

2021 ADS Region 4 Photo Contest: Single/Multiple Bloom

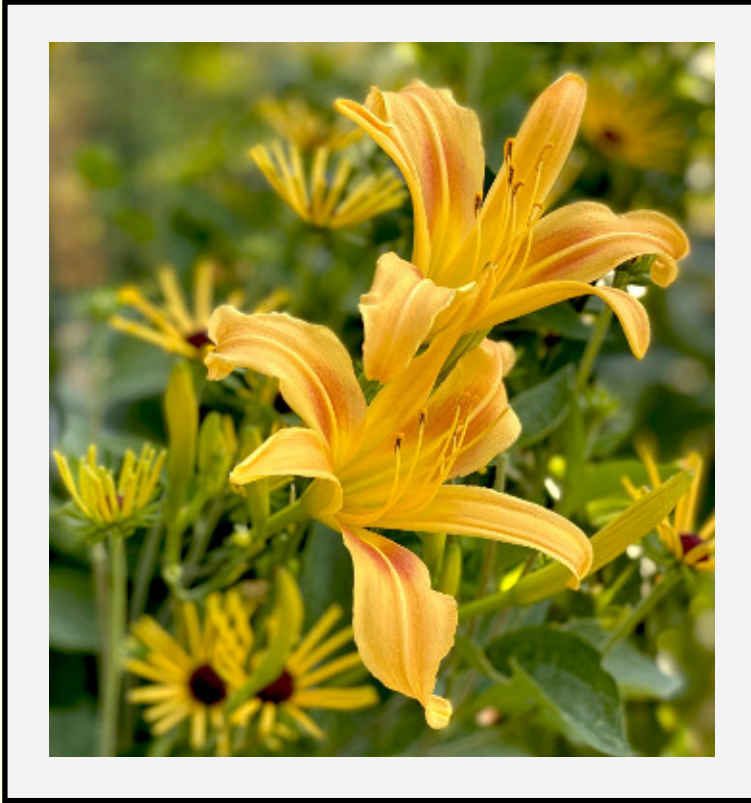


1st Place—**Giggle Creek** (Culver-B., 2000) photo by Michelle Mercier

Judges comments: Loved the composition perfect depth of field and the complementary colors; beautifully done the flowers are also quite interesting with makes it a stunning image great composition on this one good color and lighting

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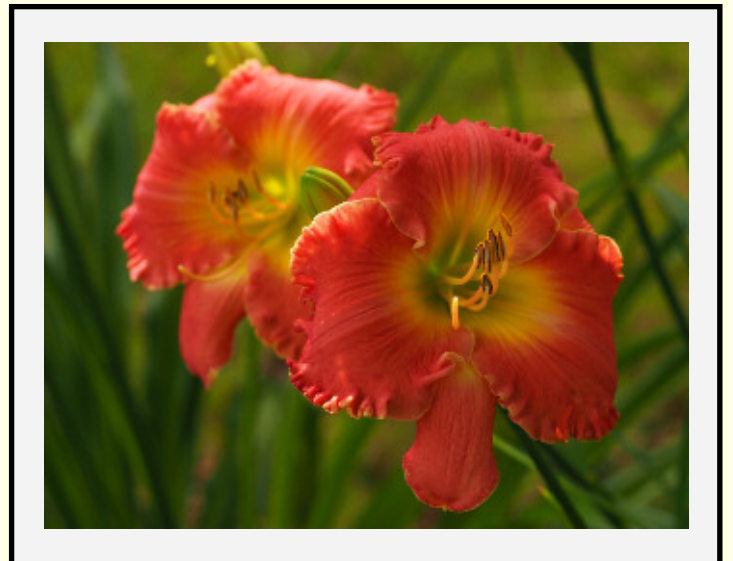


