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**NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNOUNCES 2013 AWARD WINNERS FOR EXCELLENCE IN TRAVEL**  
**WRITING, PHOTOGRAPHY, PROMOTION**

**Grand Prize Winners: *National Geographic Traveler*, Gary Arndt, Jayme Moye,  
and Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism**

**PASADENA CA** - The **North American Travel Journalists Association (NATJA)** has announced the winners of its 2013 NATJA Awards Competition. Awards were given to publications, travel writers, and photographers whose work was represented in print, electronic and online media from October 2012 through September 2013. Additionally, awards were given to the top convention and visitors bureaus, PR agencies or destination marketing organizations. The competition, now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, honors the “best of the best” in travel journalism.

“This year’s entries were an outstanding mix of local and international stories with dynamic and creative elements that provided the visual through words or photography to transport the reader to the destination,” said Helen Hernandez, CEO of the organization. “The judging has become increasingly difficult every year given the abundance of talent in the travel journalism community.” This year’s Grand Prize winners presented the finest works of all of the entries through evocative storytelling and spellbinding photography. *National Geographic Traveler* is a publication that combines world-class journalism with creative art direction to provide an entertaining and satisfying reader experience; the Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism for their comprehensive and well-communicated information on their destination; Gary Arndt for his engaging and captivating photography; and Jayme Moye for her fascinating and thought-provoking narratives.

Additionally, one first place (Gold) winner is chosen in each of the 56 categories along with 2<sup>nd</sup> (Silver) and 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Bronze) runners up.

The mission of NATJA is to foster high quality journalism by supporting the professional development of its members, providing exceptional benefits and valuable resources, honoring the excellence of journalism throughout the world, and promoting travel and leisure activities to the public at large.

Award winners in the various categories are attached. A complete list of the winners and finalists are available on the NATJA website at [www.natja.org](http://www.natja.org).

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## **GRAND PRIZE WINNERS**

**Publication:** *National Geographic Traveler*

**Photography:** Gary Arndt

**Travel Journalism:** Jayme Moye

**Convention & Visitors Bureau:** Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Category 300: Travel Magazine**

- **Gold:** *National Geographic Traveler*, October 2012
- **Silver:** *Virtuoso Life*, January 2013
- **Bronze:** *National Geographic Traveler*, November 2012

### **Category 301: In-Flight Magazine**

- **Gold:** *Latitudes*, September/October 2013
- **Silver:** *American Way*, October 2012
- **Bronze:** *Delta Sky*, June 2013

### **Category 302: Online Travel Magazine**

- **Gold:** GTH | Gay Travel Herald, [www.gaytravelherald.com](http://www.gaytravelherald.com)
- **Silver:** Perceptive Travel, [www.perceptivetravel.com](http://www.perceptivetravel.com)

### **Category 303: Travel Journalism Website**

- **Gold:** TravelAge West, [www.travelagewest.com](http://www.travelagewest.com)
- **Silver:** USA TODAY's Travel, [www.usatoday.com/travel](http://www.usatoday.com/travel)
- **Bronze:** BucketTripper, [www.buckettripper.com](http://www.buckettripper.com)

### **Category 304: Commercial/Publication Travel Blog**

- **Gold:** National Geographic's Intelligent Travel, <http://intelligenttravel.nationalgeographic.com>
- **Silver:** Today in the Sky, [www.usatoday.com/blog/todayinthesky/](http://www.usatoday.com/blog/todayinthesky/)
- **Bronze:** Travel + Leisure's Carry On, [www.travelandleisure.com/travel-blog/carry-on](http://www.travelandleisure.com/travel-blog/carry-on)

### **Category 305: Independent Travel Blog**

- **Gold:** Bucket List Journey, [www.bucketlistjourney.net](http://www.bucketlistjourney.net)
- **Silver:** Travels with Baby, [www.travelswithbaby.com](http://www.travelswithbaby.com)
- **Bronze:** LandLopers, [www.landlopers.com](http://www.landlopers.com)

## **PHOTOGRAPHY & ILLUSTRATION**

### **Category 170: Overall Excellence**

- **Gold:** Gary Arndt, "Haida Gwaii, British Columbia," *Everything Everywhere*
- **Silver:** Kari Medig, "Positive Altitude," *enRoute*
- **Bronze:** Michael DeFreitas, "Go Wide," *PhotoNews Magazine*

### **Category 171: Cover Photo, Illustration**

- **Gold:** Dagmar Schwelle, "November 2012 Cover," *Travel + Leisure*
- **Silver:** Sasha Vasilyuk, "Barra De Valizas," *Los Angeles Times*
- **Bronze:** Joel Addams, "Amazing States," *AAA Living*

