

## Local photographers give it their best shot

By HERBERT B. WEISS

East Side Monthly continues to encourage its East Siders to send in photographs they'd like to share with their neighbors. This month we hit the mother lode as we publish the five winners from the recently concluded First Annual Camera Werks Photo Contest. Better still, Pawtucket free-lance writer Herbert B. Weiss was there to document the proceedings for us. Enjoy (and don't forget to send us your own favorite shots as well.)

Recently more than a dozen photo buffs descended upon Camera Werks, a cozy small camera shop at 764 Hope Street, between Kaplan's Bakery and Miller's Deli, to drink tea, mingle, and to talk cameras with others interested in photography.

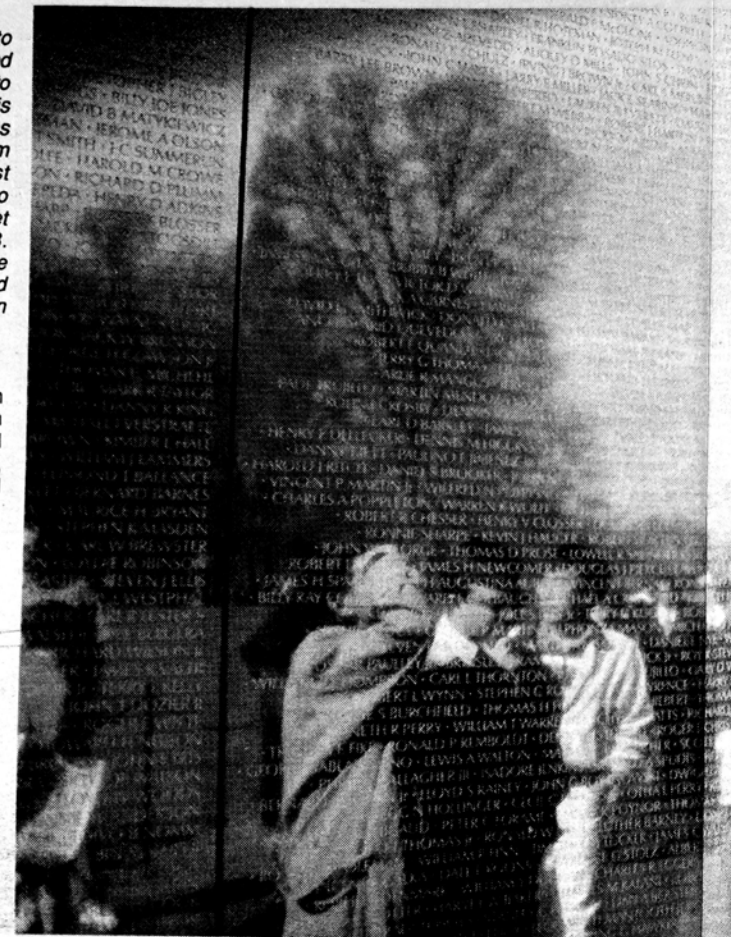
At 4 p.m. the Camera Werks' evening of networking kicked off as regular and new customers of all ages slowly entered the jam-packed little shop. As crowded as it was, owner Patricia Zacks and her Associate, Trish Gilmore, still found time to personally greet each new arrival.

Wall space was at a premium as the shop's regular wide range of camera gadget, frames and equipment filled two walls while some nicely stunning photographs, about 25 in all, dominated a third. Some photos were black and white, others color; some were framed, others mounted on colorful matte boards. Welcome to Camera Werks' First (and hopefully annual) Photography contest, held to celebrate National Photography Month.

Above eye sight on the left wall, hung 25 black and white and color photographs of differing sizes and subjects, some framed, others glued to matt colorful boards. These photographs were entered in the store's first annual photography contest, held to celebrate National Photography month.

### Faces in the crowd

Barbara Leach, 50, an employ-



First Place: "Vietnam War Memorial, 1997" by Jim Iannone of Providence.

ee of A.T. Cross and photographer, came to see if her 8 x 10 photograph of Steven Spielberg taken during the filming of Amistad in front of the state capitol would receive top honors. It did not. The small redhead, wearing a blue jean jacket and dangling earrings, shrugged off her loss, quipping, "Well, there's always next year's contest to enter my pictures." Her black and white hand-colored photographs adorn the walls of many East Side businesses.

"Photography is an interest you can keep up with forever," said Margaret Stoltz, 86, the oldest contestant who resides at

Laurelmead, a retirement community off Blackstone Boulevard. Stoltz entered a picture of an early morning sunrise over the Seekonk River. Using a Nikon camera with a 50 mm lens, the elderly photo buff took the picture from her balcony.

