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## DMNH to Exhibit Nature Photography, Other Art This Fall

WILMINGTON, Del. — The <u>Partnership for the Delaware Estuary</u> is collaborating with the <u>Delaware Museum of Natural History</u> to exhibit award-winning nature photography this fall.

Visitors between Nov. 2 and Dec. 14 can view <u>winning images</u> from the <u>Every Stream Matters</u> <u>Photo Contest</u>. They can also view two other exhibits on nature-inspired art. And they can see all three exhibits for free during the <u>Wilmington Art Loop</u> on Friday, Nov. 6, from 5 to 9 p.m.

"The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary is a natural partner for us and we are excited to showcase their photographs as part of a seasonal art display that also includes <u>watercolors</u> and <u>sculpture</u>," said <u>Halsey Spruance</u>, the museum's executive director. "Visitors to the DMNH can enjoy all three installations, which are included in general admission and free to DMNH Members"

The Every Stream Matters Photography Exhibit features 12 winning images divided into four categories: Splash of Fun, Urban Waters, Wild and Scenic, and Schuylkill Shots. Its purpose is to highlight the natural beauty and importance of local streams around our region, like Valley Forge's Schuylkill River to the north or Broadkill Beach's Broadkill River to the south.

About 70 photographers from Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania submitted almost 200 pictures last summer. Each winner received \$250 per first-place photo. Second- and third-place winners also received \$100 and \$50, respectively.

Approximately 350 supporters also helped the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary pick a <u>People's Choice Award winner</u>. This took place on Oct. 15 during the nonprofit's annual fundraiser, the <u>Experience the Estuary Celebration</u>.

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"We may have awarded the prizes, but we feel like the real winners," said <u>Virginia Vassalotti</u>, <u>Schuylkill Action Network</u> specialist at the PDE. "These photos help us show people the beauty and value of our local environment."

Every contest entry can be viewed online at <a href="http://ow.ly/S3kln">http://ow.ly/S3kln</a>. Please call (800) 445-4935, extension 121, for information, or visit <a href="mailto:Twitter.com">Twitter.com</a>, keyword "#EstuaryPics".

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