**Category 172: Landscape, Seascape**

- **Gold:** Michael DeFreitas, "Go Wide," *PhotoNews Magazine*
- **Silver:** Gary Arndt, "Snow on Plitvice National Park, Croatia," *Everything Everywhere*
- **Bronze:** Lola Akinmade Åkerström, "10 Tips for Photographing Northern Lights," *Fodor's*

**Category 173: Portrait, People**

- **Gold:** Michael DeFreitas, "The Rule of Thirds," *Just for Canadian Dentists Magazine*
- **Silver:** Gary Arndt, "Musher with Sled Dog at Yulcon Quest," *Everything Everywhere*
- **Bronze:** Steve Marsh, "CeeLo Green and the Magical Musical Mystery Machine," *Delta Sky Magazine*

**Category 174: Facility, Architectural**

- **Gold:** Gary Arndt, "St. Peter's Basilica on the Tiber," *Everything Everywhere*
- **Silver:** Nathan DePetris, "Bridge to the Future: Strasbourg to Kiel," *GTH| Gay Travel Herald*

**Category 175: Photo Essay**

- **Gold:** Gary Arndt, "Haida Gwaii, British Columbia," *Everything Everywhere*
- **Silver:** Jim Richardson, "Galicia, Untamed," *National Geographic Traveler*
- **Bronze:** Emily Chaplin, "Currituck, Land of The Wild Geese," *Our State*

**MEDIA – General Travel Articles****Category 100: Destination Travel, Domestic Newspaper**

- **Gold:** Andrew McCarthy, "Pyramids by the Nile. Egypt? No, Sudan," *The New York Times*
- **Silver:** Nancy Wigston, "Surprising Adventures in the Driest Desert on Earth," *The Medical Post Newspaper*
- **Bronze:** Katherine Rodeghier, "Three Faces of Abu Dhabi," *Daily Herald Time Out! Sunday*
- **Bronze:** Lucas Aykroyd, "Wild, weird Easter Island," *The Winnipeg Free Press*

**Category 101: Destination Travel, Domestic Magazine**

- **Gold:** Peter Jon Lindberg, "Zambia Up Close," *Travel + Leisure*
- **Silver:** Dave G. Houser, "Florida With Attitude," *Coast to Coast Magazine*
- **Bronze:** Andrew McCarthy, "What Am I Doing Here?," *National Geographic Traveler*

**Category 102: Destination Travel, International Newspaper**

- **Gold:** Lisa Te Sonne, "Paddling the Pacuare in Costa Rica," *The PIQUE Newsmagazine*
- **Silver:** Andrew McCarthy, "Into the Heart of America," *The Guardian-London*
- **Bronze:** Chris McBeath, "Origins of Earth," *Richmond News*

**Category 103: Destination Travel, International Magazine**

- **Gold:** Jason Oliver Nixon, "A Week in Provence," *Delta Sky Magazine*
- **Silver:** Janice Mucalov, "Turkish Delight," *Cruise and Travel Lifestyles Magazine*
- **Bronze:** Susan Nerberg, "Positive Altitude," *enRoute*

**Category 104: Byline Travel Column – Greater than 250,000 Circulation**

- **Gold:** Adam Sachs, "When the Right Trip Goes Wrong," *Travel + Leisure*
- **Silver:** Adam Pitluk, "Good Advice, Part Two," *American Way*
- **Bronze:** Daisann McLane, "Truth Without Consequences," *National Geographic Traveler*

**Category 104A: Byline Travel Column – Less than 250,000 Circulation**

- **Gold:** Christine Tibbetts, "Meeting the civilians of Gettysburg," *Tifton GA Gazette*
- **Silver:** Jill Schensul, "The shore's Irrisistable Pull," *The Record*
- **Bronze:** Susan Cohn, "Make a Beeline to Shepardstown, West Virginia," *San Mateo Daily Journal*

**Category 105: Travel Series – Magazine**

- **Gold:** Clark Norton, "Cruises you can Sink Your Teeth Into; Yo Ho, Yo Ho A Pirates Cruise for Thee; Hooked on Knitting," *Porthole Cruise Magazine*
- **Silver:** Elaine Glusac, Joseph Guinto, Michael Kaplan, Elizabeth Woodson , "Asia Rising," *Private Clubs*
- **Bronze:** Tanvi Chheda, Celeste Moure, Steve Marsh , "1 City, 5 Ways: Mexico City; 1 City, 5 Ways: Hong Kong; 1 City 5 Ways: Dublin," *Delta Sky Magazine*

