



36th Annual Awards

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This Year's Judges:

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Dedicated to Herman Floyd Kelly, Jr. 1938-2016
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Public Issues

Award of Merit – Mountain Home

For 169 Years, Got Milk! by Brenda O'Meara, June 2015

How rare in the age of mega-farms to find a farm family passing down a legacy over generations. An unusual profile about an unusual family.

Bronze – Arizona Highways

For Land's Sake by Annette McGivney, July 2015

Skillfully told primer on the proposed protection of a local natural landmark. Well done.

Tie for Bronze

Bronze – Cottage Life

Beyond the Honeybee by Jennifer Kingsley, Spring 2015

This story takes a complicated, science-based issue that could have been mind-numbing and makes it accessible.

Silver – Adirondack Life

Twenty Million and a Hyphen by Ned Rauch, November/December 2015

Well reported and written piece about an important local issue.

Gold – Down East: The Magazine of Maine

Shattered by Virginia M. Wright, July 2015

A deep dive into an important and undercovered subject. Comprehensive reporting, edgy writing.

Historic Feature 30,000 or less APR

Award of Merit – Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors

American Eagle by James Craig, April/May 2015

This was a fascinating look at the man behind what's now a core symbol of American nationhood, and expertly written.

Bronze – Lake Superior Magazine

A Night to Remember by Dennis Anderson and Rick Fowler, October/November 2015

A very interesting story that has the feel of a good storyteller reminiscing.

Silver – Missouri Life

Playing for Blood by Ron Soodalter, April 2015

I thoroughly enjoyed the pacing of this piece and the rich details that brought the time period to life.

Gold – Colorado Life

Zebulon Pike by Nancy Pike Hause, Nov/Dec 2015

A comic tragedy. I am impressed and entertained by Pike's mission.

Historic Feature 30,000 or more APR

Award of Merit – Nebraska Life

Summer at Winter Quarters by Matt Masich, July/August 2015

Award of Merit – Arizona Highways

Of Prehistoric Proportions by Kayla Frost, May 2015

Bronze – Cottage Life

Who's That Man? by Charlotte Gray, Joseph Boyden and Douglas Hunter, Summer 2015

This is informative and is a different take on what's probably a well-worn idea.

Silver – Texas Highways

Celebration of Independence by James L. Haley, March 2015

This is a pro at work. Thoughtful yet easy to read.

Gold – Adirondack Life

Conservation's Dark Side by Amy Godine, January/February 2015

Of all the entries in this category, I learned the most from this one. Well-researched work, and the writing is light (but not flippant) and tight.

Nature and Environment Feature

Award of Merit – Lake Superior Magazine

Last of the Gray Ghosts by Cheryl Lyn Dybas, October/November 2015

An excellent and important piece deserving recognition.

Award of Merit – Arizona Highways

Ba'cho by Annette McGivney, August 2015

Strong reporting and anecdotes, and a timely, even urgent, issue make this a compelling read.

Bronze – Yukon, North of Ordinary

Managing the Herd by Kelly Milner, Fall 2015

Interesting story focused around an engaging community moment.

Silver – Adirondack Life

Bird Land by Christine Jerome, Annual Guide to the Great Outdoors 2015

I love the wit and humor here, right from the opening line. The writing is lively and kept my interest.

Gold – Cottage Life

It's a Hard Knock Life by Philip Preville, May 2015

Super engaging writing... I was hooked right away!

Travel Feature

Award of Merit – The Iowan

Touring Iowa's Great River Road by Dan Weeks, Sept/Oct 2015

Appealingly visual travel package that explains well not just where to go, but _why_ to go.

Award of Merit – Texas Highways

The Lure of the Llano by E. Dan Klepper, April 2015

Some very nice descriptive writing highlights this piece, particularly the lede and the end.

Award of Merit – Adirondack Life

Johns Brook Lodge, the Last Resort by Luke Cyphers, Annual Guide to the Great Outdoors 2015
Solid reporting and good writing. Doesn't hit me over the head with a list of things to do or see, rather makes me want to do and see them.

