The winners of our 10th annual photo competition at the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature

(Solvang, CA, August 7, 2018) – The Wildling Museum of Art and Nature is delighted to announce the winners of our 10th annual photo competition. Winning first place, for the adult category, is Out of the Ashes by Judy Villa. Second place goes to 8 Legged Snowy Plover by Elliot Lowndes, and in third is Comeback by Robert Houchens. Ali Stein’s Purple Crown won first prize in the junior category, Quinn Stacey won second for Out of the Ashes, and Georgia Miller won 3rd for Land of Fairies. This exhibit, in the Oak Gallery, combines junior photographers, Georgia Miller, Quinn Stacy, Ali Stein, with the adult entries of Robert Bassler, Kimberly Fly, Robert Houchens, Karen Jowers, Elliot Lowndes, Bruce C. Straits, and Judy Villa. The photographs are for sale, and prices start at $50. Proceeds from sales benefit the artists and Wildling.

This year’s guest judge was Bill Dewey, known for his aerial photography. Photographers were encouraged to capture examples of nature’s magical ability to regenerate and thrive. All the images from both the adult and junior categories will be exhibited together this year, on the second floor, in our Valley Oak Gallery from August 4th through November 5th.

Image with Credits

Out of the Ashes, by Judy Villa
Purple Crown, by Ali Stein

**About the Wildling Museum**

The Wildling Museum of Art & Nature, where art and nature meet, offers visitors a unique perspective on the importance of preserving our natural heritage. Through the eyes of artists, and education and field experiences, guests can renew their relationship with the wilderness and understand its fragile nature—hopefully leaving more committed toward ensuring those spaces remain for future generations.

The Museum is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and on weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed on Tuesdays). For more information, and to volunteer and/or join as a member to support this important local arts and nature institution, please visit www.wildlingmuseum.org.

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