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And the award goes to...

THE RESULTS ARE IN - AND JUST IN TIME! Our last competition for the 2010-2011 season is history, and the final standings are shown below. Thanks to our judge, Lila Pollinger, and for Veronica Saunders who stood in admirably for the absent Harvey Augenbraun. Congratulations to all the winners - and to *all* who participated. Competitions are often subjective, but always informative. And, best of all, they get us out with cameras in hand...where we belong!

DIGITAL B&W

	May	Total
<i>Inese Moore hm</i>	16.5	155.5
Linda Tommasulo	17.5	153.5
Harvey Augenbraun	17	153
Bob Feldman <i>im</i>	18.5	150
Anastasia Tompkins	15	150
David Feldman	15	145.5
Frank Foto	14	137
Martin Lewis	16	128
Conrad Tinney	14.5	123.5
Todd Berman	0	90
Suzanne Carter	14	83.5
Ray Flood	0	78.5
Wing Cheuk Lui	15	62.6
Steven Berger	0	61.5
Teena Miller	0	49.5
Margaret Romeo	0	8.5
Lynne West	0	8
Michael Brummett	0	8
Annabelle Washington	0	7

ALTERED REALITY

	May	Total
<i>Inese Moore</i>	16.5	84
Linda Tommasulo <i>hm</i>	17.5	83.5
Anastasia Tompkins	15.5	82.5
Annabelle Washington	16	81
Har Er Huang	14.5	79.5
Frank Foto	15	79.5
Andrea Nelson	14	78.5
Wing Cheuk Lui <i>im</i>	18	50
Bob Feldman	8.5	48
Conrad Tinney	0	47.5
Lynne West	0	33
Teena Miller	0	33
Fred Fanelli	0	32.5
Bob Schwartz	0	16.5
Doreen Rose	0	16
Suzanne Carter	0	16
David Feldman	0	15.5

DIGITAL B

	May	Total
<i>*Doreen Rose im hm</i>	19	158
<i>*Bob Feldman</i>	17.5	151.5
<i>*Lynne West</i>	16	151.5
Frank Foto	16.5	150.5
Gerald Liddelaw	14.5	147
David Feldman	15	145.5
Conrad Tinney	14	139.5
Wing Cheuk Lui	14.5	98.5
Michael Brummett	0	98
Todd Berman	0	88
Stephen Berger	0	61.5
Gloria Abraham	0	15.5

DIGITAL A

	May	Total
<i>**Inese Moore hm</i>	17	156.5
Andrea Nelson	16.5	151.5
Ray Flood <i>im</i>	17.5	140.5
Martin Lewis	16	135
Fred Fanelli	0	66.5
Teena Miller	0	49.5
Frank Price	0	32
Erwin Krasnow	0.0	32.0

** Doreen Rose, Bob Feldman and Lynne West move up to Digital A*

***Inese Moore moves up to Digital AA*

Thank you! I would like to thank my fellow Board Members and all who participated in some way to make this season a success: from helping to set up/break down, to offering suggestions, competing, joining us on photo shoots and more. It is *all of you* who make the NYBZPS the best Photo Club around!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Saturday, May 14th

End of Year Competition

Judges: Adolfo Briceno, Andrew Kurchey and Elinor Stecker-Orel

Sunday, May 15th

NYBG Azalea Garden Photo Shoot

Meet at the Clock 10 am

Saturday, June 4th

Year-End Party & Awards Luncheon

Sunday, June 5th

Green Chimneys

Birds of Prey

www.greenchimneys.org



DIGITAL AA	May	Total
Linda Tommasulo	18	159.5
Annabelle Washington <i>im</i>	18.5	157.5
Harvey Augenbraun	17.5	156
Anastasia Tompkins	15.5	153.5
Veronica Saunders	16.5	150.5
Har Er Huang	16.5	149.5
Sharon Gumerove	15.0	144.5
Bob Schwartz	15	144.5
Suzanne Carter <i>hm</i>	16.5	144

THEME (Winter)	May	Total
Anastasia Tompkins	15.5	152.5
Inese Moore	16	150.5
Linda Tommasulo <i>im</i>	17.5	147.5
Bob Feldman	16.5	145
Har Er Huang	16	144.5
Frank Foto	16.5	144.5
Lynne West	15.5	142
Andrea Nelson	14	135.5
Raymond Flood	15	115.5
David Feldman	18	90
Harvey Augenbraun	0	80.5
Conrad Tinney	7.5	67.5
Annabelle Washington <i>hm</i>	17.5	64.5
Todd Berman	0	59
Wing Cheuk Lui	15.5	54.5
Stephen Berger	0	53
Bob Schwartz	0	31.5
Suzanne Carter	0	29
Doreen Rose	8.5	16
Gloria Abraham	0	15.5

Winning Images - May



Altered Reality Image of the Month
"High Sea" - © Wing Cheuk Lui



Altered Reality
Honorable Mention
"Floral Swirl"
© Linda Tommasulo



Theme Image of the Month
"Weathering the Storm" © Linda Tommasulo



Theme
Honorable
Mention
"Snowball Fight"
© Annabelle
Washington



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Winners - Continued...



