PSA Nature Division
GALAXY AWARD INFORMATION
January 2013

The Nature Division Galaxy Award Program was initiated in 1991 as a method of providing successful star exhibitors with a form of recognition by the Division for continued photographic proficiency in international nature exhibitions. A member of the Photographic Society of America shall act in accordance with all applicable PSA Ethical Standards and Policy, both written and as obviously intended, and without reservation shall include only exact and true information in honors and awards proposals, and shall adhere to principles of morality, particularly with respect to the use of photography or when acting in an official capacity. Members who do not follow the above Ethical Standards will be subject to loss of PSA membership and/or awards and honors received as a member of PSA.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Membership in PSA (you must send a copy of your PSA Membership card.)
2. All acceptances must be in PSA recognized nature exhibitions. These are listed in the "Exhibitions" section of each issue of the *PSA Journal.*
3. 5 Star rating in the Nature Division.
4. Acceptances used toward this award must be of new titles/images not used for any other Nature Division award.
5. Acceptances acquired after January 1, 2000 must be earned during membership in PSA as indicated by the date on the membership card.

ACCEPTANCE SCHEDULE

Galaxies 1-5.....25 new titles with.....3 acceptances each
Galaxy 6-10 .....50 new titles with.....3 acceptances each
Diamond 1-5 ...50 new titles with .....6 acceptances each
Diamond 6-10 ..75 new titles with .....6 acceptances each

Judging Credits: No more than 9 judging credits may be used on one application; all judging credits earned at one exhibition must be used on one application; judging credits must have been earned since the 5th Star was awarded or since the application for the previous galaxy was received; and only one judging credit may be used with each title.

Ineligibility: Acceptances of nature images in sections recognized by other divisions are not eligible. A second acceptance of the same image in the same exhibition is not eligible. No credit is given for accepted slide sequences or essays.

PROCESSING YOUR APPLICATION

1. The fee for each Galaxy Award is $8.00. The fee must accompany the application unless using Pay Pal. Do not send Pay Pal payment until the Director provides the proper link. Cash, credit card, or check or money order payable to Photographic Society of America can also be used. The fee includes first class/air mail return.
2. Names of those receiving Galaxies will be published quarterly in the *PSA Journal* Star Ratings section.

PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION

1. Group your exhibition activity *by each calendar year* and *then list the exhibitions alphabetically.* Please note a few exhibitions close in one calendar year, but their exhibitions and catalogs fall in the next calendar year (e.g.., Paisley, Smethwick, and IRIS). Catalogs are filed by the date shown on the catalog.
2. Use only one side of the paper. Your name and address must appear at the top of each page of your application.
3. If more than one media (print, slide, digital) is used for a single image, the title must be the same for all and it only counts as one title. Only one acceptance credit per title from a specified exhibition can be applied toward a star.
4. Please prepare two lists, in the following format:

LIST 1: Alphabetical List of Exhibitions by Year

Exhibition/Location	Year	No.	Title
Los Angeles County Fair	1985	1	Pause that Refreshes
California		2	Zabriskie Dawn
Fresno - California	1986	3	Coyote
		4	Dead Tree
		5	Grizzly Skins a Sockeye
GASO		6	Zabriskie Dawn
		7	Zabriskie Dawn
CACCA - Chicago, IL	1987	8	Coyote
Lighthouse Gallery		9	Orange Weaver Finch

LIST 2: Alphabetical Titles

Title		
1.	Coyote	Fresno 1986
		CACCA 1987
		XXXXX
2.	Dead Tree	Fresno 1986
		XXXXX
		XXXXX

5. Your approved application lists will be returned to you. When you apply for a new award, send a copy of the approved titles list from each of the previous awards, in addition to your new lists. These may be combined into one list (preferred.)

MISCELLANEOUS

1. As soon as you receive your exhibition catalogs, check your acceptances. If they are not correct, write to the exhibition chairman for a correction and send a copy of the letter to the ND Star Director.

Your cooperation in the careful preparation of your application is appreciated. Send your application to:

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