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See the Top 25 photos on coastweekend.com

Graece Gabriel, 54, of Otter Rock, won the judges' pick for First Place with her photo "Minty Wave." She captured a fantastic action shot of an ocean wave hitting a rocky Oregon Coast shoreline. You can almost feel the spray of the water. Placing in Coast Weekend's Photo Contest isn't new to Gabriel — she won Third Place in last year's contest.



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Anthony James, 50, of Salem, took Second Place with his photo of a crashing ocean wave and sunlit cliffs. "I took this shot in a sequence of seven shots to capture the size of this exploding wave," James says. "When I was looking at the shots, I saw a profile of a girl's face in the exploding water, so I named it 'Ocean Angel.'"

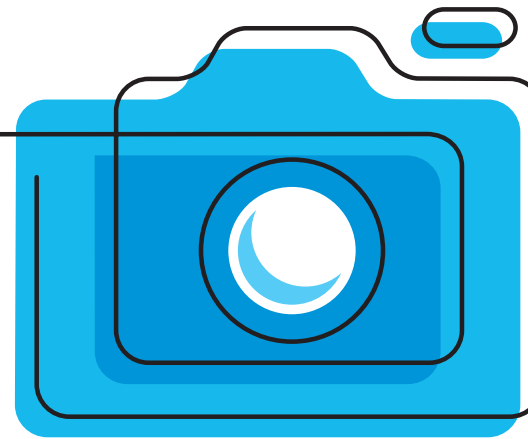


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Third Place went to **Joanne Ridout**, 40, of Monroe, Washington, for her photo "The Abandoned," which shows an old fish hook sitting abandoned in the corner of a window sill at a cabin on Hood Canal. "I liked how the webs had covered it, making it a trap of another sort," she says.

2015 ANNUAL COAST WEEKEND

PHOTO contest



Here are the top shots of the 2015 Coast Weekend Photo Contest. With 855 photos submitted, this year's contest was big. Determining the best of the best was tough — there were tons of interesting, beautiful and eye-catching entries for judges to look over. This year there were great turnouts by photographers from the local Columbia-Pacific region, the Portland metro area, Eastern Oregon and the central Oregon Coast, as well as some entries from northern Washington and Southern Oregon.

the People's Choice photo, a striking purple and yellow sunset photo taken from Barview, an unincorporated community located between Rockaway Beach and Garibaldi at the mouth of Tillamook Bay. Photographer **Lori Ann Norton**, 48, of Salem, won People's Choice with 71 votes and also made the Top 10 Honorable Mentions.

Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to all who entered. It's inspiring to see the beauty and variety of your photos, and we can't wait to see what you shoot for next year.

More than 900 people voted on coastweekend.com for

— *Rebecca Selack, Coast Weekend Editor*

PEOPLE'S CHOICE



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TOP 10 HONORABLE MENTIONS

- 5. "Mule Deer at Blue Mountains" by Mike Morehead, 68, of Pilot Rock
- 6. "Birch Bay Sunset" by Tiffany Bunch, 34, of Kennewick, Washington
- 7. "Sunset at Cape Kiwanda" by Trish Payne, 40, of Bend
- 8. "Heading up River" by Jeff Daly, 64, of Astoria
- 9. "Hole in the Sky to Heaven" by Vin Searles, 61, of Salem
- 10. "Dixie Butte" by Meaghan Keffer, 26, of John Day