The youngest, Samantha Zacks, a freshman at St. Raphael and daughter of The Camera Werks owner, sat on a high stool eating a danish. "There are lots of good pictures on that wall," the young Pawtucket resident said, acknowledging her tough competition. The 15-year-old had entered her favorite photograph, a picture taken in 1993 of a histor-

ic Providence building.

By 5 p.m., with lights dimmed, the crowd surrounded a small white screen to watch Professional Photographer Jean M. Duffy of Providence begin her 20-minute slide presentation of historic lighthouses, located on both East and West coasts. Over a six-year period, the RISD graduate and commercial photographer of 15 years took more than 140 slides revealing the "romance and history" of these historic sites.

### The People's Choice

The photograph entries were on display from mid-April until the contest day. More than 80 people cast their ballots for their favorites.

And the envelope please. . . Local artist Jim Iannone, 26, of



Honorable Mention: "Sarah and Emma," by Yasmin Khan, Providence

Providence, got top honors with a picture of the Vietnam War Memorial he took during a 1997 vacation trip to Washington, D.C. "Everybody was taking pictures of the wall all day long. I just tried to find the most unusual view," said Iannone, who has been taking pictures for about six years. He plans to exhibit more of his work at an AS220 Spring 1998 exhibit.

A sentimental Christmas Day snapshot ("Sunset Delight") of a historic lighthouse surrounded by wetlands at Point Judith, Rhode Island, taken in 1994, won a second place ribbon. "A lot of my photographs have led me to either the ocean, waterfalls in New Hampshire or even city fountains," acknowledged a happy winner Gregg Spaziano, a radiation therapist at UMass Medical Center in Worcester, Mass. The 31-year-old resident of South Attleboro has exhibited his photographs at the Wickford art gallery and is currently showing his work at the Greenville Public Library.

Jeff Walker, 28, a manager of a local video store, stumbled upon his winning picture traveling to a Jazz festival in Canada. Walker's picture of an old gas pump surrounded by a flower bush and a wrought iron staircase caught the voter's fancy bringing him a third-place ribbon. Gleaning his photographic talents from his mother,

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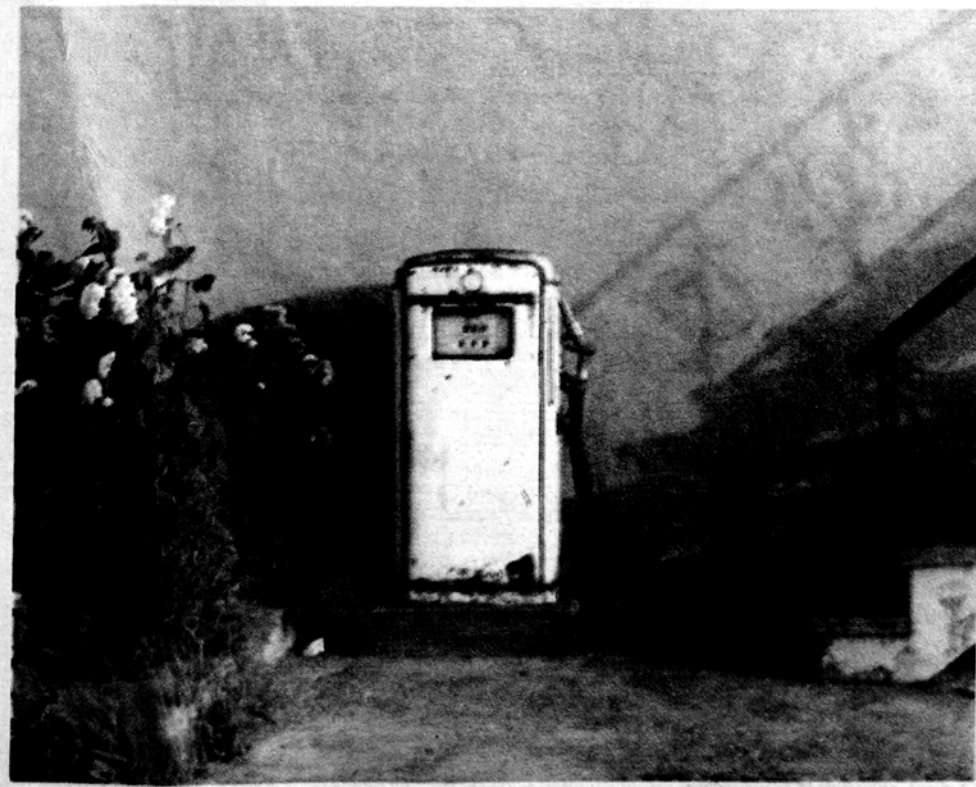
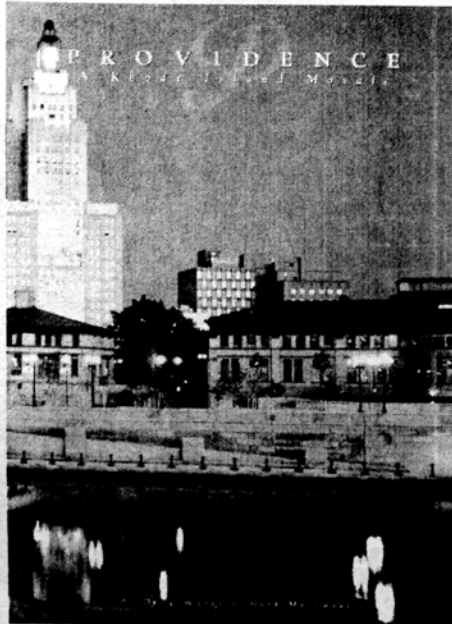
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Third Place: "Untitled," by Jeff Walker, Providence.

