



39th Annual Awards

Awarded October 28th in Charlotte, North Carolina

This Year's Judges:

Writing Judges:

John Andrews, Managing Editor, South Dakota Magazine

Deborah Baldwin, Former Editor of This Old House, Real Simple, and Common Cause

Valerie Berenyi, Free-range writer and editor

Al Bonowitz, Editor in Chief, AAA Hawai'i, Editor in Chief, Northern New England Journey

Chris Bowerman, instructor at UBC Okanagan

Melissa Chessher, Professor & Chair, Syracuse University

Deb Cummings, publications editor at the University of Calgary, Veteran Journalist

Ian Doig, edits and contributes to GrainsWest magazine

Patti Edgar, instructor at MRU

Valerie Fortney, Founding editor of Avenue, Calgary Herald

Richard A. Johnson, award-winning writer, editor and facilitator, long-time organizer of Canada's National Magazine Awards.

Dayanti Karunaratne, Editor in Chief, Ottawa magazine

Hal Niedzviecki, Writer and Publisher, Broken Pencil Magazine

Sara Samson, Editor at Westjet magazine

Glenn Stout, Freelance Writer

Jim Sutherland, Freelance Writer

Lisa Whittington-Hill, Publisher, This Magazine

Design Judges:

DeAnne Bedier, Creative Director / Designer at her own studio, DeAnne Bedier Design.

Natalie Gagnon, art director, publication designer, brand strategist and design educator

Megan Hillman, former Associate Art Director: Old house Journal, Martha Stewart Weddings

Andrea Maibaum, Chief Designer, South Dakota Magazine

Brett Martin, internationally exhibiting artist and illustrator

Natalie McLeod, Graphic Designer

John Montgomery, Art Director, Reader's Digest Canada
Melissa Newman, Art Director, Yoga Journal
Pete Nguyen, Art Director, Berlin Communications
Colleen Nicholson, Art Director
Jessica Sedgewick, Chicago magazine
Beata Wichmann, Art Director, Alberta Views

Public Issues

Bronze – I like the way this piece was packaged and it reflects a lot of reporting.

Texas Highways

Travel with Purpose by Melissa Gaskill

Silver – This piece deserves high marks. It's clearly written, well researched and doesn't drift around.

Mountain Home

The Piano Man's War by Alison Fromme

Gold – Great story. I was totally unaware of this angle.

Adirondack Life

There Goes the Neighborhood by Luke Cyphers

Historic Feature 35,000 or less APR

Award of Merit

Kansas!

A Sunflower State Literary Pilgrimage by Annette Hope Billings, Mary Gage, and Alex Grecian

Bronze – Great storytelling. Well researched, fascinating mystery!

Yukon, North of Ordinary

A Mystery Wrapped in a Parka by Ron Soodalter

Silver

Adirondack Life

The Tree Army by Niki Kourofsky

Gold – The opening paragraph alone paints the most vivid of pictures in just a handful of sentences. It is terrific storytelling.

Oklahoma Today

Of Snow Made Red With Blood by Jim Logan

Historic Feature 35,000 or more APR

Bronze – A compelling story of community right from the first images of riders on the Texas horizon.

Texas Highways

Hoofbeats of History by Susan L. Ebert

Silver – There is no doubting the "Why?" of this story. And the writer's touch is beautiful, evocative, and sensitive.

New Mexico Magazine

To Touch the Soil by Kate Nelson

Gold – A wonderful use of history to drive the narrative and connect to the modern-day characters.

Arizona Highways

A Totally Different Ballgame by Noah Austin

Nature and Environment Feature 35,000 or less APR

Bronze – Well written, well researched piece on the Rodney Dangerfield of the crab world.

Delaware Beach Life

March of the Horseshoe Crab by Jeanne Shook

Tie for Bronze

Bronze – Great piece from a former pig producer who knows the turf and the impact industrial farming has on the environment.

Arkansas Life

This Little Piggy Went to Market by Johnny Carrol Sain

Silver – A beautiful narrative, that weaves in all the facts with an evocative wilderness experience.

Yukon, North of Ordinary

Last True Wilderness by Steve Hossack

Gold – The writer takes a complicated subject and, with entertaining and evocative imagery, makes it fun and accessible to a general audience.

Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors

The Hunt for Red Tides by Nicholas R. Record

Tie for Gold

Gold – Clean, spare writing about an interesting topic.

Wyoming Wildlife

Migration to the Mainstream by Kelsey Dayton

Nature and Environment Feature 35,000 or more APR

Bronze – Inventive and engaging story concept. Its lively prose is backed by attractive page design.

Cottage Life

When Nature Swipes Right by Cathy Collins

Silver – No average canoe-trip travelogue, it's a deep dive into sense of place, and how geography and history are intertwined with personal and community identity.

Texas Highways

A Return to the River by Clayton Maxwell

Gold – Fascinating from the first word - full of unique insight.

Arizona Highways

In Search of Ancient Agaves by Annette McGivney

Tie for Gold

Gold – There's a lot to praise in the content of this informative story. This is a how-to example of great magazine feature writing and packaging.

New Mexico Magazine

The Four-Legged Dude by Dan Flores

Travel Feature

Bronze – Solid research – good anecdotes about JFK, legendary Bigfoot, and urban legends.

Oklahoma Today

Down to the River by Robert Reid

Tie for Bronze

Bronze – Great bits of history interspersed with nice quotes and locals' expressions added to the overall sense of place. And truly, superb research.

Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors

New. Found. Land. by Nancy Harmon Jenkins

Silver – You can't help but slide into the spirit of this road trip — languid, slow, road time peppered by distant freight trains and the strumming of an out-of-tune guitar.

Arizona Highways

The Ultimate Arizona Road Trip by Matt Jaffe

Gold – The piece flowed like the river, using muscular prose that bordered on poetic.

Texas Highways

The Devil Made Me Do It by Matt Joyce

Tie for Gold

Gold – Loved learning about the history and politics of the area, from the rivers act to the impact it has today on Hena and Pueblo people.

New Mexico Magazine

The Lifeblood by Ashley M. Biggers

Art and Culture Feature

Award of Merit – I appreciated the honesty and integrity behind the historical account.

Arizona Highways

Indigenous Arizona by Annette McGivney

Award of Merit – Deep, sound research coupled with an excellent mix of photos made it a compelling read.

Texas Highways

Silver & Blues by Joe Nick Patoski

Award of Merit – I found the tone of the writing perfectly matched the mystery of the art with the ethereal haunting of the past.

Adirondack Life

Just Beyond the River by Amy Godine

Bronze – Truly gorgeous art and an unusual idea.

Oklahoma Today

Paper Trail by Megan Rossman

Silver – Lots of excellent entry points to the piece. Loved the three cool places to imbibe cocktails . . .

Louisiana Life

Celebrate New Orleans by Chéré Coen

Gold – Consistent elegant language, great summaries and excellent hooks that kept me reading.

New Mexico Magazine

The Fire Still Burns by Kate Nelson

General Feature 35,000 or less APR

Award of Merit – Great scene-setting in the writing.

Acadiana Profile

La Chasse au Canard by Denny Culbert

Award of Merit – A very fun read, and the colourful action shots certainly don't hurt.

Oklahoma Today

Folk Medicine by David Joshua Jennings

Bronze – Told in an engaging way, which challenges the concepts of tradition and tourism.

Adirondack Life

The Closet by Amy Godine

Silver – Delicious-sounding food combined with interesting and timely profiles.

Louisiana Life

Woman's Work by Jyl Benson

Gold – Prose was really good and elicited a few chuckles.

Delaware Beach Life

Into the Sunsets by Bill Newcott

General Feature 35,000 or more APR

Bronze – Fascinating: a dish I had no idea existed and will probably never try but was very glad to read about.

New Mexico Magazine

Frito Pie-Eyed by Samuel Gilbert

Silver – A carefully researched and well-crafted story about the joy of immersing oneself in the geography and geology of an area.

Arizona Highways

A Walk in the Park by Tyler Williams

Gold – Gratifying to see a magazine and writer devote this kind of time and space to an investigation.

Down East

Is This Man a Victim? by Kathryn Miles

Profiles 35,000 or less APR

Award of Merit – A great fit for the magazine. Readers would love it.

The Bermudian

Right time. Right place. Right attitude. by W. C. Stevenson

Bronze – This is a rollicking good read with a heartwarming vibe.

