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2010 Black Mountain Photo Contest Finalists Announced

Desert Foothills Land Trust is pleased to announce the finalists in the Black Mountain Photo Contest. Professional photographers Don Asakawa, Alan Lowy and Jerry Sieve reviewed over 90 entries and chose 13 finalists. The winning photos will go on public display for viewing and voting for the People's Choice Award starting on March 26-28 at the Sonoran Festival of Fine Arts. They will then proceed to the Cave Creek Museum from March 29-April 3 and will move to the Desert Foothills Library on April 4. The voting for the People's Choice Award will end on April 8th but the display will remain at the Library until the end April, and move back to the Cave Creek Museum for the month of May. The People's Choice winner will be featured on the cover of the 2011 Black Mountain Photo Contest calendar.

The following people have been chosen as finalists: Jacquelyn Appell, Thomas Baker, Brandi Bowman, John Dubuc, Paula Durham, Dena Johnson, Thomas McGuire, Patrick O'Malley, Girish Pathangey, Owen Rhodes, Linda Sakane, Andreas Schmalz and Richard Weber. Their photos will appear in the 2011 Calendar and are eligible in the voting for People's Choice Award. Also selected for inclusion in the calendar opening page but not eligible for the People's Choice Award is a vertical shot by Lucas McQuiston.

“Desert Foothills Land Trust is grateful to everyone who entered and for the community’s support of our work to protect Black Mountain and the surrounding Sonoran Desert,” said Executive Director Sonia Perillo. “We hope to see many people come out to see the photographers’ work and vote for their favorite!”

Desert Foothills Land Trust is proud to sponsor the 8th Annual Black Mountain Photo Contest. Black Mountain Conservancy, the original sponsor of the contest, merged with Desert Foothills Land Trust in 2009 and the Land Trust is pleased to continue this important community event. By calling attention to the beauty and majesty of Black Mountain, the Land Trust hopes to emphasize the importance of land conservation in our communities.

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