

**ORANGE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE,
PARKS AND RECREATION**

MEMORANDUM

To: Commission for the Environment
From: Rich Shaw and Tom Davis
Date: August 6, 2014
Subject: The Nature of Orange photography contest 2014

The 3rd annual photography contest, *The Nature of Orange*, is complete. Once again this year, photographers helped document the beauty and diversity of our natural resources, and showed residents enjoying our parks and natural environment. Photo entries were submitted in May and all photos were taken in Orange County.

There were 157 entries (42 Youth and 115 Adult)—our most ever! The photos were judged by three volunteers who evaluated all photos based on the following areas: relevancy; composition/arrangement; focus/sharpness; lighting and creativity. Our judges this year were Laura Branan (photographer), Chris Graebner (artist), and Joe Tello (photographer).

Copies of the winning photos are attached.

The photos are currently displayed at the Orange County and Chapel Hill Visitor's Centers and at the Orange County Library in Hillsborough. They are also on video feeds in many of the Orange County office buildings.

The contest winners and judges will be honored by the Orange County Board of Commissioners at the September 4 meeting in Hillsborough.