Adirondack Life

A Dairy Tale by Shane Mitchell

Tie for Bronze

Bronze – I love this piece! It's creative and unexpected. A fresh take on what a profile is and can be.

Wyoming Wildlife

A tree of tales by Christine Peterson

Silver – A fascinating story that feels very relevant. Solid writing and good storytelling throughout.

Oklahoma Today

Rocket Woman by Graham Lee Brewer

Gold – 12+ pages of awesome! A most worthy subject is given the attention, and attention to detail, he deserves.

Arkansas Life

Double Exposure by Jordan P. Hickey, Tim Hursley, and John David Pittman

Profiles 35,000 or more APR

Bronze – Unsentimental yet emotion-stirring look into the world-changing efforts of one local hero.

Down East

Saints & Sinners by Virginia M. Wright

Tie for Bronze

Bronze – Very fun concept for a story.

Texas Highways

Just Sounds Nasty (It's Not Though) by Joe Nick Patoski

Silver – An enlightening, engaging and in-depth look at another side to a famous figure in American history.

Arizona Highways

Barry Goldwater by Matt Jaffe

Gold – Beautiful, evocative storytelling, taking on a difficult subject that is not your ordinary "cottage" story.

Cottage Life

That Which Does Not Burn by Omar Mouallam

Reader Service Article

Award of Merit – Well-done. Appreciated the barbecue tips!

Downhome

Your May 2-4 Guide by Vince Marsh, Janice Stuckless, Ashley Miller, Elizabeth Whitten, and Tobias Romaniuk

Bronze – Wow, that's a lot of dessert. Impressive!

Oklahoma Today

Food Worth the Drive by Greg Elwell, Nathan Gunter, Trisha Bunce, Karlie Ybarra, Sheilah Bright, Angela Botzer, Sara Cowan, Becky Carman, Rebecca Sterkel, Clara Linhoff, Bryan Byrne, Megan Rossman, and Silas Allen

Tie for Bronze

Bronze – Very well crafted.

Texas Highways

93 Days of Summer by Kimya Kavehkar

Silver – An exhaustive yet not exhausting survey. Impressive effort.

Avenue magazine

Ready, Set, Summer by Shelley Arnusch, Andrew Guilbert, Dylan Leeder, Käthe Lemon and Victoria Lessard

Gold – Textbook service, but with extra style and entertainment value.

Cottage Life

One Heck of a Deck by Martin Zibauer

Hed & Dek

Award of Merit – Acadiana Profile

Boil Advisory by Denny Culbert

Bronze – I give it credit for its cleverness and for adding more than simply "hamming it up."

Texas Highways

Hamming It Up in Flatonia by Clayton Maxwell

Silver – This hed is a perfect dig at old gender stereotypes.

Louisiana Life

Woman's Work by Jyl Benson

Tie for Silver

Silver – I can't imagine another headline and subhead that would make me want to read about this guy more.

Arizona Highways

He Can Take Care of Himself Just Fine by Robert Stieve

Gold – An outstanding example of adding a twist, creating a pun out of the mission of the story and of unfurling an explanatory dek that makes me want to stay on the page. Well done.

Cottage Life

Have Road, Will Gravel by Blair Eveleigh

Essay

Award of Merit – Powerful storytelling.

Oklahoma Today

Stay Gold by Quraysh Ali Lansana

Bronze – I could feel, touch, hear, smell, and see these people, this place, the animals, and that truck. Well done.

Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors

The Joy and Heartache of Maine Farm Life in the 1960s by Ronald Joseph

Silver – This essay took me places, surprised me, introduced me to people, showed me things. I like it when an essay does that.

New Mexico Magazine

Found(ation) by Rose B. Simpson

Tie for Silver

Silver – Compelling scenes, telling details, and memorable moments.

Down East

Paul and Me by Ron Currie

Gold – I found myself growing attached to the grouchy landlord, so much that I skipped ahead a few paragraphs because I was eager to learn his fate.

Adirondack Life

Four Peaks by Mark Obbie

Column

Award of Merit – Entertaining as hell, and doubtless a great fit with the magazine's readers.

Cottage Life

Zim Weighs In by David Zimmer

Award of Merit – If you're going to have an editor's note, this is how it should be done. Short, sweet, and to the point.

Texas Highways

Editor's Note by Emily Stone

Bronze – I like how these comments reflect on the history of the magazine, something that is very important for readers of this title.