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who taught him the art of using a 35 mm camera at an early age, the Providence-based amateur photographer hopes to turn professional some day.

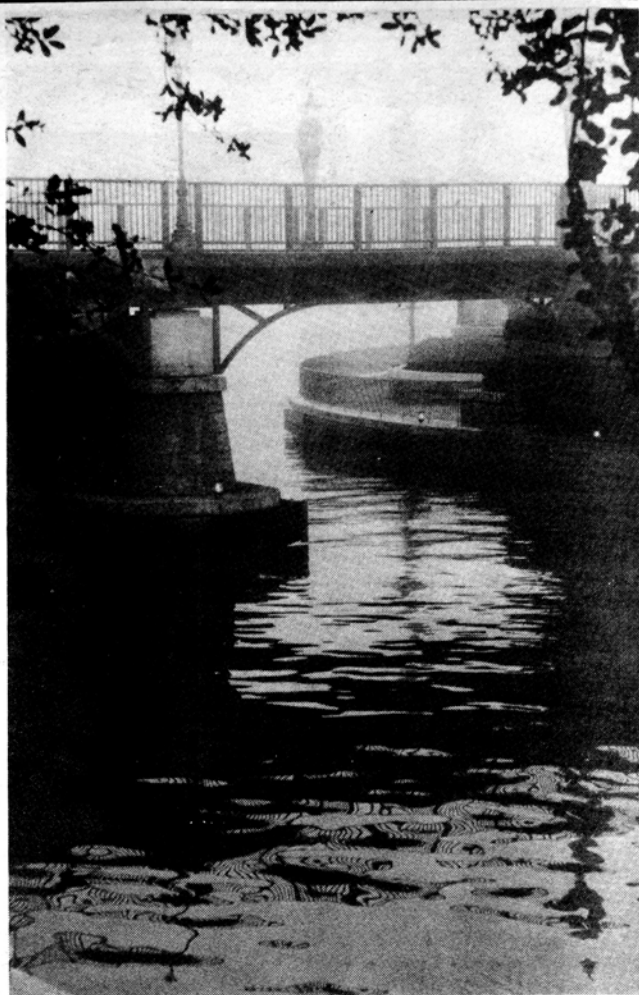
Artist Yasmin Khan, 37, a Providence resident formerly from Vancouver, Canada, received an honorable mention for a picture of her two young nieces ("Sarah and Emma") looking at a rock formation. Explaining her photographic style, "black and white is a more interesting and has a more expressive quality to it."

**Pro's Choice**

With the People's Choice Awards presented, Providence Professional Photographers Jennifer Uhrhane, Jean Duffy and Susan Denice selected Pawtucket resident Allan Ross to be the recipient of the Pro's Choice Award. The 56-year-old sales rep for men's apparel took his winning photograph of a bridge at Disney World at Epcot Center in Florida. Others have recognized the quality of his work as well. The Disney Institute Photo Magazine published his winning photograph in its May 1997 issue, he noted.

According to the professionals, a mood, a sense of being in Paris, the photograph being taken at just the right time of day, along with a feeling and tone gave the photograph high ratings. "The only thing that is missing on Ross's bridge are two people walking hand-in-hand and a gondola gliding underneath," noted Susan Denice, one of the judges.