Award of Merit – Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors

Eagle Island by Mimi Bigelow Steadman, November/December 2015
Strong reporting and anecdotes, and a timely, even urgent, issue make this a compelling read.

Bronze – British Columbia Magazine

Fall Road Trips Special by Ryan Stuart, Desiree Miller and David Webb, 014 Annual Guide to the Great Outdoors
An attractive, user-friendly resource for wanderlusting readers.

Silver – Cottage Life

Out on the Land by Margo Pfeiff, Winter 2015
This is a great story. I was fascinated by Nunavut.

Gold – New Mexico Magazine

A Turning Point in Turner Country by Dave Herndon, June 2015
The best travel writing is more than merely a catalog of places to go and things to see. Rather it paints a picture of a place, takes the reader there, covering sites, history, flora, fauna, the essence of gestalt of the place. This piece does it.

Art and Culture Feature

Award of Merit – Saltscapes

Lennie's Dream by Philip Lee, April 2015
Some very nice descriptive writing highlights this piece, particularly the lede and the end.

Award of Merit – Yukon, North of Ordinary

Rock 'N' Roll, Caesar Salads, and a Missed Date with Royalty by Leighann Chalykoff, Summer 2015
The story itself is entertaining and interesting and the never waivers in poignancy throughout the article.

Award of Merit – Maine Boats, Home & Harbors

Baskets With Spirit by Billy Ray Simms, Issue 136 Boat Show 2015
Wow, this is how you cover an artist's story.

Award of Merit – Acadiana Profile

Lache Pas by Melanie Warner Spencer, December 2015/January 2016

A visceral and mature article. It's very moving and as a reader, I can sense an importance in the tradition.

Bronze – Adirondack Life

Rocking the Boathouse by Elizabeth Folwell, At Home in the Adirondacks 2015

I found it captivating throughout. It feels like a very small but powerful story - I admire the content.

Silver – New Mexico Magazine

A Gift From the Wind by John Muller, August 2015

Wow, that is a very comprehensive look at a fascinating artistic family.

Gold – Arkansas Life

Of House and Home by Katie Bridges, June 2015

A well-executed piece and a well-chosen topic, extremely relevant to the magazine's audience.

General Feature

Award of Merit – Saltscapes

Healing Roots by Mary-Frances Lynch, September/October 2015

Really respectful, thoughtful and interesting piece about the roots of Mi'kmaq medicine in Atlantic Canada. Really well done.

Award of Merit – New Mexico Magazine

Unbroken in NM by Stephanie Pearson, March 2015

Really nice job here. There was good information about characters, and that developed across the sections.

Bronze – Cottage Life

The Original Loveboat by Roy McGregor, Early Summer 2015

Fun. Interesting. Thoughtful. This was an enjoyable (but too short) read. I was left wanting more.

Tie for Bronze

Bronze – Down East: The Magazine of Maine

The Belfast Operation by Brian Kevin, January 2015

Great effort on what likely was a difficult story to report.

Silver – Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors

Beyond the Black Lines by W. Hodding Carter, Issue 137 November/December 2015

Fun topic and solid, informative writing. Nice work. Great to see this quality in a smaller regional magazine.

Gold – Adirondack Life

Manhunt by Brian Mann, November/December 2015

Good reporting highlights this story. Very informative and enjoyable work.

Profiles

Award of Merit – Arkansas Life

Portrait of the Artist by Jordan P. Hickey, July 2015

Fantastic, gripping story.

Award of Merit – Adirondack Life

Sugar House Creamery by Annie Stoltie, July/August 2015

Delicious details and intriguing characters.

Award of Merit – New Mexico Magazine

Tony Hillerman: An Open Book by Charles C. Poling, October 2015

A solid, well-written profile of a fascinating character.