Arizona Highways

Editor's Letter by Robert Stieve

Silver – The writing is personal and appeals to the reader's emotions.

Adirondack Life

Short Carries by Annie Stoltie

Gold – I love that these pieces are short and simple, but leave an impact. These are thoughtful and should be emulated.

Downhome

I Dare Say by Janice Stuckless

Magazine Writer of the Year 35,000 or less APR

Bronze – Yukon, North of Ordinary

Leighann Chalykoff

Silver – Clever turns of phrase, evocative descriptions of terrain, objects and people, all woven into well-researched stories.

Acadiana Profile

Will Kalec

Gold – Arkansas Life

Seth Eli Barlow

Magazine Writer of the Year 35,000 or more APR

Bronze – A gift for storytelling and flow and an ear for music on the page — make Vaughn’s work stand apart from the average magazine scribe.

Arizona Highways

Kelly Vaughn

Silver – Here is a masterful storyteller! Nelson clearly has a deep interest in and respect for her subjects.

New Mexico Magazine

Kate Nelson

Gold – Clayton vividly brings the reader along for the journey.

Texas Highways

Clayton Maxwell

Single Photo

Award of Merit – This is a great shot. Nice capture of a great little moment. Nice composition with a soft, warm and engaging feel. Congrats Sandy Sisti on a really nice image.

Wyoming Wildlife

Staying vigil by Sandy Sisti

Award of Merit – Amazing composition of a very difficult to shoot subject and great focus on the face of the bird.

Kansas!

Winter 2018 Gallery by Scott Bean

Bronze – The photo shows that people are both insignificant but capable challengers of the rapids.

Arizona Highways

A River So Long by John Blaustein

Silver – Really nice photo with lovely soft light and nice composition. Jen Judge did a great job capturing and telling a story with this landscape.

New Mexico Magazine

White Sands by Jen Judge

Gold – Great context, and incredible capture of a very timely moment. Very well done and highly impactful.

Oklahoma Today

Tallgrass Prairie Preserve by David Joshua Jennings

Photo Series 35,000 or less APR

Bronze – Gorgeous photo selection paired with clean, informative design makes this a winner.

Oklahoma Today

Wild at Heart by David Joshua Jennings

Silver – Love, love, love! I feel like I'm there.

Adirondack Life

Cast and Crew by Justin Michau

Gold – Love everything about this - the unified photography really sets the mood.

Acadiana Profile

La Chasse au Canard by Denny Culbert

Photo Series 35,000 or more APR

Award of Merit – Nice perspectives and framing. The water tower behind the courthouse is great.

Texas Highways

County Cornerstones by Jeff Wilson

Bronze – Stunning exploration of the sandscape.

New Mexico Magazine

Secrets in the Sands by Jen Judge

Silver – Each image tells a good story. Even the simplest image is engaging. Good old-timey vibe.

Arizona Highways

A Totally Different Ballgame by Jacques Barbey

Gold – Fantastic tone and feel. The variety of pieces and eye level perspective really pulls the reader in, as if they were really there. Very well done and laid out.

Cottage Life

The Unhotel in Paradise by Kamil Bilaous

Portrait Photo

Bronze – The expression on the chef's face is wonderful, as is his pose. I love how the tattoos are proudly on display here, and I'm so glad the dirt on his apron was left in.

Louisiana Life

Powerful Hospitality by Danley Romero

Silver – This is a beautiful photograph and a powerful image. The photographer captured a lovely moment that helps tell the story of these cowboys and their lives.

Arizona Highways

Keeping it Real by Bev Pettit

Gold – I love this portrait. The lighting is beautiful and the subject's energy is contagious.

Texas Highways

Silver & Blues by Darren Carroll

Portrait Series

Bronze – We see the mixing of old and new worlds, and the honoring of heritage and cultural identity in the modern age.

Arizona Highways

First Chair by David Zickl

Silver – We see the characters and how they intertwine to make a vibrant place.

Texas Highways

Silver & Blues by Darren Carroll

Gold – Great content, consistent and powerful stylistic approach, and stunning visuals.

Oklahoma Today

The Collections by Ryan RedCorn

Magazine Photographer of the Year 35,000 or less APR

Award of Merit – Beautiful photos well composed.