"Everyone sees something different in a picture and that is what makes every photograph in the contest so interesting," Ross said. Many would agree.



Pro's Choice: "Untitled," by Allan Ross, Pawtucket.

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# Young and old recognized as Camera Werks photo contest winners announced

By HERBERT P. WEISS

You don't have to be a pro or have a lifetime of experience to be a winner of a photo contest. Being at the right place at the right time and a strong desire to get that perfect image brought recognition to amateurs and young students alike who were recently chosen as winners of the First Annual Photo Contest sponsored by The Camera Werks and East Side Monthly. The photo contest was held as a celebration to National Photo Month in May.

Above the shop's cases packed with used cameras and flashes and a wall filled with camera gadgets and equipment hung 23 black and white and color entries in all. Over a four week period, the public came into the cozy small camera shop, located at 764 Hope Street, right between Kaplan's Bakery and Rubin's Deli, to give their thumbs up or down for the photos that grabbed their fancy. Meanwhile, professional photographers Jean Duffy, Mary Louise Delano, Jesse Nemerofsky and Omar Bradley gave their two cents too, choosing the pro's choice.

Thirty-year veteran in photography, Omar Bradley, a contest judge and photojournalist for the Fall River Herald News, was impressed with the number of youngsters winning recognition. "It was refreshing for me to see the level of dedication and skill exercised by the young participants," Bradley told the East Side Monthly, noting his surprise of the number of students winning.

"This only goes to show that public schools and private sector organizations should invest more money and effort in promoting this undiscovered talent," he said.

Camera Werks owner Patricia Zacks agrees, adding that her enjoyment comes from seeing the customers, especially young students, receive the praise, recognition and reinforcement for this art

form.

"The span of ages of the winners in this contest only reinforces the fact that photography can be a great hobby for all," she added.

"My customers were amazed and impressed with the talent of the entries," Zacks said, noting that most of the photographs were developed by the participants themselves.

And the winners are...

Ed Pothier, 81, a former stock clerk at The Shepard Company in Providence and a retired civil employee at Davisville Naval Base, took first prize. With his Canon Rebel 2000 and zoom lens, the Warwick resident took a color photo of two children placing their hands in a wall of water at Roger Williams Zoo. An amateur photographer for more than 15 years and a member of the Photographic Society of Rhode Island, Pothier was moved to take his winning photo after watching the two "gleeful children." The retiree got permission from their parents to snap the winning photograph after he "became inspired by the children's playfulness."

With his winning photo being very unusual, Pothier's goal is to continue to find unique scenes, to snap, like Indian Powwows.

Originally from Portsmouth, Katie Stern wins second place and shares the Pro's Choice Award. The 18-year-old graduate of the Moses Brown School and now a sophomore at Connecticut College in New London, Connecticut, Stern was never



1st Place winner, Edmond R. Pothier of Warwick.

able to fit a photography course into her high school curriculum. At a two-week summer course offered at the Moses Brown School, the winning photo was snapped, a black and white image of piano keys in an upright piano once owned by her grandmother.

"Taken from eye view level you see five keys displayed like a fan," Stern noted, adding that she hopes to use this photo to build a portfolio.

Stern hopes this portfolio will

gain her entry into a college photography class.

"My minor is going to be art so photography will become my main focus," she said. "This win definitely is an encouragement to keep up my work and to pursue photography in my studies."

Jaymi Feeney, a fifth grade student at the Moses Brown School, picks up third place with her picture of a bobtail cat. The 10-year-old began taking pictures because of the encouragement of her mother, Robyn Blossom, a professional photographer and her grandmother, Sandra Feeney, an artistic photographer in Providence and former photography teacher at Providence Country Day School. Young Feeney began taking pictures at age four.

Using her Yashica T4 camera, Feeney took pictures of her mother's client's bobtail cat. "I placed the cat down and told it to stay still," she remembered. "The cat ran towards me and the picture ultimately showed a cat mostly out of focus except for its legs, she said, noting that "the hair on its legs really stood out."

"The cat is cool and it's a little bit more artistically compelling," said her mother after learning of the award. "Jaymi will have a great hobby to pursue when she is not working at being a doctor."

Also, sharing third place is East Side resident Herman Brewster, 61, a new grandfather who teaches at Hope High School in Providence. Using a Canon 1-N, Brewster took a colored photo of a wood duck hopping out of a

pond near the Japanese garden at Roger Williams Park. Brewster has specialized in taking photos of birds.

