

NEWS RELEASE

Society of American Travel Writers Announces 8th Annual Canadian Chapter Award Winners

TORONTO, ON – November 27, 2024 — The Canadian Chapter of the Society of American Travel Writers (SATW) announced the recipients of its 8th Annual Chapter Awards Program, representing the best of Canadian travel journalism. The awards, which include Best Canadian Travel Story, Best International Travel Story, Best Service Story, Virtual storytelling, and Photography (People and Places), were given out on Tuesday at SATW’s Chapter Meeting.

Over 140 entries were received for evaluation, from professional travel writers, photographers and editors, digital storytellers, podcasters, social media experts and videographers for their outstanding work. Members of SATW are required to undergo a qualification process to ensure the highest standards of journalistic integrity in their respective disciplines.

“I’m impressed with the level of storytelling and visual captures that our entrants have displayed this year”, said Kathy Buckworth, Chair, Awards, SATW Canadian Chapter. “The landscape for travel reporting is constantly changing and our members are leading the way.” She added “You can expect to see our awards evolve and change next year, as we announce winners for 2024 at our annual conference in Charleston, South Carolina (May 27-30).”

2024 SATW Canada Award Winners

Best Canadian Travel Story

- First place: Darcy Rhyno, *Flamenco is a Lifestyle*, Toronto Star
- Second place: Linda Barnard, *First Nations Artist from Victoria Carves his Mark in Germany*, Vacay.ca

- Third place: Jennifer Bain, Inside the Battle to Save the Cats that Call San Juan Natural Historic Site Home, NationalParksTraveler.org

Best International Travel Story

- First place: Anita Draycott, Discover Fox Harb'r Resort: Discover the World-Class Luxury Golf Getaway on The Shores of Nova Scotia, WeExploreCanada.com
- Second place: Liz Campbell, Wall Street – The Murals of Islington Village, Romancing.com
- Third place: Josephine Matyas, The Beauty of Quebec's Gaspé Peninsula, Family RV'ing Magazine

Best Service Story

- First place: Kevin Wagar, Flying with a Baby: Tips for Your Infant's First Time on a Plane, Wandering Wagars
- Second Place: Linda Barnard, What to See, Do and Eat in Istanbul, EverythingZoomer.ca
- Third Place: Glen Petrie, BC Coastal Cruises, Vancouver Sun

Virtual storytelling

- First place: Jennifer Weatherhead, Next Destination: Miami, TheNextDestination.com
- Second place TIE:
 - Will Tang, Unexpected Side of Hokkaido for Outdoor Lovers, Going Awesome Place (YouTube)
 - Jennifer Weatherhead, The Best Places to Stargaze in Canada, CTV's The Social

Photography: People

- First place: Jennifer Bain, Pond Inlet Welcome, National Parks Traveler
- Second place: Will Tang, Blown Glass Factory, Going Awesome Places
- Third place : Wendy Nordvik-Carr, Annabell Takes Us Inside the Shaman's House, Life's Incredible Journey

Photography: Places

- First place: Kevin Wagar, Fisherman Casting His Net, Wandering Wagars
- Second place: Robin Karpan, Banff at Night, We Explore Canada
- Third place: Barbara Ramsay Orr, Meteroa, West of the City

Founded in 1955, SATW has more than 1,000 members. Our members are content creators that contribute to some of the most influential print, digital and broadcast platforms. Our members are also travel and hospitality brands and the public relations agencies that represent them. SATW is the premier networking organization bringing all of those professions together. Since all applicants must agree to the organization's Code of Ethics policies SATW is able to maintain the highest level of professional excellence among its members. To learn more visit www.satw.org.

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