THE WINNERS OF THE PARKING PROFESSIONAL'S 2014 PHOTO CONTEST PARKING PROFESSIONAL'S 2014 PHOTO CONTEST

Beauty may be in the eye of the beholder, but the amount of beauty, cuteness, and laughs in parking is pretty amazing, judging by the record

number of entries in this year's photo contest. From cute kids to beautiful rainbows to sunsets and structures that took our judges' breath away, the entries were nothing short of amazing. Many thanks to all who entered their photos!

Our panel of judges from the IPI staff and BonoTom Studio (the designers who make this magazine look great) had a tough job this year, but met the challenge and somehow picked a handful of winners from all of the fantastic entries we received. We promised publication to our category and grand prize winners, but there were so many great photos to choose from that we're also sharing some of our other favorites here. Our category winners each received gift certificates to outfit themselves with some sharp swag at shopipi.com, and our best-in-show winner received a ticket to the 2015 IPI Conference & Expo.

Congratulations to all who entered this year. We can't wait to see the pictures you take in 2015!



NATURE CATEGORY WINNER

Lisa Standiford, administrative assistant with Parking Services, City of Vancouver, Wash., snapped this lovely photo of a pay station at the rose garden of Esther Short Park in her hometown last summer.



BEST-IN-SHOW WINNER, PEOPLE CATEGORY WINNER

How adorable is this? Our best-in-show photo—also our people category winner—was taken by Julie Dixon, president of Dixon Resources Unlimited. She says, "Images may appear smaller because they are!"

FUNNY CATEGORY WINNER

Dennis Thompson, parking meter supervisor with the City of Huntington Beach, Calif., couldn't resist taking a photo of this amusing meter when he saw it in town. There's just something about a pink octopus on a parking meter. (Pink ribbons were displayed on the meter during Breast Cancer Awareness Month to raise visibility for that cause.)



BEAUTIFUL CATEGORY WINNER

Echoing Park(ing) Day in 2014 was the Lancaster, Penn., Parking Authority and the Coalition for Smart Growth, which set up this beautiful pop-up park in two on-street parking spaces, scoring a photo contest category win for parking authority Executive Director Larry Cohen, CAPP.



UNUSUAL CATEGORY WINNER

"I know there's a parking violation here somewhere," says winning photographer Debra Picou, supervisor of parking and live scan fingerprint services, San Diego Community College District College Police. "I just couldn't bear to cite them!"



Donovan Durband, Park Tuscon administrator with the City of Tuscon, Ariz., took this gorgeous photo of the Centro Garage, a mixed-use structure in Toscon that incorporates retail, four levels of parking, and three floors of apartments. The structure also features a streetcar stop right in front. Donovan snapped this photo after a rainstorm in October.

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STRUCTURE/LOT CATEGORY WINNER

PHOTOGENIC PARKING

We couldn't bear to leave it at just six winners. Here are our other favorite photos from this year's contest.



Photo by Ryan Branco, graphic and production supervisor, NC State University



Photo by Dennis Burns, CAPP, regional vice president, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.



Photo by Larry Cohen, CAPP, executive director, Lancaster, Penn., Parking Authority



Photo by Timothy Brown, parking enforcement officer, City of Vancouver



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