*Black & White Image of the Month
"B&W Butterfly" - © Bob Feldman*

*AA Image of the Month
"Torch"
© Annabelle Washington*



*AA Honorable Mention
"Green with Envy"
© Suzanne Carter*



*A Image of the Month - "In-flight Meal"
© Ray Flood*

**Don't forget to VOTE
for your nine (9)
favorite Themes for
2011-2012!**

*Black & White
Honorable Mention
"Sheep Heads"
© Inese Moore*



*A Honorable Mention
"White-Naped Crane"
© Inese Moore*

*B Image of the Month
"Beach Shack" - © Doreen Rose*



*B Honorable Mention
"Old Truck" - © Doreen Rose*



Top Five Must See Migrations for New York

Reprinted from The Nature Conservancy website: www.nature.org

It isn't just New Yorkers that come back to life, and out of their apartments, with the changing of the seasons. Spring also means that animals are on the move once again, traveling by land, by sea and by air to enjoy their own version of summer vacation.

"Witnessing an act of migration in-person is a thrilling moment that can inspire a lifetime love for nature," explains Darran Crabtree, Ph.D., senior freshwater scientist and acting director of conservation programs for The Nature Conservancy. "We hope to connect a new generation to the wonders of our natural world."

The Top Five Must-See Migrations for New York

1. Hawks - From Butler Sanctuary, a bird safe-haven in Westchester County, you can catch a glimpse of a variety of different hawks — from Cooper's to broad-winged — and hundreds of other migrating raptors such as merlins, kestrels and northern harriers. If you're lucky, you also might spot rare species such as northern goshawks, peregrine falcons, bald and golden eagles. What's so special about hawks? These incredibly strong diurnal (active by day) predatory birds have the best eyesight in the entire animal world, sharp, taloned feet and powerful beaks- all tailored to help them attack and kill their prey. Some of these raptors can reach over 150 mph when diving! This makes watching them on their migratory journey especially fun because they can put on quite a show if you catch them when they're hungry.

Some hawk species travel thousands of miles during their migration. New York hawks usually breed in the late spring or early summer, and they keep their mates for life. Migrating hawks tend to return to the same breeding spot year after year.

2. Salmon - Visitors come from far and wide to witness the abundance of salmon that run the Salmon River on the eastern shore of Lake Ontario in upstate New York. When Pacific salmon — including Chinook, Coho, and Steelhead — and then later Atlantic salmon were successfully introduced in the mid-20th century, one of New York's most spectacular migrations began. These four species of salmon have slightly different life histories, but all spend anywhere from two to five years cruising the open waters of Lake Ontario before returning to the river in late summer through spring for their origins to spawn. Seeing masses of salmon pulse through Lake Ontario's Rivers is an awesome sight. But seeing two 25-pound fish that have made it all the way up a small tributary to spawn in just a couple feet of water is also a feat of nature that can't be missed.

For some of the best viewing you can visit the Salmon River Fish Hatchery during the late summer to early fall or go to just about any angler access on the river.

3. Great Blue Heron - Every April more than a thousand great blue herons return to their nests at Ironsides Island, the largest rookery in northern New York. Migrating from their winter range in South and Central America, these birds with a six-foot wingspan — the largest of the herons — are easy to spot overhead as they head to their breeding range every spring, as they have very slow wing-beats. Great Blue Herons are best spotting in profile when they are foraging for food, as they stand along riverbanks or in marshy meadows waiting for prey. Nests can be spotted high in trees, and close to the water's edge.

The 30-acre Ironsides Island was donated in 1967 to serve as a rookery for the Great Blue Heron. Learn more about this island and what the Conservancy is doing to protect it.

4. Snow Geese - From August through December each year, hundreds of species of birds pass through the Shawangunk Flyaway Corridor on their annual southward journey to their wintering grounds. One of these birds is the Snow Goose. These white birds are marked by their black-tipped wings and pink bills with black tomia – or sharp edges on their upper beaks — giving them the appearance of a constant smile. Snow Geese can often be heard coming from miles away, as they are extremely loud and talk to each other a lot. During their migrations, big flocks of Snow Geese fly very high, almost 1,000 feet, in U-shaped lines.

With a wingspan averaging between 53 and 56 inches, the Snow Goose migrates from its Arctic breeding grounds to southern winter sites. Snow geese feed primarily on aquatic plants, grasses and grain. Once they land, Snow Geese most commonly nest in colonies at the end of May.

5. Black-Throated Blue Warbler - Hundreds of millions of migrating songbirds, like the Black-Throated Blue Warbler, cross the Great Lakes region each spring and fall. A deep-forest bird with striking blue plumage, the Black-throated Blue Warbler looks for "stopover" sites during its migration and these sites are threatened due to increased development of forested areas. This increased development leads to fragmentation of wooded area, which in turn decreases the birds' habitat.

You might be able to see this species and other songbirds on their migrations during any birding trip to the Great Lakes, or while hiking one of your favorite nature trails or patches of woods in the Great Lakes region. Braddock Bay State Park, Lakeshore Marshes DEC Wildlife Management Area, Chimney Bluffs State Park, and Niagara Frontier State Park are some great public places to start, along with Conservancy preserves at El Dorado and Rainbow Shores.

The Nature Conservancy protects Earth's most important natural places — for you and future generations — through great science and smart partnerships. To learn more about The Nature Conservancy, log on to www.nature.org.