Adirondack Life

Nancie Battaglia

Bronze – Beautiful photos. Nice composition.

Oklahoma Today

Lori Duckworth

Silver – You're great at capturing a mood.

Acadiana Profile

Denny Culbert

Gold – Great photos. You have an eye for capturing some interesting moments.

Arkansas Life

Arshia Khan

Magazine Photographer of the Year 35,000 or more APR

Bronze – Joel Hazelton uses light and shadows and colors to show a unique perspective of these stunning landscapes. All of the gorgeous images in his portfolio make you feel something when you look at them.

Arizona Highways

Joel Hazelton

Silver – Kenny Braun demonstrates a wide variety of genres, portraits, food, and environments. His work shows that he can take on very different assignments and deliver surprising and candid images. Visual story telling at its best!

Texas Highways

Kenny Braun

Gold – Kamil's photos are not only stunningly beautiful, but they tell a story all their own.

Cottage Life

Kamil Bialous

Illustration

Award of Merit – Oklahoma Today

A Ghost in Oklahoma by Heidi Jo Mann

Bronze – Acadiana Profile

Sense of Place by Christina Brown

Silver – The illustration is impactful, asking us to view the animal in a potential new way... inviting us to see it with the fresh eyes of an art viewer.

New Mexico Magazine

The Four-Legged Dude by Michael Byers

Gold – Simple, clever, fun and engaging illustrations. Really successful.

Texas Highways

93 Days of Summer by Jakob Hinrichs

Art Direction of a Single Story 35,000 or less APR

Award of Merit – I liked the use of illustrations mixed into the sidebars and contrast with the photos.

Oklahoma Today

Life Cycle by Steven Walker and Nathan Gunter

Bronze – Nice application of a wilderness/outdoor theme without getting cheesy.

Adirondack Life

Path Finders by Mark Mahorsky

Silver – This was a great feature: classic, cheerful but not so serious.

Louisiana Life

Crescent City Classics by Sarah George

Gold – I really loved the design of this feature. It feels very fresh and modern.

Acadiana Profile

Best Poor Boys by Sarah George

Art Direction of a Single Story 35,000 or more APR

Award of Merit – Very fun photo concept. It's an original idea.

Cottage Life

Skip the House, Buy the Cottage by Kim Zagar and Michelle Kenny

Bronze – What a fun, new idea to make the feature a coloring contest!

Avenue magazine

Best Neighbourhoods by Venessa Brewer and Käthe Lemon

Silver – Awesome story, great layout with balance between images and text.

Arizona Highways

Arizona Ghost Towns by Barbara Glynn Denney and Robert Stieve

Tie for Silver

Silver – This feature made me smile. Beautiful art direction.

New Mexico Magazine

Home Made by John McCauley, John Clary Davies, and Kate Nelson

Gold – Wonderful art direction, the entire package is really lively and fun.

Texas Highways

93 Days of Summer by Mark Mahorsky, Ashley Burch, Chris Linnen, and Brandon Jakobeit

Overall Art Direction 35,000 or less APR

Bronze – This magazine walks its talk really well.

Oklahoma Today

Steven Walker, Nathan Gunter, Karlie Ybarra, Greg Elwell, Megan Rossman, and Lori Duckworth

Silver – Inspired - that's how this overall art direction feels and the impression I'm left with as a reader. Excellent work!

Adirondack Life

Mark Mahorsky

Gold – Overall a highly successful design. Beautifully done.

Acadiana Profile

Sarah George

Overall Art Direction 35,000 or more APR

Award of Merit – A colorful, lively and energetic magazine that really makes you want to visit everything — and everyone — on its pages.

New Mexico Magazine

John McCauley

Bronze – Packs a lot of information into its book. The Art Direction is smart and it still feels easy to follow.

Down East

Mirek Jurek and Mike O'Leary

Silver – Overall a pleasure to look at and read! This magazine takes great care telling the stories of its people.

Texas Highways

Mark Mahorsky, Ashley Burch, Chris Linnen, and Brandon Jakobeit

Gold – This magazine makes me smile.

Cottage Life

Kim Zagar

Department

Bronze – Stunning shots of the chefs and the food. Love the simplicity of the design.

Louisiana Life

Great Louisiana Chef by Ashley McLellan, Danley Romero, Sarah George, and Melanie Warner Spencer

Silver – Fun, conversational writing. Couldn't get enough.