(Left) 2nd Place **Autumn Minaret**
(Stout, 1951) photo by Chris Petersen

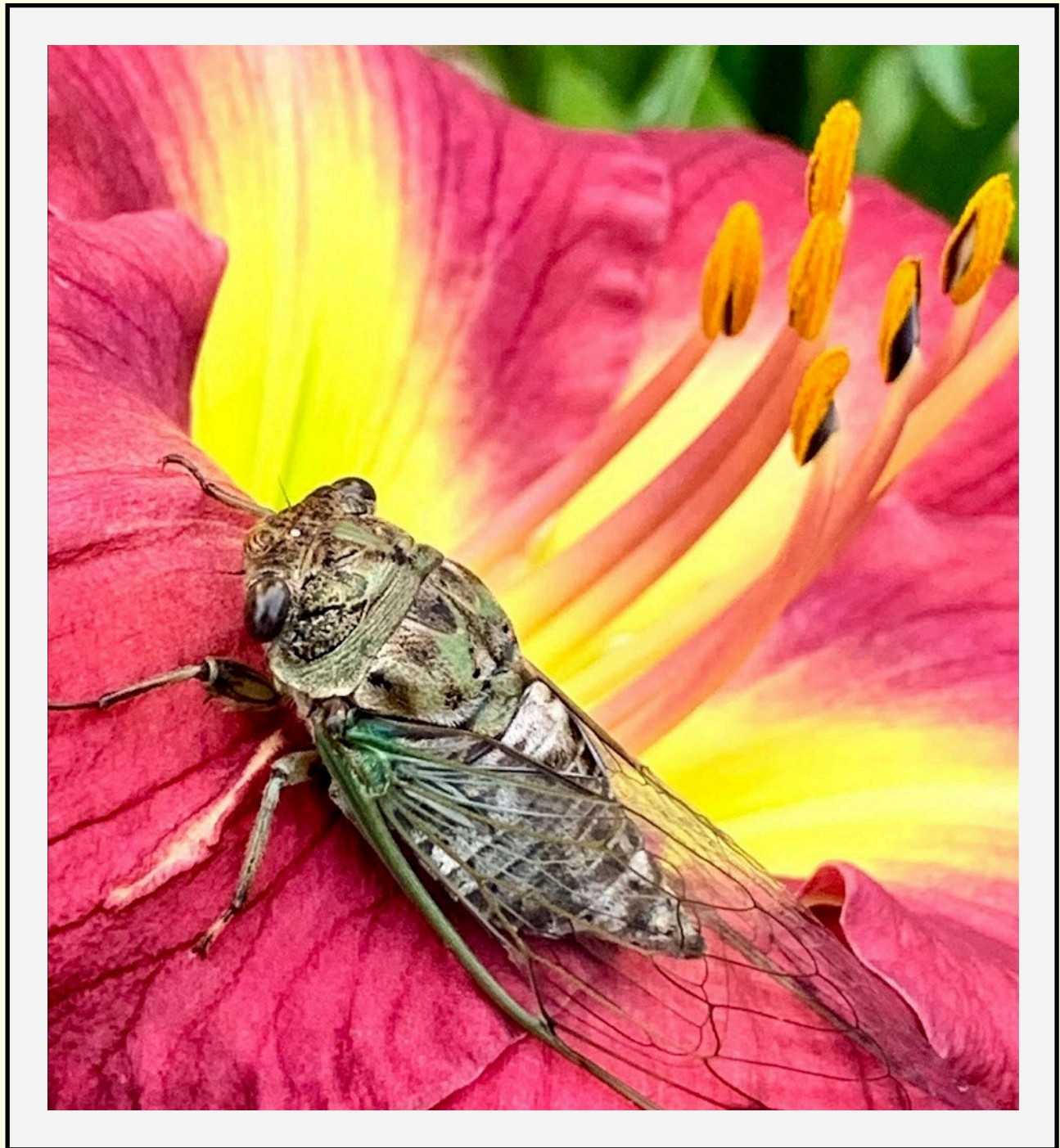
Judges comments: I love this image and considered putting it in first place but the historical interest of another photo (the winning entry) won out. I love the depth of field with the soft focus of the rudbeckia and how the colors work so well together. Quite stunning. Beautiful use of color. Daylilies are sharp with the other flowers blurred drawing your attention to the main subject.

(Right) 3rd Place - **Seedling** (Mercier)
photo by Michelle Mercier

Judges comments: Such happy colors! nicely focused with the second flower not stealing the spotlight; no distracting background element; beautiful lighting, great composition with the second bloom in the background, nice bokeh, technically a great shot; good use of depth of field; the way the sun is highlighting the stem really draws your eye in.