Bronze – Arizona Highways

Sir David by Kathy Montgomery, December 2015

A gentle, sweet profile to match what is obviously a gentle, sweet man.

Silver – The Iowan

Iowan Icon: Bob Dorr by Avery Gregurich, July/August 2015

Couldn't stop reading!

Gold – Colorado Life Magazine

San Luis Valley Gators by Matt Masich, March/April 2015

Lively writing and an even livelier subject make this a fun profile to read.

Reader Service Article

Award of Merit – Missouri Life

Festival Frenzy by Jonas Weir, April 2015

What makes this shine is that editors allotted space for detailed descriptions and even the history of each event and highlighted with examples what makes each one unique.

Award of Merit – Louisiana Life

Beyond the Ballot by Jeremy Alford, September/October 2015

This is a comprehensive, well thought out piece by someone who knows Louisiana politics.

Award of Merit – Texas Highways

Lakes, Sweet Lakes by Dan Oko, July 2015

Nicely done.

Bronze – Arizona Highways

Weekend Getaways by Robert Stieve, Kelly Vaughn, Noah Austin, January 2015

A nicely done piece, with a little bit of everything.

Tie for Bronze

Bronze – Arkansas Life

The Natural State of Parks by Nicholas Hunt, October 2015

Very nice and comprehensive with a lovely tone.

Silver – Adirondack Life

Small Feats by Lisa Plumley Mintz, July/August 2015

This one is good, encouraging and optimistic – you really *can* hike with your kids.

Gold – Cottage Life

Best Summer Ever by Naomi Buck, Jackie Davis, Anita Lahey and Christine Sismondo, Summer 2015

Love this well written and inviting piece. It addresses parents' summer nightmare: "I'm bored, there's nothing to do"!

Hed & Dek

Bronze – Texas Highways

Silo House Rules-Casual and Classy at the Chicken Farm by Jane Wu, July 2015

A solid and straightforward Hed and Dek. It fits and has charm.

Silver – Arizona Highways

She Knows Dam Well by Kathy Montgomery, March 2015

This one made me chuckle. To me, that's a big plus when it comes to heds and deks!

Gold – Missouri Life

The Notorious B&G by Jonas Weir, February 2015

Yes this is inspired and I can't believe no one has ever done this header before with reference to biscuits and gravy. Simply wonderful!

Essay

Bronze – Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors

Roll or Die by Paul Molyneaux, Issue 133 February/March 2015

What a cool concept. I wish there were more here, because I would definitely read it.

Silver – Arizona Highways

The Long Deep Trails of Water by Craig Childs, June 2015

I get a good sense of place, so much of the story works.

Gold – Down East: the Magazine of Maine

My Intractable, Gun-Loving Anti-Government Right-Wing Cousin (Who I Like a Lot) by Ron Currie Jr., December 2015

A great example of a loving essay on a topic that quickly divides people. It's thoughtful but far from mean-spirited. Nice work.

Column

Award of Merit – Mountain Home

A Peacable Kingdom, "Mags, You Have to Tell the Garage Story!", and Home Economics 101 by Maggie Barnes, 2015

Warm and funny, great storytelling.

Bronze – Louisiana Life

Rural Life by Melissa Bienvenue, 2015

I might never forget, "But Dad, its neck is so soft."

Silver – Delaware Beach Life

Flotsam & Jetsam by Fay Jacobs, 2015

Very strong, with interesting new information, which is rarely seen in commentary.

Gold – Adirondack Life

Short Carries by Annie Stoltie, 2015

These columns are wonderful little meditations on key aspects of living in the Adirondacks.

Tie for Gold

Gold – Arizona Highways

Editor's Letter by Robert Stieve, 2015

Great details grab the attention from the start. It's like I can see the scenes.

Magazine Writer of the Year 30,000 or less APR

Award of Merit – Delaware Beach Life

Pam George for *The Big Tent, Tales From Behind the Bar, So You Want to Own a Restaurant?, In With the New, A Place at the Table*, 2015

Obviously excels at reporting sprawling, in-depth stories about local culture.