"The winning photo was the turning point in my shooting career because of its quality, the sharpness, clarity and colors of the bird," Brewster said, noting that everything seemed to come together in the picture. Brewster is now selling his photo note cards, with images of birds and flowers from a variety of locations in Northern Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts, including The Camera Werks, Flourishes, and Simple Pleasures, all located on the East Side, and Seven Arrows Herb Farm in Attleboro, Massachusetts, the Audobon Society of Rhode Island in Smithfield and Centercity Contemporary Arts in Providence Arcade.

A panoramic color photo of two dinosaurs grazing gives Miranda Davis, 8, a fourth place and Pro's Choice award. The 4th grader at St. Ann's School in Providence took the winning photo of the realistic prehistoric monsters at an exhibit in Roger Williams Park during a field trip.

Knowing of her cousin's interest in dinosaurs, Davis took a quick picture as her classmates were rounded up to leave the park. Because of Davis' growing interest in photography her Aunt Sandy DiTommaso, of Providence, urged the young child to enter the contest.

Now Davis is recognized as the family photographer at gatherings,

stated her mother, Shelly Davis.

"We were so surprised that Miranda was chosen because she is just an amateur," Davis said. "Miranda is enthusiastic about taking pictures and we hope she will continue."

And East Side Monthly Award goes to... Avelino F. Marcus, a 55-year-old Rumford resident. The owner of Marcus Cleaning, a company that specializes in cleaning carpets, has taken photographs for more than 12 years.

The camera buff took his winning color photograph at 6:30 a.m. on a Sunday while standing on the Henderson Bridge. Using a Nikon F4 with a 35-135mm lens, he took his picture of a man rowing a boat on the Blackstone river in

East Providence. The image of the Brown University Boat House is seen reflected on the water.

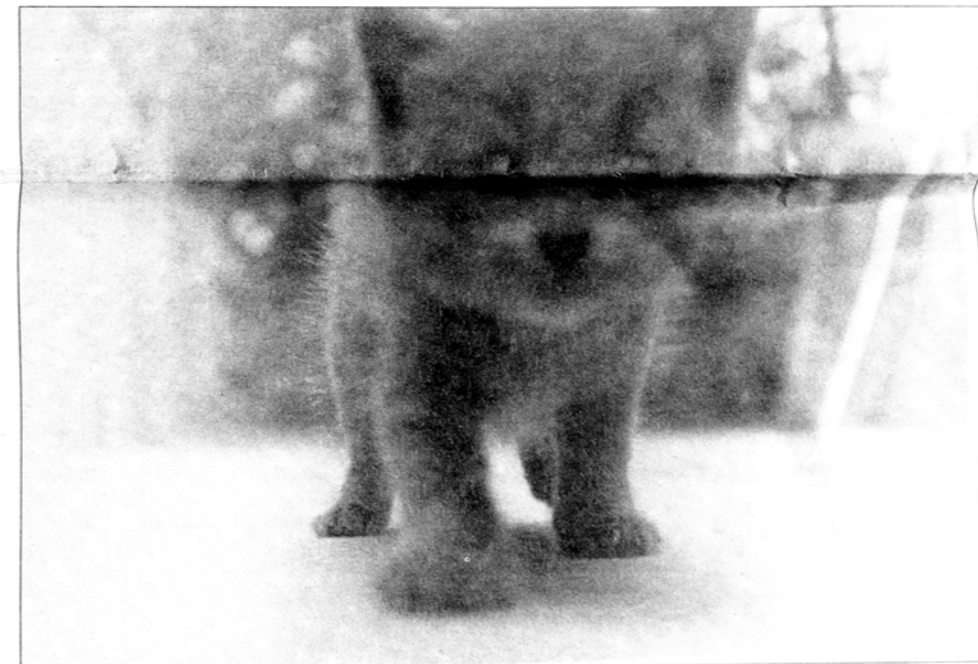
On his way home from work Marcus became drawn to taking a photograph of the river because the water was "nice and shiny like a mirror and the buildings were reflected so nicely," he said. So he drove two miles home to get his camera equipment, came back to the bridge and ultimately snapped the winning photo.

