

# ***NEWS RELEASE***

County of Warren, New Jersey



## **Scenic Skylands Photo Contest Winners Announced**

**(WHITE TWP., NJ – December 23, 2016)** – The Warren County Cultural & Heritage Commission is pleased to announce the winners of the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Scenic Skylands Photo Contest. Entries were received from photographers throughout the northwest region, and are on display in the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building Hall Gallery, on Route 519 south in Belvidere.

The Best of Show winner for this year's contest was Lauren Mersch from Hackettstown, who entered in the Amateur category.

Winners in the Professional category include: First Place, Don Myles of Belvidere; Second Place, Jeffery S. McPhie from Hackettstown; Third Place, Barbara Ann Giovanucci from Washington; Fourth Place, Claire Jones, also from Washington. Other Professional contestants include Laura Braman from Asbury, Jeff McConnell from Anandale, and Carol Southerland from Belvidere.

In the Amateur category, First Place, Mathew Fila of Belvidere; Second Place, Maria Naccarato of Washington; Third Place, James Cole from Oxford; Fourth Place, Ann Miller of Newton. Other contestants in the Amateur category include: Linda Aller, Washington; Tracy Antz, Belvidere; Bob Baker and Don Borcharding, Hackettstown; Carol Harrington, Washington; Glenda R. Kiszonak, Oxford; William McMyne, Blairstown; and Mildred Rice, Belvidere. Priya Gupta of Asbury was the lone student competitor and was awarded a Second Place by the Judge.

Robert Beaver, professional photographer and proprietor of Village Studio of Hunterdon located in High Bridge, was the judge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Skylands Photo Contest. "This was a difficult show to judge because the quality is very high," Beaver commented.

The show will be on display until January 17, 2017 in the Dumont Building, when all photos must be picked up between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Thereafter, remaining photos will be at Shippen Manor, 8 Belvidere Avenue, Oxford, NJ until February 24, 2017. Any work not picked up by February 24, 2017 will be recycled.

The gallery is open to the public during regular weekday business hours and is an ADA accessible location. The Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission presents this show with support from the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and is funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Individuals who prefer may call the relay service at 711. For further information, please call (908) 453-4381 or visit [www.wcchc.org](http://www.wcchc.org).