

## **Pic Darien Smartphone Photo Contest Winners Announced**

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The Darien Arts Center recently awarded 28 cash prizes in its first-ever smart phone photo contest, Pic Darien. The contest garnered almost 400 entries in seven categories, with submissions from all ages.

Contestants were not required to live in Darien, and photos were submitted online from as far away as California, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Washington D.C., in addition to Connecticut.

### **Student Categories**

*The following prizes were awarded in the student categories (age 15 and under):*

- *My Darien:* 1st prize to **Amit Chernichaw**
- *Family and Friends:* First Prize to **Sofia Campo**, Honorable Mention to **Waverly Waters**
- *Landscapes/Nature:* First Prize to **Emma Seely**, Honorable Mention to **Katie Coda**

- *Pets*: First Prize to **Alyssa Farrell [PICTURED]**, Honorable Mention to **Kallie Hapgood**
- *Abstract*: First Prize to **Grace Gardella [PICTURED]**, Honorable Mentions to **Grace Argiriou** and **Meritt Hole**
- *Photobomb/Selfie*: First Prize to **Katie Cota**, Honorable Mention to **Amit Chernichaw**
- *Travel*: First Prize: **Anna Passaretti**

### **Adult Categories**

*The following prizes were awarded in the adult categories (age 16 and over):*

- *My Darien*: First Prize to **Julie Johnston [PICTURED]**, Honorable Mention to **Megan Gildea**
- *Family and Friends*: First Prize to **Milissa Knightly**, Honorable Mention to **Jolanda Sutherland**
- *Landscapes/Nature*: First Prize to **Raymond Michaud [PICTURED]**, Honorable Mention to **Marie Reynolds**
- *Travel*: First Prize to **Carin Zakes**, Honorable Mention to **Ruth Anne Ring**
- *Pets*: First Prize to **Lauren Gomez**, Honorable Mention to **Diane Farrell**
- *Abstract*: First Prize to **David Gioiella**
- *Photobomb/Selfie*: First Prize to **Dani Woolwine**, Honorable Mention to **Paul Lin**

First place prizes for adults were \$100 and the adult honorable mention prizes were \$25. First place prizes for students were \$50, with the student honorable mention prizes awarding \$15.

Nationally published professional photographer, Alix Martinez of Darien, judged the contest, a fundraiser, which was sponsored by Darien Rowayton Bank, Geary Gallery and Adelaide Fine Art.

All photo entries were showcased in a slideshow on the DAC Weatherstone Studio's 184" HD movie screen at an Award and Reveal Reception on Friday, April 8.

The slideshow will be shown again during the intermission at the DAC's June 25th talent competition, Darien's Got Talent. For more information, visit [darienarts.org](http://darienarts.org) or call (203) 655-8683. The DAC is located at 2 Renshaw Road, behind the Darien Town Hall.

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***Correction:*** *Raymond Michaud's photo award was in the adult division, not the student division, as an earlier version of this article stated.*