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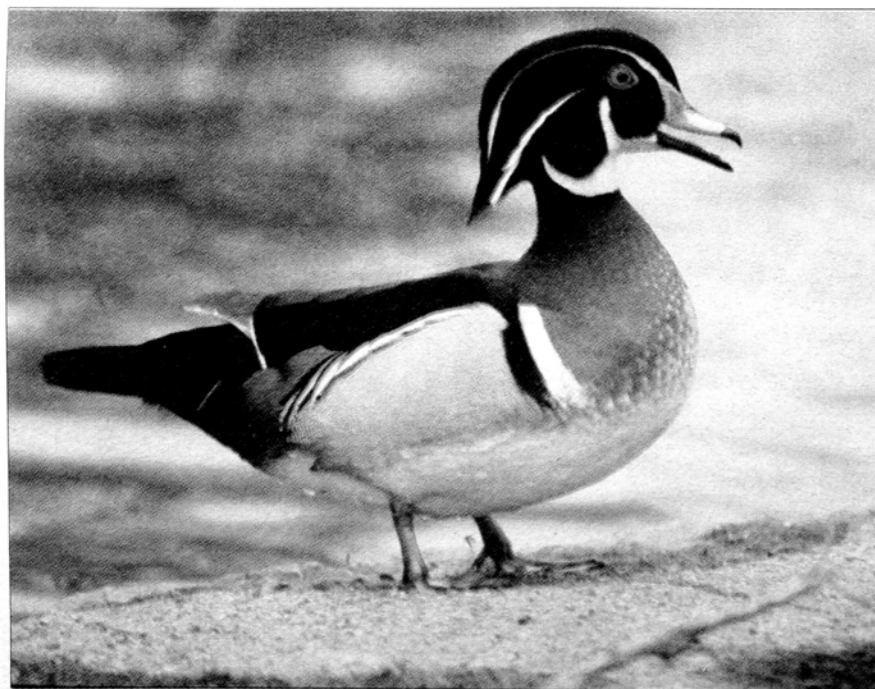
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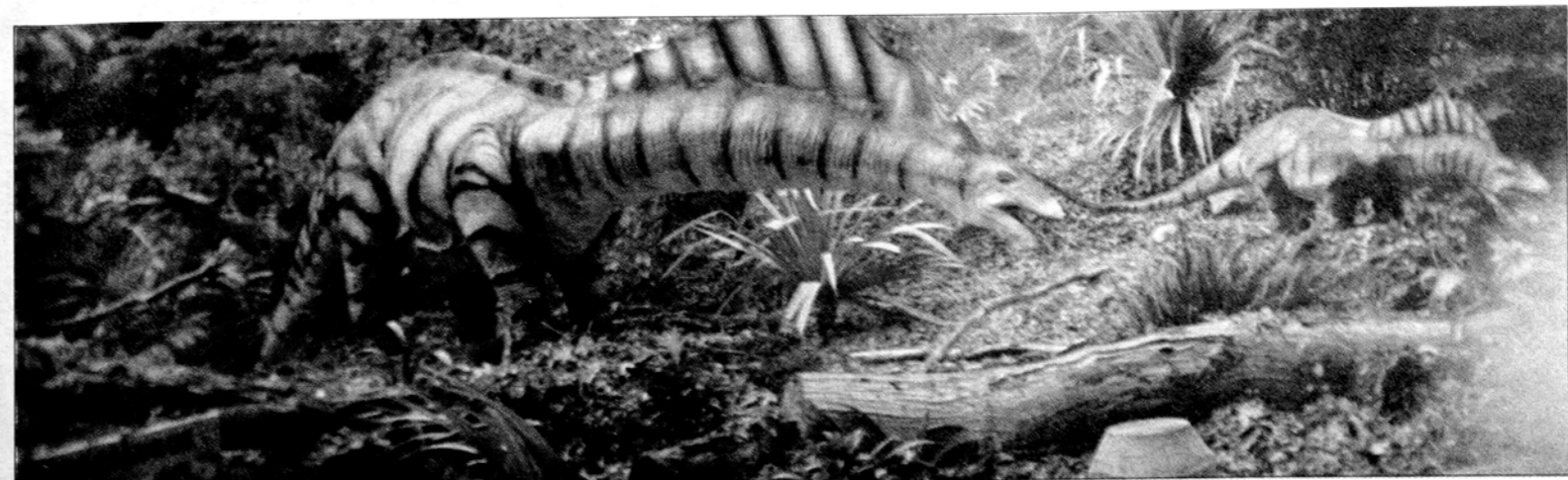
2nd Place winner, Katie Stern of Portsmouth



3rd Place tie, 10-year-old, Jaymi Feeney of Pawtucket.



3rd Place tie, Herman Brewster of Providence.



Winner of honorable mention went to 8-year-old, Miranda Davis of Providence.