

# Florence Photographer wins 'best of show'

Florence fine art photographer Bob Sanov has won "Best of Show" at the Emerald Art Center National Photography Show in Springfield on Friday, Sept. 8 for his photograph "Amonite Fossil Madagascar."

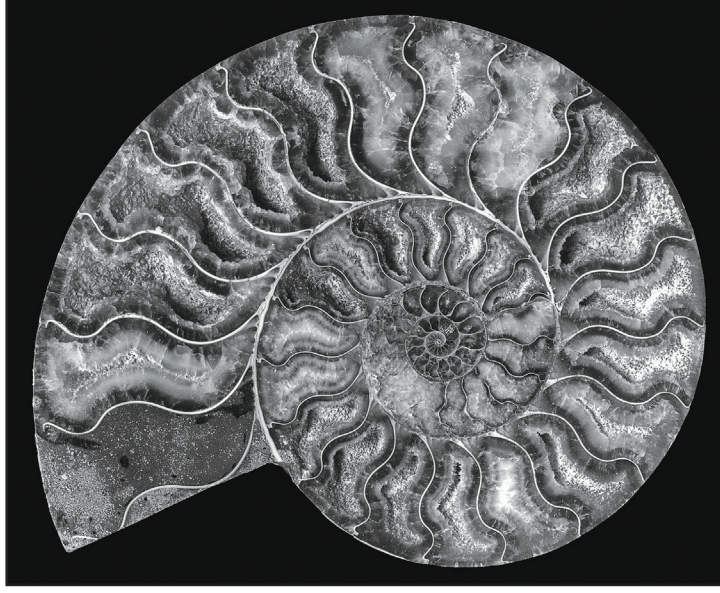
Sanov's work, which was selected from over 250 entries nationally, was awarded \$1,500. The show was juried by noted Portland photographer Stu Levy.

Since retiring from a music career in 2002, Sanov's work has been exhibited throughout the area, including multiple centers in Eugene including Diva, Opus 6ix, Museum of Natural & Cultural History and the Jacobs Gallery. He has also shown his work at the Florence Events Center.

Several of his images have been published in "Best of Photography Annual" and "International Contemporary Artists" & Black & White magazine.

Born in Chicago, Sanov moved to California in the 1970s where he served on the music faculty of California State University Long Beach.

He also pursued a successful career as a Hollywood studio musician, with his performances featured on over 100 motion picture scores, in addition to recordings and live



COURTESY PHOTO

'Ammonite Fossil, Madagascar', by photographer Bob Sanov, wins the "best of show" at the Emerald Art Center National Photography Show.

performances with Elton John, Michael Jackson, Rod Stewart, Frank Sinatra, Billy Joel, Diana Krall, Barbara Streisand and many others.

Sanov also performed regularly on the Emmy, Grammy, and Academy Awards broadcasts, along with frequent appearances with various music artists on the Tonight Show.

For his photography, he prefers to work exclusively with large format black & white film, printing his images in a conventional "wet" darkroom. Of the process, Sanov

said, "There is a certain luminous quality that I find in this process that I cannot achieve in other types of imaging."

"Rather than having a specific goal in mind, I prefer to explore the photographic possibilities as they reveal themselves to me," Sanov said. "I am drawn to light and form rather than specific subject matter; the sensuous contours of a sand dune at sunrise, or the sensuality of the human form. My images are almost always reflections of my feelings about the subject, rather than merely literal depictions

# NAMI Family to Family class to begin in October

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is offering a no cost, 12-chapter course for relatives, caregivers and friends of a person with a severe mental illness. Students will learn about mental disorders, medications, what it's like to have a neurobiological brain disorder, and rehabilitation.

The course is produced by Family to Family, a nationwide educational program of NAMI.

Registration is required, and the course is due to begin in October.

For information and to register, call Monica Kosman at 541-902-8308.

of the scene in front of me."

Sanov's work will be on display throughout the month of September at the Emerald Art Center, located at 500 Main St. in Springfield.

For more information about Sanov's photographic work, visit his website at [www.gallerydir.com/bob-sanov](http://www.gallerydir.com/bob-sanov).

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# FEC galleries to showcase 'Symbols of America,' holds benefit for museum



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The "Symbols of America" pastel by artist Susan Thomas will be a raffle prize to benefit the military museum.

The Friends of FEC Gallery Committee is excited to present the theme "Symbols of America" in Galleries One and Five of the Florence Events Center during the month of October.

There will be a reception with wine, appetizers, and music on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 3 to 5 p.m., which will be a benefit for the Oregon Coast

Military Museum. All proceeds from a raffle will be donated to the museum.

The raffle prize is a beautiful eagle in front of an American flag, an original pastel by artist Susan Thomas. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and are available at the museum Thursday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will also have

available three bronze pieces on consignment with the museum. These bronzes depict a Vietnam GI and were created by Rolf Kriken, a Vietnam-era Veteran who was also largely responsible for statues at the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Sacramento.

In addition, other museum items and informational material will be available during the event.

Artists, veterans, active military members and the community are invited. Additional details are available at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., online at [eventcenter.org](http://eventcenter.org) or by calling 541-997-1994.

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