Bronze – Acadiana Profile

Will Kalec for *Houma: City of the Year, Les Artiste, Les Personnes*, 2015

Unfussy and winningly straightforward. Nice handling of quotes and writerly descriptions.

Silver – Missouri Life

Ron Soodalter for *Things that Go Bump in the Night, It's Boz, Playing for Blood, The Senator from Pendergast*, 2015

Ron Soodalter is a fine reporter and writer whose work is far from ordinary.

Gold – Colorado Life

Matt Masich for *How Fort Collins Inspired Disneyland, San Luis Valley Gators, San Luis: What's New in Colorado's Oldest Town?*, 2015

Matt Masich's story selection, deep reporting and the smooth flow of his work make him the clear choice as Magazine Writer of the Year.

Magazine Writer of the Year 30,000 or more APR

Award of Merit – Nebraska Life

Alan J. Bartels, 2015

Alan J. Bartels has a gift for teasing out anecdotes, folklore, and valuable recollections from his sources.

Bronze – Texas Highways

Matt Joyce, 2015

Well paced. Funny historical anecdote. It's a well-delivered article for such a simple topic.

Silver – Arizona Highways

Annette McGivney for *Scouting trip, Rachel Tso, Sifting Through the Ashes, For Land's Sake, Ba'cho*, 2015

She makes every story deeply personal, bringing each of her subjects alive on the

page, and bringing the reader into her world.

Gold – New Mexico Magazine

David Pike for *Queen for a Day; The Answer Man; Carrizozo Renaissance; Unhurried in Hachita*, 2015

Great topics, intriguing characters and stories told with warm detail and obvious appreciation for setting, place, atmosphere, and vivid authenticity.

Single Photo

Award of Merit – Acadiana Profile

Seafood Hotspots: Hawk's Boiled Crawfish by Danley Romero, April/May 2015

Great composition and colours. As a fan of Crawfish this makes me want to get some fast!

Award of Merit – Texas Highways

Scenic Route: Bluebonnets at Night, Turkey Bend by Rob Greebon, April 2015

A beautiful, calming shot that captures the time of day perfectly. Love the colour palette.

Bronze – Kansas!

Hope Springs Eternal by Doug Stremel, 2015

My favorite part is the sparks coming from under the horse's foot.

Silver – Adirondack Life

One Square Mile of Hope by Nancie Battaglia, March/April 2015

This is fantastic! I love the composition and colours. The skill to capture the image with such clarity is commendable.

Gold – Arizona Highways

Let There Be Light by Ben Coan, October 2015

Amazing image! The composition and lighting effects are magical. The colours work well together to create a mystical atmosphere. Exceptional!

Photo Series 30,000 or less APR

Award of Merit – Wyoming Wildlife

Small wonders by Jessica U. Grant, September 2015

Award of Merit – Kansas!

Homegrown by Harland J. Schuster, Fall 2015

Nice variety of shooting styles that work together. Crisp and colorful and

compositionally interesting.

Bronze – Yukon, North of Ordinary

Managing the Herd by Peter Mather, Fall 2015

Stunning aerial perspectives.

Silver – Acadiana Profile

Laches Pas by Denny Culbert, December 2015

An evocative series of photographs—you can almost smell the meat.

Gold – albemarle: Living in Jefferson’s Virginia

Seeing Seeds by Robert Llewellyn, August/September 2015

Beautifully detailed and elegant photographs illustrating the wonders of seeds.

Photo Series 30,000 or more APR

Award of Merit – Mississippi Magazine

A Wild Shrimp Chase by Rory Doyle, May/June 2015

Photographs are relatively simple, but visually interesting. And tell the story of the subject's lives with interest and enthusiasm.

Award of Merit – Adirondack Life

Sugar House Creamery by Lisa Godfrey, July/August 2015

The photos work together as a series. Interesting compositions heightened by stark black and white.