2021 ADS Region 4 Photo Contest—Artistic



1st Place—**Garden Show** (Carpenter-J, 1997) photo by Jeff Jacques

Judges comments: I love the juxtaposition of the very detailed cicada against the soft hazy daylily; the green accents of the cicada complement the red of the flower; good use of color for impact, great bokeh to focus the viewer's attention

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2nd Place—**Whip City Lisa Diana** (Jones-L., 2011) photo by Greg Haggett

Judges comments: I really liked the stamens that are joining almost like the legs of a ballet ar with the anthers like ballet slippers; the petals are well balanced and are a stage for the stamens;

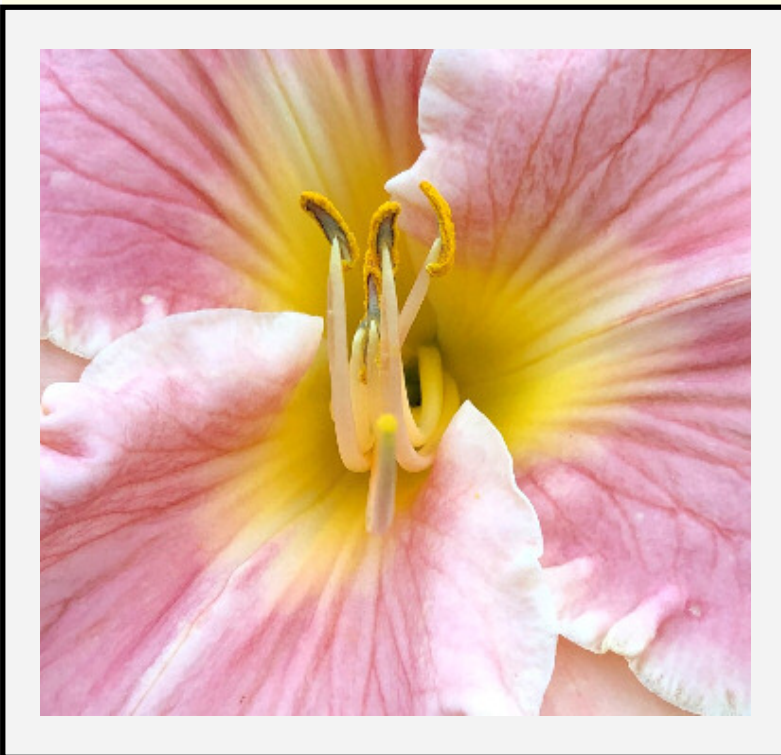
Subtle natural tones, very

good composition technically very good exposure and focus, clean background with no distractions; lovely photograph details, beautiful use of color, technically accurate nice crop



3rd Place—**Cameron Stern's Seedling** - photo Marlene Harmon

Judges comments: Nicely composed; perfectly exposed and focused; great texture and the colors work well together; beautiful soft colors with sharp focus on stamen



2021 ADS Region 4 Photo Contest—Landscape



1st Place—**Harmon Hill Farm Gazebo** 7-20-21 photo by Marlene Harmon

Judges comments: I feel like this image wants to tell us a story about the garden and who visits the gazebo and the view you must have from that location. I would have liked this image to be a little brighter, but altogether this is the best image; best composition; fairly good natural color; well balanced image; surrounding flowers draw focus into the center structure; nice composition—daylily at front draws you into the garden.

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2nd Place—**Lasting Dreams Daylilies** - Anthony & Carol Haj - photo by Carol Ann Haj

Judges comments: Great color, decent composition with not too much background distraction, nice sharp focus on the foreground flowers; yellow flower mimics sun rays; good use of light; warm.



3rd Place—(left) **Brunskill Garden** photo by Cheryl M. Taylor

Judges comments: Composition very nice with diagonal lines. Yellow would be enough detail flowers. Nice overall impact

(right) **Rising Sun Garden**—Robyn LeBuff—photo Robyn LeBuff

Judges comments: The painting in the picture harmonizes with the garden perfectly and draws your attention to the daylily in the painting and in the garden.