Texas Highways

Plates by Joan Henderson, Andrea Lin, Mark Mahorsky, Emily Stone, Ashley Burch, Brandon Jakobeit, Wes Ferguson, Matt Joyce, Jane Kellogg Murray, Chris Linnen, and Kimya Kavehkar

Gold – This is a fun department. I like the mix of content too: from DIYs to helpful tips to tools. It all feels useful to the reader.

Cottage Life

Workshop by Michelle Kenny and Braeden Alexander

Tie for Gold

Gold –

The blend between relevant information, trends and history with restaurants, super shots and easy recipes was perfect. Truly outstanding. Perfect execution.

New Mexico Magazine

Tasting by Gwyneth Doland, Inga Hendrickson, Douglas Merriam, John McCauley, John Clary Davies, and Kate Nelson

Food Feature

Award of Merit – With its great back story and strong regional tilt, this is a made-for-magazine party that readers will wish they had been invited to.

Acadiana Profile

Boil Advisory by Denny Culbert, Sarah George, and Melanie Warner Spencer

Award of Merit – Nicely written piece embeds a lot of interesting information about matters arguably larger than food.

Oklahoma Today

Pho the Love by Robert Reid, David Joshua Jennings, Steven Walker, and Nathan Gunter

Award of Merit – I'm left strangely hungry (...for a vegetarian!) and a bit alarmed that Can't Stop Smokin' takes its name so literally. Well done.

New Mexico Magazine

Greatest of the Grate by Cheryl Alters Jamison, Douglas Merriam, John McCauley, John Clary Davies, and Kate Nelson

Bronze – A wonderful story, ideal for the magazine, written with style.

Arkansas Life

Is this the best wine ever produced in Arkansas? by Seth Eli Barlow, Arshia Khan, and Emma Devine

Silver – This feature is a winner - it's the perfect balance of story to photo throughout. With mouth-watering imagery and thoughtful design. A reader can't ask for more.

Louisiana Life

Crescent City Classics by Stanley Dry, Eugenia Uhl, Sarah George, and Melanie Warner Spencer

Gold – Crisp, clean design and thoughtful treatments really help highlight the heart and grit of this food community.

Texas Highways

An Immovable Feast by Joan Henderson, Andrea Lin, Mark Mahorsky, Emily Stone, Ashley Burch, Matt Joyce, Brandon Jakobeit, Wes Ferguson, Jane Kellogg Murray, Chris Linnen, and Kimya Kavehkar

Special Focus

Award of Merit – Beautiful tribute to a talented photographer. Compelling issue front to back.

Arizona Highways

Remembering Photographer Jerry D. Jacka by Kelly Vaughn, Jerry D. Jacka, Robert Stieve, Dan Jacka, Jeff Kida, Jerry Jacka, Barbara Denney, and Keith Whitney

Bronze – The issue's Indians and Cowboys theme is big, bold and multifaceted. Enjoyable attention paid to history as it reflects on these cultures.

Oklahoma Today

Indians & Cowboys by Steven Walker, Nathan Gunter, Karlie Ybarra, Greg Elwell, Megan Rossman, and Lori Duckworth

Tie for Bronze

Bronze – Inspired modern design while also striking the balance of being clean, simple, and easy to read.

Louisiana Life

New Orleans Issue by Sarah George and Melanie Warner Spencer

Silver – Now that I'm aware of the female porcupine's dating woes, my own occasional grips feel radically overshadowed.

Cottage Life

The Love Issue by Kim Zagar and Michelle Kelly

Gold – An inspired issue; emotion and enticement in equal measure. Vibrant features and solid photography.

Texas Highways

Coastal Comeback by Joan Henderson, Andrea Lin, Mark Mahorsky, Emily Stone, Ashley Burch, Matt Joyce, Wes Ferguson, Chris Linnen, Brandon Jakobeit, Jane Kellogg Murray, Michael Hoinski, and Kimya Kavehkar

Travel Package

Bronze – What a fun feature to read! I loved how you used the actual route of I-70 to guide readers through each city/stop.

Kansas!

70 Off of I-70 by Shelly Bryant and Andrea Etzel

Silver – Wonderful package! It was really engaging and fun to read and makes me want to go to Texas.