Bronze – Cottage Life

A Whale of a Story by Kamil Bialous, May 2015

Photography tells an interesting story, of an interesting place, in an interesting way.

Silver – Down East: the Magazine of Maine

Buckle Up! Your Ultimate 324-Mile 3-Day 2-Night Fall Foliage Tour by Mark Fleming, October 2015

These images bring the beauty of Fall to life.

Gold – Texas Highways

Winter Whitescapes from the West by E. Dan Klepper, December 2015

I love the crispness of these images.

Portrait Photo

Award of Merit – The Iowan

Iowan Icon: Bob Dorr by Kathryn Gamble, July/Aug 2015

Bronze – Texas Highways

Trooper James Shotwell, 9th and 10th Horse Cavalry Association, Buffalo Soldiers by James Fraher, February 2015

The expression on his face and particularly his eyes epitomizes trust and perfectly illustrates the story.

Silver – Arizona Highways

Table of Contents by John Sherman, August 2015

Exquisite photo! The detail in the feathers is incredible.

Gold – Adirondack Life

Demolition Derby by Ben Stechschulte, March/April 2015

Within this category, I find this portrait to be the most dynamic and engaging.

Portrait Series

Award of Merit – Cottage Life

Lake Effect by Edward Pond, Early Summer 2015

Whole series does a great job of portraying different views of the lifestyle of the subject. Very interesting.

Award of Merit – Texas Highways

Extraordinary Texans by Will van Overbeek, September 2015

Bronze – Acadiana Profile

The Business of Fun by Danley Romero, June/July 2015

Definitely fun, and subjects are portrayed well. Direction of non-model subjects is very good.

Silver – Arizona Highways

Their Souls Blend in a Soft Whisper by Scott Baxter, March 2015

Simple photos have a lot of personality, and expression.

Gold – Yukon, North of Ordinary

Stories to Tell by GBP Creative, Summer 2015

I love the simplicity on white with the strong color and contrast. Each image seems to capture the personality of the subject.

Magazine Photographer of the Year 30,000 or less APR

Bronze – Colorado Life

Joshua Hardin for *San Luis, What's New in Colorado's Oldest Town, Rocky Ford Watermelons, Peak Pixels*, 2015

Silver – Missouri Life

Harry Katz for *Resilience in Practice, Keeper of the Cave, Staring Down the Barrel*, 2015

Gold – Acadiana Profile

Denny Culbert for *Lache Pas; 6 Sporting Spots; Best New Restaurants*, 2015

Denny has a knack for capturing a specific moment and mood while also considering lighting and composition.

Magazine Photographer of the Year 30,000 or more APR

Bronze – Saltscapes

Dave Brosha for *Seeing in Black and White*, July/August 2015

These photos evoke a wonderful sense of mood and emotion.

Silver – Texas Highways

E. Dan Klepper, 2015

The photography expresses affection and relationship with subjects and landscape.

Gold – Arizona Highways

David Muench for *7 Decades of David Muench*, December 2015

These photographs speak volumes about the photographer's deep understanding of these beautiful and scenic environments.

Graphic

Bronze – Texas Highways

The Dallas Bar-B-Que Renaissance by Mark Mahorsky, April 2015

Silver – Adirondack Life

Anna Bond's Adirondack Summer Sketchbook by Anna Bond, July/August 2015

Lovely, whimsical, painterly illustration style.

Gold – Arizona Highways

On the Road Again by Eric Hanson, May 2015

Fun and energetic with just the right amount of “rough around the edges”—the

loose, unrefined style feels real and authentic and totally unpretentious.

Illustration

Award of Merit – Missouri Life

It's Boz! by Meredith Wilson, December 2015

Gorgeous. Distinct. Tells a story, and powerfully directs the viewers eye with subtle cues.

Award of Merit – Cottage Life

Who's That Man? by Ben Clarkson, Summer 2015

Amazing. Compelling. Beautiful. I would happily look at these all day, and enjoy the weird quirky way that they tell their story.

