



Local Photographers Honored for Their Images of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve

Encinitas, Calif.— At its November 13 meeting, Olivenhain Municipal Water District’s Board of Directors recognized amateur photographers for their winning images captured in the fourteenth annual Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve photo contest.

“I am impressed with the quality of images and talent of EFRR visitors,” said OMWD Board Secretary Bob Kephart. “This year’s winning images put together a strong case for just how important it is to preserve open space for native habitat.”

Contest entries help to promote EFRR and educate the public on the importance of wildlife and habitat protection. The 2019 contest generated 84 entries in five categories—Scenic View, Water Scenery, Plants, Animals, and Youth (under 15 years of age). The public also selected a People’s Choice Award winner by voting for their favorite of 10 entries posted on EFRR’s Facebook page. This year’s winners include:

- “Paint Brushes” by Francesca Hummler - Best in Show
- “Misty Morning Over Lake” by Jeff Brock - Scenic View
- “Behind the Grass” by Daniel Humphrey - Water Scenery
- “Shine Bright” by Maria Ana Karina Lara - Plants
- “Western Fence Lizard” by Karen Wood - Animals
- “New World” by Stella Klins - Youth
- “Red Jumping Spiderman” by Sabine Kurz-Sherman - People’s Choice

Best-in-Show winner Francesca Hummler explained to the board, “I fell in love with photography in high school as a darkroom assistant. I particularly enjoy macro photography, a style which I found suited the color and repetition of the plant in my photograph well.”

Prizes included tickets donated by San Diego Zoo, a 24” x 36” canvas print donated by PC Photo & Imaging, outdoor equipment donated by REI, and a \$100 cash prize donated by contest partner Escondido Creek Conservancy.

2019 winning photographs will be on display from January 1 to April 30, 2020, at the Interpretive Center Honoring Susan J. Varty located in EFRR’s staging area.

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Located at 8833 Harmony Grove Road in the community of Elfin Forest, Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve provides a wealth of opportunities for recreation, outdoor education, and environmental appreciation. The 784-acre open space reserve was developed by OMWD in partnership with the San Diego County Water Authority and the US Department of the Interior-Bureau of Land Management.

Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a public agency providing water, wastewater services, recycled water, hydroelectricity, and operation of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve. Organized in 1959, OMWD currently serves approximately 86,000 customers over 48 square miles in northern San Diego County.

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