Texas Highways

93 Days of Summer by Joan Henderson, Andrea Lin, Mark Mahorsky, Emily Stone, Ashley Burch, Matt Joyce, Brandon Jakobeit, Wes Ferguson, Jane Kellogg Murray, Chris Linnen, and Kimya Kavehkar

Gold – Amazing! There's a lot of information presented in these 13 spreads and you did a great job of giving this package balance

Down East

Route 1 Road Trip by Bridget M. Burns, Mary Pols, Will Grunewald, Joyce Kryszak, Brian Kevin, Jesse Ellison, Molly Haley, Greta Rybus, Benjamin Williamon, Cody Barry, Michael D. Wilson, Gwen Keraval, and Mike O'Leary

Cover 35,000 or less APR

Award of Merit – This is a very pretty and appetizing cover image.

Arkansas Life

Let's Eat by Arshia Khan and Emma Devine

Award of Merit – Beautiful image, great tag lines accompanying story -- clever and makes you want to read the stories inside.

Oklahoma Today

Folk Medicine by David Joshua Jennings, Steven Walker, and Nathan Gunter

Bronze – Nice positioning of the text and subject matter. Very clear on what the subject matter is representing.

Acadiana Profile

On The Hunt by Denny Culbert, Sarah George, and Melanie Warner Spencer

Silver – A cover you can't look away from -- great use of beautiful image, typography, and border colours make this cover jump off the newsstand.

Yukon, North of Ordinary

Winter 2018 by Manu Keggenhoff

Tie for Silver

Silver – I love everything about this cover: the sharp, beautiful photo, the balanced cover lines, the banner. It's elegant and graceful and really says "beach life." It's a great match with the magazine's brand.

Delaware Beach Life

August 2018 by Ken Arni, Alissa Rosenstein, Tessa Lingo, Terry Plowman, Tom Kavanagh, and Marimar McNaughton

Gold – This is a very fun and lively cover. The whole package adds up to a sense of "I can't wait to dive into this magazine."

The Bermudian

Summer 2018 by Laura Ann Bell and Linda Weinraub

Cover 35,000 or more APR

Award of Merit – Such a clever idea and wonderful execution here. Fun, fun, fun!

Avenue magazine

Top 40 Under 40 by Käthe Lemon, Brendan Klem, and Venessa Brewer

Bronze – I don't like a lot of words on the cover. This says what it's about and then gets out of the way.

Arizona Highways

Explore Arizona's Deserts by Sean Parker, Barbara Glynn Denney, and Robert Stieve

Silver – This is absolutely a travel-mag cover that says "Open up and say 'wow'!!"

New Mexico Magazine

Makers by Minesh Bacrania, John McCauley, John Clary Davies, and Kate Nelson

Gold – Stunning image - definitely made me pause and have an emotional reaction.

Texas Highways

Unplugged by Darren Huski

Magazine of the Year

2019 MAGAZINE OF THE YEAR 35,000 or less APR

Finalist – Arkansas Life

Jordan P. Hickey, Katie Bridges, Wyndham Wyeth, Arshia Khan, and Emma Devine

Finalist – Adirondack Life

Mark Mahorsky, Lisa Bramen, Niki Kourofsky, and Annie Stoltie

Finalist – Oklahoma Today

Steven Walker, Nathan Gunter, Karlie Ybarra, Greg Elwell, Megan Rossman, Lori Duckworth, Bridgette Slone, Camille Wallace, Kashea McCowan, and Colleen McIntyre

Winner – Acadiana Profile

Sarah George and Melanie Warner Spencer

Tie for Winner

Winner – Louisiana Life

Sarah George and Melanie Warner Spencer

2019 MAGAZINE OF THE YEAR 35,000 or more APR

Finalist – Texas Highways

Joan Henderson, Andrea Lin, Mark Mahorsky, Emily Stone, Ashley Burch, Wes Ferguson, Matt Joyce, Chris Linnen, Brandon Jakobeit, Jane Kellogg Murray, Kimya Kavehkar, and Michael Hoinski

Winner – Cottage Life

Kim Zagar, Michelle Kenny, Sandi Pilon, Michelle Kelly, Liann Bobechko, Jackie Davis, Blair Eveleigh, Braeden Alexander, and Alysha Vandergtogt