Bronze – Adirondack Life

Manhunt by David Junkin, November/December 2015

Dramatic and original! Great use of collage to incorporate the important elements of the story.

Silver – Arizona Highways

Of Prehistoric Proportions by Jon Foster, May 2015

Evocative, beautiful, perfectly illustrates the story, and effectively accommodates the needs of the article.

Gold – Texas Highways

Escape the Heat & Love the Nightlife by Matthew Baldwin, MOLO, Scott Wetterschneider, Shinbone Creative, August 2015

Unique, fun, appealing and engaging.

Art Direction of a Single Story 30,000 or less APR

Award of Merit – Arizona Wildlife Views

At the Water's Edge by Cecilia Carpenter, May/June 2015

Bronze – Missouri Life

Playing for Blood by Andrew Barton, Tom Sullivan, Sarah Herrera, August 2015

Silver – albemarle magazine

Seeing Seeds by Michael Fitts, Alison Dickie, Robert Llewellyn, Eden Weathersby, August/September 2015

Clean type complements and features the exquisite photography. Clean, crisp and sculptural.

Gold – Acadiana Profile

Garden Fresh by Sarah George, February/March 2015
Spot-on food and prop styling—looks delicious!

Art Direction of a Single Story 30,000 or more APR

Award of Merit – Arizona Highways

The Blue by Barbara Glynn Denney, Keith Whitney, Jeff Kida, July 2015
Gorgeous photography.

Award of Merit – Cottage Life

The Lake That Wouldn't Be by Kim Zagar, Spring 2015
Love the strange fully justified type in the titles.

Award of Merit – Adirondack Life

Jazzing Up Lake George by Kelly Hofschneider, September/October 2015
Very nice! Love the CMYK colour palette and the contrast between the black and white photos and the monochromatic overlays.

Bronze – Texas Highways

Lakes, Sweet Lakes by Mark Mahorsky, Jane Wu, Brandon Jakobeit, July 2015
Great use of rustic elements to support the subject matter. Expert attention to details, both typographically and within the visuals.

Silver – Louisiana Life

A Fresh Take on Nostalgic Recipes by Sarah George, March/April 2015
Beautifully planned and executed photography matching perfectly with the content.

Gold – Arkansas Life

Best of 2015 by Kelley Lane and Arshia Khan, August 2015
Beautiful layout and art direction! Love the section titles-beautiful typography.

Overall Art Direction 30,000 or less APR

Bronze – Delaware Beach Life

Terry Plowman, Tessa Lingo, Kevin Fleming, Scott Nathan, Carolyn Watson, Rob Waters, Ashley Dawson, Laura Navarre, 2015

Silver – Missouri Life

Andrew Barton, Thomas Sullivan, Sarah Herrera, 2015
Fun, fresh typography and clever layout juxtaposed with engaging photography.

Gold – Acadiana Profile

Sarah George, 2015

Chic and polished. Gorgeous photos and sleek layout.

Overall Art Direction 30,000 or more APR

Award of Merit – New Mexico Magazine

Edie Dillman, 2015

Typography is simple and effective. Feature titles are fun and creative.

Bronze – Adirondack Life

Kelly Hofschneider, 2015

Beautiful and striking photography coupled with clean, fun and sophisticated typography make this magazine experience insightful as well as memorable.

Silver – Texas Highways

Mark Mahorsky, Jane Wu, Brandon Jakobeit, Kirsti Harms, 2015

The use of typography in this magazine elevates the reader's experience to a whole new level. Bright colors are relevant and appropriate styles bring each page to life.

Gold – Cottage Life

Kim Zagar, 2015

The fun and energetic colors combine with the bold typography to create a visual experience that is both interesting and relevant. The beautiful photography, illustration, and other graphic elements provide wonderful visual entry points throughout the magazine.

