



The Stewardship Network
Connect to Conserve

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Submit your photos online by
December 1st to compete in
this year's competition!

Enter at
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THE STEWARDSHIP NETWORK'S NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Submit your best nature related images to be part of our annual celebration of the beauty and complexity of life as seen through the eyes of those who live, work, and play in natural areas! Now more than ever, it's important to maintain our connection to, and appreciation of, the environment that sustains us and countless other forms of life. Photography can be a powerful tool in sharing experiences, sparking curiosity, and stoking motivation for ecological stewardship. We believe that everyone has a right to enjoy the natural areas, and in that spirit of inclusiveness, the competition is completely free to enter!





THE STEWARDSHIP NETWORK connects, equips and mobilizes people and organizations to care for land and water in Michigan. Our place-based member communities are made up of landowners, non-profit organizations, private business, government entities, tribes, researchers, and volunteers that are passionate about protecting and caring for the natural areas they know and love.

These groups collaboratively engage in on the ground ecological stewardship through activities such as prescribed fire, native seed collection, enhancing and protecting wildlife habitat, preserving wildflowers through invasive species control, and much more!

Our member communities also increase local capacity to care for nature through learning and engagement events such as the local Stewards' Circles, workshops, webinars, and the annual Stewardship Network Conference.

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OUR 2020 GRAND PRIZE WINNER!



Jenny Zhao works in marketing and is a wildlife photographer and Instagram influencer (@rogerandjennyphotography) in her free time, capturing powerful photos from her travels locally and internationally to shine a light on wildlife conservation. Her work has been published in National Geographic, BBC Earth, BBC News, Sony Alpha, Smithsonian Magazine, Mass Audubon, Siena International Photo Awards, Africa Geo Magazine, Cape Cod Travel Guide Magazine, and more. She lives in New England with her husband (also a hobbyist photographer) and dog.

2020 Grant Prize Winner

"Snowy Owl and a Bright Orange Sunset"



WHAT WE DO



By making collaborative conservation accessible to every community, The Stewardship Network empowers stewards from all walks of life and experience levels to collectively care for our environment. Our diverse network of individuals and organizations re-imagine solutions to the pressing ecological issues of our time, including:

- Habitat preservation and management for indigenous flora and fauna
- Climate Change mitigation, resilience, and adaptation
- Maintaining healthy levels of biodiversity
Invasive species management & early detection and rapid response (EDRR)
- Landscape connectivity
- Water quality and watershed restoration
- Regenerative and local agricultural food ecosystems
- Forest stewardship and carbon sequestration



OUR APPROACH

The Stewardship Network's approach builds inclusivity into land stewardship efforts, while increasing visibility and reach of local land-based community organizations. To that end, TSN embraces the unique backbone supporting role collective impact organizations play in eliciting large-scale change through aligned effort.

- **ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP** – The Network stewards natural ecosystems by integrating traditional methods, cutting-edge research, and field-proven techniques to take action on environmental issues locally, regionally, and around North America.
- **INNOVATIVE APPROACH** – Our innovative collaboration model and network structure combine to form an approach to collaborative conservation designed for the 21st century and beyond.
- **GENEROUS COLLABORATION** – We create opportunities for partners to build trust and collaborate generously, resulting in genuine and lasting connections that realize the collective potential of our shared stewardship work.
- **EMPOWERING LOCAL LEADERSHIP WITH CAPACITY** – Building support, shared resources, and aligned systems to identify problems, develop solutions, and create change within their communities.

The Stewardship Network provides the structure, support, and tools for individuals and organizations within a community to collaborate on largescale environmental issues.

-  We **TRAIN** local leadership (Community Coordinators and Co-Coordiators) in facilitation and healthy, inclusive collaboration methods for their community
-  We **ASSIST** communities planning, executing, and tracking projects
-  We **HELP** collaboratives secure funding, and in some cases serve as the fiduciary for grants
-  We **UNDERTAKE** logistical and administrative burdens where needed, so that community members and partners can focus on aspects of the larger picture that fully utilizes their skills or passions
-  We **PROVIDE** platforms to showcase projects and initiatives, and connect with other natural area stewards around the world
-  We **MANAGE** and provide the technology for communication and organizing within communities, as well as engaging the wider public in stewardship events and activities
-  We **CONVENE** the entire Stewardship Network for peer to peer learning at our annual conference

