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Professional Photographer Wins Six Awards in Prominent Competition

Rochester, Minn. – Walker, Minn. resident Mark Harlow earned five prestigious Excellence in Craft awards and the coveted People's Choice award from the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA), with recognition at OWAA's annual conference in Rochester, June 13, 2010.

"Side Winder," an image of a bald eagle, was awarded second place in the action photography Excellence in Craft contest. At the end of the conference, "Side Winder" won the People's Choice award, earning it a designation as the favorite among 24 photographs that received awards in the Excellence in Craft contest.

Harlow also received four Excellence in Craft awards for his black and white photography. "A New Beginning" and "Superior Sunrise" won second and third places respectively in the scenic contest. "Kickin' it," an image of two wild mustangs, was awarded second place in the action contest. "Nap Time," an image of a fox kit, was awarded third place in the fauna contest.

Harlow received more awards for his photographs than any other entrant in the photography contest. This was his first year participating in the competition.

Harlow, a native Minnesotan, is a wildlife and landscape photographer who takes pride in shooting wild images – no game farms or contained animals for this photographer. He is a member of the Nikon USA ProStaff and the Photo Marketers Association.

The 1,100-member Outdoor Writers Association of America is the oldest and largest association of professional outdoor communicators in the United States. It was organized

in 1927 by members of the Izaak Walton League of America and includes professional communicators dedicated to sharing the outdoor experience. OWAA's professionals include writers, photographers, outdoors radio- and television show hosts, book authors, videographers, lecturers and artists. The association is headquartered in Missoula, Mont. For more information, go to www.owaa.org.

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