Department

Award of Merit – Adirondack Life

Northern Lights by Elizabeth Folwell, Niki Kourofsky, Annie Stoltie, 2015

Bronze – Arizona Highways

The Journal by Robert Stieve, Kelly Vaughn Kramer, Noah Austin, Jeff Kida, Barbara Glynn Denney, Keith Whitney, 2015

Vibrant and packed with information. There's a lot to like here, and the photo selection is excellent.

Silver – Cottage Life

Feast by Penny Caldwell, Kim Zagar, Martin Zibauer, Vicki Hornsby, 2015

Nice art direction—the photography is strong and graphic (and mouth-watering!).

Gold – Texas Highways

Drive by Lori Moffatt, Jane Wu, Matt Joyce, Mark Mahorsky, Brandon Jakobeit, Jill Lawless, 2015

You can see the thought and care that's put into each of these stories. This work is inviting and informative and gives readers the most important piece of information before moving on. The writing is pitch-perfect.

Food Feature

Award of Merit – Arizona Wildlife Views

Drink with a Fish by Johnathan O'Dell, Cecelia Carpenter, Heidi Rayment, Julie Hammonds, Madeline Gaffney, May/June 2015

Simply but effectively told. A pleasure to read. Nice design.

Award of Merit – Texas Highways

The Dallas Bar-B-Que Renaissance by John Lumpkin, April 2015

Solidly-written. Excellent photos and design.

Bronze – Louisiana Life

The Lighter Sides by Stanley Dry and Eugenia Uhl, November/December 2015

Beautifully styled, photographed, and designed. An excellent service/lifestyle feature pegged to what everyone enjoys most about holiday meals—the sides!

Silver – British Columbia Magazine

Taste of Summer Special by David Webb, John Lee, Desiree Miller, Jane Zatylny, Joe Wiebe, Summer 2015

A hugely useful resource for the local community in finding the best food experiences of the growing season. Well done.

Gold – Arkansas Life

How to Eat Like an Arkansan by Arshia Khan, Kelley Lane, Katie Bridges, Jordan P. Hickey, Nicholas Hunt, Shea Stewart, Emily Van Zandt, April 2015

Beautifully conceived and executed, including top-notch images and design and write-ups full of wit and verve. First rate!

Special Focus

Award of Merit – Adirondack Life

The 2015 Photography Issue by Kelly Hofschneider, Annie Stoltie, Elizabeth Folwell, Lisa Bramen, Niki Kourofsky, March/April 2015

Consistent application of the theme, with an interesting variety. Fun read, beautiful images, plus usable information.

Bronze – Texas Highways

Comfort Food by Mark Mahorsky, Jill Lawless, Lori Moffatt, Matt Joyce, Julie Stratton, Brandon Jakobeit, Jane Wu, Lois Rodriguez, Cindy Newsom, June Naylor, Robb Walsh, Will van Overbeek, Kevin Stillman, Michael Amador, November 2015

I know barbecue is your thing, Texas, but my goodness those pies...

Silver – Arkansas Life

Delta Dawn by Katie Bridges, Jordan P. Hickey, Emily Van Zandt, Kelley Lane, Arshia Khan, May 2015

An interesting take on a unique subject coupled with beautiful photographs and brilliant and relevant typography make for an inspiring and praise worthy experience.

Gold – Arizona Highways

Special 90th Anniversary Issue, A Look Back at our First Nine Decades by Robert Stieve, Kelly Vaughn Kramer, Noah Austin, Jeff Kida, Barbara Glynn Denney, Keith Whitney, April 2015

Boy, this issue really stands out! Not many magazines reach 90 years and have such a rich history, both as a magazine and as a cultural witness.

Annual Publication

Bronze – Lake Superior

Lake Superior Travel Guide, 2015

This magazine covers a wonderful part of our nations.

Silver – Kansas!

Kansas Outdoors by Andrea Etzel, Katy Ibsen, Shelly Bryant, Jenni Leiste, 2015

Engaging content, elegantly presented. Some really lovely design details employed.

