



These pictures by amateur photographers were judged photographs of the year in the annual Portland Photographic Society competition. Above: The close-up of a cecropia moth, by Vyron E. Hodges of Gresham, took the top color award. Right: "Tree With Snow," by Milwaukie resident Frances Mahoney, took the top black-and-white award.

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# Picture P E R F E C T

*Nature provides the subject for winners in a Portland photographic competition*

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The value of keeping good negatives has paid off for a couple of photography buffs.

The two top winners in the annual Portland Photographic Society competition submitted prints of pictures taken several years ago.

First place for a black and white print went to Frances Mahoney, 79, of Milwaukie for her "Tree in

Snow," and first place for a color photo went to Vyron E. Hodges, 83, of Gresham for his "Cecropia Moth."

The color slide of the year award went to Roland E. Smith of East Portland for his light design, "Orange Crystals." Smith will become the society's next president in September.

Mahoney had good luck with several shots taken on a field trip to Bryce Canyon, Utah, in October in





the early 1980s.

Snow fell during her trip, and she didn't waste time getting into it with her camera.

"It was just beautiful," said Mahoney, whose winning photo shows a pine covered in clumps of snow against a dark, cloud-filled sky. "I never showed many of them back then."

She said she took the pictures with a Nikon F2, using Tri-X 200 film.

The tree photo also will be entered in a Clackamas County Fair exhibit.

Hodges said he took his winning shot about eight years ago at his home. He had bought eight or nine cocoons and cared for them until they emerged.

The cecropia moth was young and not yet interested in flight, Hodges said, so he was able to catch it close up.

He used a Leika with a 90 mm lens and Kodachrome film, he said.

Natural subjects are the main interest of Hodges, who has been pointing a camera nearly all his life.

"Birds are my real hobby," he said.

Hodges said he plans to focus now on hummingbirds, using an extremely fast flash to stop wing action.

The 53-year-old Portland Photographic Society, affiliated with the Photographic Society of America and the Columbia Council of Camera Clubs, meets monthly at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, 1704 N.E. 43rd Ave.

The topic of the next meeting, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8, will be color slides.