasm of so many amateur and professional photographers that participate in the Erie Canalway photo contest each year never ceases to amaze me," said Beth Sciumeca, Executive Director of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. "It's truly an honor to be able to pick the best of the best of these stunning images that capture life along the Canalway and then share these photographs through our website and calendar with the broader community of residents, visitors, and admirers of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor."

The free 2009 Erie Canalway calendars will be distributed later this fall throughout upstate New York. Locations where the calendars will be made available to the public will be posted at: *www.eriecanalway.org.*

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Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor preserves and interprets the New York State canal system which has been in continuous operation from 1825 until today – longer than any other constructed transportation system on the continent. It is federally designated as nationally significant for its cultural and natural heritage and its collection of sites are operated, owned, or managed by a variety of local municipalities, state agencies, and federal entities. A federal commission provides oversight for the Corridor.

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2008 Photo Contest Winners

Historic Architecture & Engineering Marvels

1st	"Fairport Lift Bridge & Colonial Belle" (Fairport)	Mitch Knoebel, Fairport, NY
2nd	"Whipple Bridge – Old Erie Canal" (Vischer Ferry Nature Preserve)	Joe Carey, Clinton , NY
3rd	"Magnificent Richmond Aqueduct Arch" (Montezuma)	Cheryl Longyear, Port Byron, NY

Canal Culture

1st	"Morning Dregery" (Palmyra)	Anthony Collie, Palmyra, NY
2nd	"Tied Up at the Roundup" (Waterford)	Mike Bielkiewicz, Waterford, NY
3rd	"A Step Back In Time" (Rome)	L. A. Matteson, Penfield, NY

For the Fun of It

1st	"Canal Lock 32 Whitewater Adventure" (Whitestown)	Stanley Zack, West Henrietta, NY
2nd	"Fishing at Varick Dam" (Oswego)	Bruce Harvey, Syracuse, NY
3rd	"Queens of the Canal" (Waterford)	Denee Zeigler, Troy, NY

Nature of the Canal

1st	"Spring on the Erie Canal" (Little Falls)	Bart Carrig, Little Falls, NY
2nd	"Fall Glory on the Canal" (Oneida)	Karen Manser, Oneida, NY
3rd	"Great Blue Heron" (Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge)	Joe Carey, Clinton, NY

Honorable Mention

"Tree Lined Walkway along Oswego River" (Oswego)	Susan Altimonda, Oswego, NY
"Salmon Fishing" (Oswego)	Mary Ellen Barbeau, Oswego, NY
"Snow Bridge" (Fairport)	Douglas Brei, Fairport, NY
"Lock E-56 in Fall" (Lyons)	Mark DeCracker, Lyons, NY
"Lyons Locks # 2" (Lyons)	Denise Eaton, Lyons, NY
"Brewerton Powerhouse Interior" (Brewerton)	Bruce Harvey, Syracuse, NY
"Going Under The Lift Bridge at Exchange Street" (Lockport)	Jeffrey Liddell, Newfane, NY
"Passing Through Lock 25" (Mays Point)	Paul McPherson, Clinton, NY
"Early Morning Lock In" (Mindenville)	Terry Potoczny, Fort Plain, NY
"Kero Boat" (Niskayuna)	Peter Rossi, Slingerlands, NY
"Kayaks in Genesee River at Driving Park Bridge" (Rochester)	Ira Srole, Rochester, NY
"Cycling in the Morning Mist" (Medina)	Debbie Stern, Kingsport, TN

See all the winning photographs at www.ErieCanalway.org.