

# Professional Photographers of California

## Annual Awards Report for 2020

### Image Competition Awards

#### Category Awards

#### “[Category] Photographer of the Year”

Category	Winner	Title
Animal	Irene Bowers	Tate
Architecture	Tim Mathiesen	Elegant Dining
Children	Gaby Chung	Come on and Smile for Mama
Commercial	Suzanne Hambleton	Berri-licious
Family	Gaby Chung	The Whole World in our Hand
Illustrative	Kristi Elias	The Birth of Aphrodite
Landscape	Dan Holmes	And the Skeletons Dance
Nature	Irene Bowers	Out on a Limb
Photographic Artist	Irene Bowers	Quiet Escape
Photojournalism	Larry Skibiski	Concentration
Portrait Environmental	John Powers	Lifelines
Portrait High School Senior	Michelle Pennings	Lydia in Blue
Portrait Studio	Diane Costello	One Big Happy Family
Workshop/WCS	Jim Trapp	But the Melody Plays On
Straight Out of Camera	Roger Daines	Canyon Light

#### Top Ten Cases

- 10 Mel Carll (tie)
- 10 Jim Trapp
- 9 Bruce Bonnett
- 8 John Grusd
- 7 Gaby Chung
- 6 Michelle Pennings
- 5 Suzanne Hambleton
- 4 Diane Costello
- 3 Dan Holmes
- 2 Irene Bowers
- 1 Kristi Elias

The number 1 case maker is also named **California Professional Photographer of the Year**.

### **Judges Choice Awards**

Judge	Title	Maker
Allison Watkins	Ginger Sisters	Eleanor Gray
Bob Coates	The Edge of Tomorrow	Dan Holmes
Bryan Welsh	Come on and Smile for Mama	Gaby Chung
Janel Pahl	The Odd Couple	Diane Costello
Phaneendra Gudapati	A Photographer is Born	Gaby Chung
Tim Mathiesen	Berry-licious	Suzanne Hambleton

### **Judges Honorable Mentions**

Title	Maker
Concurring Gravity	Angela Chen
Ginger Sisters	Eleanor Gray
My Love, My Life	Eleanor Gray
Love, Captive of Youth – Through the Eye	Irene Bowers
Golden Child	Irene Bowers
Spring Thaw	John Grusd
Arabian Nights	John Powers
Hey You Get Off of My Cloud	Lynn Zito
My Sand Box	Mel Carll
The Dance	Rosalind Guder
RABID	Robin Swanson
The Odd Couple	Diane Costello
NO MORE PICTURES	Kristi Elias
Her Little Lovey	Gaby Chung
Symphony in White	John Grusd
Naiads, the Water Nymphs of Mt. Olympus	Kristi Elias
Airborn	Michael Collins
Dodge Put out to Pasture	Mel Carll
Sensuous	Suzanne Hambleton
Story with Dance	Yogi Patel

### **President's Choice Award**

Hey You Get Off of My Cloud	Lynn Zito
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**Certified Professional Photographer Award**

One Big Happy Family

Diane Costello

**ASP State Elite Award**

The Birth of Aphrodite

Kristi Elias

**Fujifilm Masterpiece Award**

Portrait            Vintage Grace  
Wedding            Wedding at Catherine Palace

Yogi Patel  
Yogi Patel

**Sunset Print Award (LexJet)**

Stubborn Determination

Jim Trapp

**PermaJet Award**

Stubborn Determination

Jim Trapp

**Bay Photo Award of Excellence**

The Odd Couple

Diane Costello

**People’s Choice Award**

To be awarded at West Coast School 2020

**Best of Show**

Lydia in Blue

Michelle Pennings

**PPC Prime Image Collection**

Title	Maker	Score
Lydia in Blue	Michelle Pennings	87
NO MORE PICTURES	Kristi Elias	87
Golden Child	Irene Bowers	87
Love, Captive of Youth – Through the Eye	Irene Bowers	88
One Big Happy Family	Diane Costello	90
Gemini’s Dance Beneath the Sea	Kristi Elias	95
The Birth of Aphrodite	Kristi Elias	96

## Service Awards

### Lorenzo Gunn Vendor of the Year Award

No award

### PPC Service Award Medallion

Yogi Patel	Medallion	30 merits
Kimberly Olker	Medallion	39 merits
Diane Costello	1 <sup>st</sup> bar	51 merits
Rebecca Li	1 <sup>st</sup> bar	54 merits
Larry Skibiski	2 <sup>nd</sup> bar	90 merits
Kathy Metz	3 <sup>rd</sup> bar	102 merits
Sharon Lobel	4 <sup>th</sup> bar	128 merits
Sandra Harris	7 <sup>th</sup> bar	200 merits
Tim Meyer	8 <sup>th</sup> bar	239 merits
Tim Mathiesen	8 <sup>th</sup> bar	240 merits
Robin Swanson	9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> bars	282 merits
Marcy Dugan	10 <sup>th</sup> bar	288 merits

### Photographic Business and Arts Degree

No award

### California Master Photographer Degree

Roger Daines  
Irene Bowers  
Suzanne Hambleton  
Jim Trapp

### President's Award

Diane Costello  
Diana Aeria  
Michelle Pennings  
Robin Swanson  
Mel Carll  
Eric Rezac

### The Carlos Lozano Mentor Award

Frank Peele (to be presented at April board meeting)

**Hall of Fame Award**

Tim Meyer

**Barry Evans – Elmer Kingham Award**

No award

**PPA National Award**

Pete Rezac

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Frank Peele, Awards Chair