Gold – Texas Highways

Texas Highways State Travel Guide, 2015

Everything is bigger in Texas, including this travel guide. Every page of this publication screams "professionally done."

Cover 30,000 or less APR

Award of Merit – Delaware Beach Life

Silhouetted Lighthouse May 2015 by Marc Clery

Visually this is a successful cover. The silhouetted lighthouse evokes a feeling of home; the palette is appealing, the type easy to read.

Bronze –Missouri Life

August 2015 by Andrew Barton, Jonas Weir, Sarah Herrera, Thomas Sullivan

Loved this. Fun, playful design and type, engaging coverlines, and a clear sense of the mag's identity.

Silver – Kansas!

The Road Trip Issue Summer 2015 by Andrea Etzel, Katy Ibsen, Shelly Bryant, Doug Stremel.
2015

Great composition! Love the colour palette and the incorporation of little sketchy elements. Nicely done.

Gold – Yukon, North of Ordinary

Summer 2015 by GBP Creative

Great photography, vibrant cover with lots going on but doesn't feel cluttered.

Cover 30,000 or more APR

Award of Merit – British Columbia Magazine

Fall 2015 by Arran Yates and Dale Miller

Evocative image complemented by judiciously placed coverlines and buttons.

Award of Merit – Arizona Highways

Salt River Canyon November 2015 by Barbara Glynn Denney, Robert Stieve, Jeff Kida

Rich and restful photography complemented by simple typography.

Award of Merit – Cottage Life

Early Summer 2015 by Kim Zagar and Penny Caldwell

Lively colours, fun photo - captures the spirit of summer.

Bronze – Nebraska Life

Grain Elevator May/June 2015 by Alan J. Bartels, Christopher Amundson, Angela Amundson,
Tannon Asche

Love this, definitely one of my favorites of the group. Super clean, nice lines, framed well, amazing colours.

Silver – Texas Highways

Lakes July 2015 by Mark Mahorsky, Joan Henderson, Brandon Jakobeit, Jill Lawless, Jane Wu,
Lori Moffatt, Matt Joyce, Matt Wetzler, Dave Shafer

Clean and modern layout and use of typography. Love the contrasting colour palette. Very nice job.

Gold – Mississippi Magazine

May/June 2015 by Barbara Glynn Denney

Beautiful photography glorifies local watermen in style. Clean, uncluttered

composition complements rather than competes for attention. Well done.

Companion Website

Bronze – Missouri Life

www.missourilife.com by Jonas Weir, Sarah Herrera, Harry Katz, 2015

Silver – Arizona Highways

www.arizonahighways.com by Victoria J. Snow, Robert Stieve, Kelly Vaughn Kramer, Noah Austin, Jeff Kida, Barbara Glynn Denney, Keith Whitney, 2015

Gold – Texas Highways

www.texashighways.com by Lois Rodriguez, Matt Wetzler, Matt Joyce, Mark Mahorsky, Erin Inks, Jane Wu, Brandon Jakobeit, Lori Moffatt, Jill Lawless, Katy Venable, Andrea Lin, 2015

Magazine of the Year

2016 MAGAZINE OF THE YEAR 30,000 or less APR

Finalist – Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors

2015

Finalist – Yukon, North of Ordinary

Kystal Karais, Greg Karais, Manu Keggenhoff and Tara McCarthy, 2015

Finalist – Acadiana Profile

Sarah George and Sarah Ravits, 2015

Winner – Missouri Life

Danita Allen Wood, Jonas Weir, Andrew Barton, Sarah Herrera, Thomas Sullivan, Harry Katz, 2015

2016 MAGAZINE OF THE YEAR 30,000 or more APR

Finalist – Arkansas Life

Katie Bridges, Kelley Lane, Jordan P. Hickey, Nicholas Hunt, Arshia Khan, Mariam Makatsaria, Emily Van Zandt, 2015

Finalist – New Mexico Magazine

Eddie Dillman and Dave Herndon

Winner – Texas Highways

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