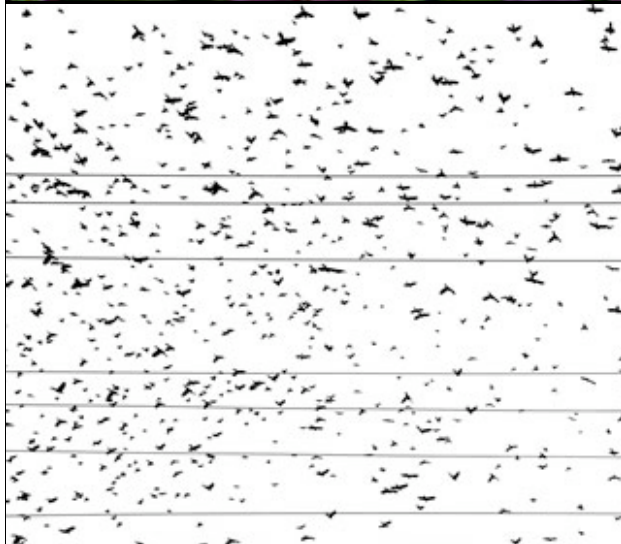


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Top: photo by Dylan Nolan

Bottom: photo by David Rosales

Bexar Land Trust sponsors youth photo contest

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(June 11, 2007)--The winners of the Bexar Land Trust's Picture Your World Youth Photography Project competition were announced May 6 at an awards ceremony at San Antonio Central Library.

The goal of the project is to motivate young, aspiring photographers to capture the beauty of the natural world.

Entries were judged by **Arturo Almeida**, UTSA art specialist and curator of the UTSA Art Collection

Eight winning entries were announced at the ceremony where the photographers were presented with certificates and \$1,375 in cash prizes. As part of the national photography festival, Fotoseptiembre USA, the

winning entries will be exhibited Sept. 7-22 at Bihl Haus Arts, a new community gallery at 2803 Fredericksburg Rd.

The Picture Your World Youth Photography Project encourages area youth to look outside the familiar urban setting and explore the natural environment through the eye of a camera lens. The Bexar Land Trust facilitates, educates and advocates protection of natural, cultural and historic resources in Bexar County and surrounding areas for the benefit

of present and future generations.

The project aims to familiarize youth with natural surroundings in Bexar County and adjoining areas, to teach students ages 8-18 the

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techniques of seasoned photographers through workshops and to exhibit the students' photographs. It is one of many of the trust's programs that promote the need for conservation through images showing the interconnectedness of earth, water, sky and all living creatures.

For more information, contact photographer [Deborah Keller-Rihn](#) at (210) 287-8706. Keller-Rihn conducts art workshops and organizes exhibitions for children and adults at museums, schools and other locations in the San Antonio area.

The Picture Your World Youth Photography Project is made possible by support from H-E-B, San Antonio Express-News, USAA Federal Savings and Loan, and Valero Energy Corp.

Picture Your World Photography Project winners

Group 1 (ages 8-12)

First place: Dylan Nolan

First runner-up: Sophia Greimel-Garza

Second runner-up: Chloe Rickard

Third runner-up: Samuel Cardenas

Honorable mention: Kathleen Galindo, Megan McDonald

Group 2 (ages 13-18)

First place: David Rosales

First runner-up: Max Clark

Second runner-up: Joanna Spencer

Third runner-up: Paula Wolff

Honorable mention: Mario Schroeder, Joe Webb, Antonio Rodriguez, Ben Karon, Georgia Lloyd

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