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NEWS RELEASE

L&CPU Members Receive Prestigious Award

Brian Magor and **Diana Magor** were awarded the Proficiency PSA (**PPSA**) Distinction at the Annual Membership Meeting of the Photographic Society of America (PSA) International Conference held in Charleston, South Carolina, USA (Oct.3-9, 2010). PSA's Distinction Awards are in recognition of photographic achievement based on acceptance records in PSA recognized International Exhibitions and documented with PSA Division approved Star Rating Certificates. The Distinction Award includes an invitation to display a sample of work on the Society's web site, *Gallery of Distinction Awards*.

PSA is a worldwide, interactive organization for serious amateur and professional photographers or for anyone who loves photography. PSA invites the camera club members, their families, and friends, to visit the PSA web site at www.psa-photo.org to view the *Gallery of Distinction Awards* and for more information about PSA, its activities, benefits, and membership opportunities.

Congratulations to Brian Magor, PPSA and Diana Magor, PPSA on their photographic achievements.

This is what Diana had to say when I emailed her to ask for more information. People generally seem enjoy entering the PSA competitions and experience a good acceptance rate...

“We had to get 10 stars in various divisions. Each of these required different numbers of acceptances in International competitions for the stars although the numbers needed have now been regularised since July. The divisions we entered were colour projected images (CPID), Electronic imaging (EID), Nature (including wildlife), Phototravel and Pictorial prints in mono and colour although there is also Photojournalism which we have now begun to enter. The competitions are PSA sponsored International ones from all around the world which are often FIAP ones as well. It took us one year to get to this level as sometimes we had none accepted and occasionally we got 100% in. Usually our acceptance rate was about 30% but it varies from

country to country with the hardest being in Britain! We are now qualified for 20 stars in seven divisions since the Summer, but we have to wait for the catalogues to be issued because they are the proof needed by the PSA which checks very carefully. Every year the PSA publishes a Who's Who in photography for the preceding year and I came amongst the top overseas exhibitors in Nature prints.

“We got over 300 acceptances for the PPSA. This came from CPID 2* for which we had to get 80, EID 3* which needed 72, Nature 3* needed 72, Photo travel 1 * needed 30 and small pictorial prints colour needed 18 1 star. These were the requirements until July but we always put in more than we needed in case some were not accepted which always seems to happen. You can see that it was very complicated because all the divisions needed different numbers but now they are standardised.

“We enjoy entering competitions and even more getting the results although we have to agree beforehand who is going to enter which image, in the interests of marital harmony. Sometimes it is simply who gets there first with the entry! It's all fairly easy with digital online entry, status pages and paypal so generally there's no sending money or prints in the post. Hoylake PS now belongs as a club and we have been entering several Interclub competitions with varying success. We will be the judging club for one of these competitions in April.

It's all good fun and allows our photos to be seen by a wider audience,

Diana