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ASBPA announces 1st annual photography contest winners

FORT MYERS, FL – The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) has announced the winners of its first annual national photography contest. Amy Nelson, an aquatic toxicologist with Anchor Environmental in Andover, Mass., won the grand prize and the USA East Coast division with her photograph titled, “The New Year’s Tide Cleanses Hampton Beach.”

The entire list of winners is as follows:

- **Grand Prize:** Amy Nelson, Andover, Mass.: The New Year’s Tide Cleanses Hampton Beach
- **USA East Coast:** Amy Nelson, Andover, Mass.: The New Year’s Tide Cleanses Hampton Beach
- **USA Pacific Coast and Alaska:** Marie-Aude Pradal, Hoboken, N.J.: San Diego California, September 2007
- **Pacific (Hawaiian Islands, Guam, etc.):** Alicia Mahon, Hoboken, N.J.: Hawaiian Bay

The winner in each category will have her name and photograph printed in the Association’s national magazine, *Shore & Beach*. Nelson’s grand prize winning photograph will appear on the cover of the Winter 2009 issue of *Shore & Beach*, and she will receive a one-year annual membership renewal to ASBPA.

Entrants were asked to submit photographs depicting the coastal zone in their area. Subject matter included beaches, bluffs, marinas, wetlands, marine life, recreational facilities, and engineered beach restoration projects. Photographs were judged by the editorial board of *Shore and Beach*.

The purpose of the contest is to highlight the beauty and natural wonders of America’s magnificent coasts as part of the 75th year celebration of continuous publication of *Shore & Beach*.

For more information and to see the photographs, visit www.asbpa.org.

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ABOUT ASBPA

Founded in 1926, the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) represents the scientific, technical and political interests along the coast in an effort to shape national research and policy concerning shore and beach management and restoration. ASBPA strives to engage in a factual debate on coastal issues and economics that will foster sound, far-sighted and economical development and preservation of our beaches; thereby aiding in placing their beliefs within the reach of the largest possible number of people in accordance with the ideals of a democratic nation. For additional information about ASBPA, please visit www.asbpa.org/about_us/about_us_history.htm.