

PHOTOGRAPHY WINNER Richard Hunt receives the Five-Time Recipient Trophy from Vanna Sugar (left), photo contest coordinator of www.Wantagh.LI, accompanied Denise Langweber, first vice-president of the Wantagh Chamber Commerce.

Wantagh website photo champ

In the mid 1950s, Levittown's Richard (Dick) Hunt received his first camera as a graduation gift. Since then, he has been capturing award-winning moments in time.

In recent years, Dick has been diligently submitting his work to the www.Wantagh.LI photo contest and just this month he reached an important milestone as a five-time award recipient. To mark the occasion, Dick was awarded \$100 in Wantagh gift certificates, a one-year subscription to The Wantagh-Seaford Citizen and a commemorative trophy.

Dick made the transition from traditional film to digital photography back in 2002. Although he enjoys shooting in both color and black and white, Dick explains that "black and white is an interesting medium that presents special challenges."

Receiving awards and accolades is not new to Dick. He is one of only nine to be placed on The Photographic Federation of Long Island's "Hall of Fame" in 2009. Dick has also won several prestigious Leonard Victor Awards for his work. Notably, Dick "wrote the book" on photography with his recent publication entitled "Keys to Great Photographs."

Vanna Sugar, the contest coordinator for the Wantagh website, says that the Wantagh photo contest is "a wonderful venue for celebrating the beauty of our community." Since September 2002, the Wantagh website has sponsored this free photography competition, providing all with an opportunity to submit their photos taken in Wantagh.

Winning photographers receive an official signed certificate and a Wantagh gift which gets better with each win. The winning photo and the photographer's name are posted on the homepage for the winning month, and are posted permanently in the winners' 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.