

Shutterbug wins contest

David Lepelstat's lifelong interest in photography has taken him to the far corners of the U.S., and to places closer to home, including Wantagh's Jones Beach and Mill Pond.

So far this year, five of his photographs have won the Wantagh dot LI photo contest. In recognition of this achievement, he was awarded the Five-Time Recipient Trophy.

The ceremony took place at the Wantagh Library in September during a meeting of the Wantagh Camera Club. David Lepelstat is the fourth photographer to achieve this five-time level, preceded by Christopher Corradino, Andy Riew and Barry Kurek.

To mark this milestone, Mr. Lepelstat also received a one-year subscription to the Merrick Life newspaper and a \$100 gift certificate to Berger Brothers camera store.

Another highlight of his photographic pursuit was meeting Ansel Adams during a weeklong course at the Owens Valley Photography Workshop in 1979. He has taken photographs throughout the United States and Bermuda, but especially enjoys shooting locally. For a second year, he has donated photo-

graphs to the Caumsett Foundation, which helps fund repairs to the park, and has submitted work to the Town of Hempstead calendar competition. He lives in Merrick with his wife Abbey, and two sons, Robert and Daniel.

Since September of 2002, the Wantagh Website has sponsored a free photography competition where anyone could submit their photos taken in Wantagh. Winning photographers receive an official signed certificate and a Wantagh gift.

The winning photo and the photographer's name are posted on the homepage for the winning month, and are posted permanently in the winner's list. Photographers of all levels are invited to submit their photos taken in Wantagh. For more information about this free contest, you can visit the Wantagh website, www.Wantagh.LI.

About the Wantagh website

The Wantagh Website, www.Wantagh.LI, was first posted in September of 2001. The website offers fast access to neighborhood information, and its charter is to help the people and businesses of our community.



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David Lepelstat (center) of Merrick is awarded the Five-Time Recipient Trophy for the Wantagh dot LI Photo Contest, accompanied by Vanna Sugar (left), photo contest coordinator, and Adolfo Briceno (right), Wantagh Camera Club president.