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Parks and Recreation Photo Contest Winners Announced

The Columbia Parks and Recreation Department recently announced the winners of the department's first Photo Contest which was held in celebration of the Department's 60th anniversary.

Winners were honored at the Parks and Recreation Commission's meeting on April 15:

Grand prize winner: Kelly Smith, Hinkson Creek Trail

Category – Parks and Recreation Facilities

First, second and third places: Randy Hughes (photos taken at Stephens Lake and Flat Branch Parks)

Category – Trails

First place: Lisa Fechter, Bear Creek Trail; Second place: David Rein, MKT Trail; Third place: Randy Hughes, MKT Trail

Category – Rec Programs, Sports, Events and Classes

First place: Colleen McDevitt, Polar Bear Plunge; Second place: Emma Beary, Easter EGGstravaganza; Third place: Colleen McDevitt, Tony Hawk event at Cosmo Park

Category - Faces and Activities

First place: Rhiannon Trask, Flat Branch Park; Second place: Lisa Fechter, Bear Creek Trail; Rhiannon Trask, Cosmo-Bethel Park

Category - Landscape, Wildlife and Nature

First, second and third places: Rick Hansen (photos taken at Fairview Park and Forum Nature Area)

Winners received gift certificates and cash prizes. The grand prize winner will be displayed in the lobby of the Parks and Recreation administrative office at #1 South 7th Street.

Judging criteria included overall impact, originality/creativity, technical excellence, artistic merit, and relevance to the contest theme, "Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs. Photographs must have been taken at any Columbia Parks and Recreation facility, event, sport, program, or class.

The Parks and Recreation Photo Contest was co-sponsored by the City's Office of Cultural Affairs, Grindstone Digital Imaging, Creative Photo, Deck the Walls and the Activity & Recreation Center (ARC).

The winning entries may be viewed online at www.GoColumbiaMO.com/ParksandRec. For more information, please call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.