

NEWS RELEASE

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Our RDN - Photo Contest Winners Announced

The Regional District of Nanaimo's (RDN) first annual Our RDN - Photo Contest closed on November 30 and featured a wide array of stunning photos. From the surrounding Islands and rural areas to our cities and the mountains, participants captured the diversity and spirit of our region. Over 250 photos showcased the best of the RDN and the exceptional photography skills of our residents. After much deliberation, we are pleased to announce the winning photographers and photos:

- Enjoying Our Great Outdoors: Nanoose Bay from Lantzville Perspective by Mel Petreman
- My Hometown: King of the Skies by Bill Majercsik
- Going Green: Road Gap at Doumont by Brandon Williams
- Your Region (Youth): Great Blue Heron by Ren Dicker
- People's Choice Award: Sunsets and Cloud Gazing by Pauline Favero who received the most votes from the public

All category winners will receive a \$100 gift card to a local business of their choice. In addition, all photographers were entered into a draw and the winner of a \$50 gift card is Susan Banjavich.

"With such incredible submissions to choose from, selecting the top photos was difficult," said RDN Chair Tyler Brown. "It was an honour to be part of the judging panel and to see the RDN through the lenses of participants."

Thank you to all who submitted photos as well as to those who voted for their favourite images. To view all the contest photos, visit <u>getinvolved.rdn.ca/photo-contest</u>. The RDN will be hosting the contest again next year so photographers of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to continue taking photos throughout the region.

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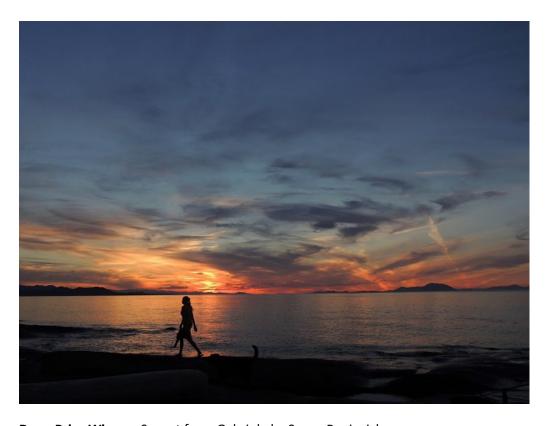
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Draw Prize Winner: Sunset from Gabriola by Susan Banjavich