**Category 105A: Travel Series - Newspaper**

- **Gold:** Warren Resen, "USA Road Trip," *Observer News (Tampa, FL) - Farmer & Rancher (Ruskin, FL)*
- **Silver:** Jill Schensul, "Jersey Shore after Hurricane Sandy," *The Record*
- **Bronze:** Linda Fasteson, "Yen for Zen, Hidden Jewel Adventure," *Living Well the Sun Chronicle*

**MEDIA – Special Focus Travel Articles - Print**

**Category 120: Local Lifestyle**

- **Gold:** Carl Hoffman, "The Big Empty," *National Geographic Traveler*
- **Silver:** John Lee, "A pint and a play," *Los Angeles Times*
- **Bronze:** Charles Kulander, "On Cayman Time," *National Geographic Traveler*
- **Bronze:** Andrew Nelson, "The Social Network," *National Geographic Traveler*

**Category 121: Luxury & Leisure Travel**

- **Gold:** Ingrid K. Williams, "Milan's Elements of Style," *Delta Sky Magazine*
- **Silver:** Marcello DiCintio, "High Life," *Farimont Magazine*
- **Bronze:** Jenna Schnuer, "Where the Buffalo Roam," *National Geographic Traveler*

**Category 122: Sports & Recreation**

- **Gold:** Justin Paul, "Go with the Floe," *Virtuoso Life*
- **Silver:** Jayme Moye, "The Road Not Ridden," *Women's Adventure*
- **Bronze:** Bob Cooper, "Biking the Mosel," *Ensemble Vacations Magazine*

- **Bronze:** Janice Mucalov, "Canoeing on the Zambezi," *Vancouver Sun Newspaper*

#### **Category 123: Resorts**

- **Gold:** Paul Rubio, "Cloud Break," *Palm Beach Illustrated*
- **Silver:** Christine Koubek, "Inn the Mood for Love," *Bethesda Magazine*
- **Bronze:** Dale Salm, "Heavenly Honeymoons: Rhode Island Shore," *The Connecticut Bride*

#### **Category 124: Cruises**

- **Gold:** Rebecca Rhoades, "Making A Splash," *AAA World*
- **Silver:** Natasha Mekhail, "Top of the World," *Experience Magazine*
- **Bronze:** Bruno Maddox, "I Was a Cruise Ship Bartender," *Travel + Leisure*

#### **Category 125: Personality and Profiles**

- **Gold:** Jayme Moye, "The Road Not Ridden," *Women's Adventure*
- **Silver:** Bob Cooper, "CEO on the Run," *Porthole Cruise Magazine*
- **Bronze:** Margie Goldsmith, "The Thrill of the Chase," *United Hemispheres*

#### **Category 126: Historical or Hobby Travel**

- **Gold:** Thomas Swick, "Warsaw, Liberated," *National Geographic Traveler*
- **Silver:** Kathleen M. Mangan, "Echoes of Ancestry," *The Affluent Traveler*
- **Bronze:** Susan Cohn, "A Pig and Potatoes Bring Countries to the Brink of War," *San Mateo Daily Journal*
- **Bronze:** Mindy Poder, "The Bonsai Tree House," *TravelAge West*

#### **Category 127: 50+ Travel**

- **Gold:** Don Mankin, "Kayaking with Orcas in the Johnstone Strait off Vancouver Island," *Active Over 50*
- **Silver:** Bob Cooper, "An Island of Peace," *Senior Living (BC, Canada)*
- **Bronze:** Jill Schensul, "Don't Just Sit There - Seize the Day," *The Record*
- **Bronze:** P.F. Kluge, "Singapore Fling," *National Geographic Traveler*

#### **Category 128: Intergenerational and Family Travel**

- **Gold:** Elaine Glusac, "Treasure Islands," *Budget Travel*
- **Silver:** Victor Block, "Try a Multi-Generation Reunion on Orlando," *The Beacon*
- **Bronze:** Liz Beatty, Mei-Ling Hopgood, Renee Restivo, Nina Strohlic, Joe Mozingo, "Going Home," *National Geographic Traveler*

#### **Category 129: Culinary Travel**

- **Gold:** Adam Sachs, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Farm Table," *Travel + Leisure*
- **Silver:** Gary Shteyngart, "Eating Dubai," *Travel + Leisure*
- **Bronze:** Sarah Musgrave, "Canada's Best New Restaurants 2012," *enRoute*

#### **Category 130: Cultural, Educational, Self-Improvement Travel**

- **Gold:** Brett Forrest, "The Bone Thieves," *Playboy Magazine*
- **Silver:** Andrew McCarthy, "What Am I Doing Here?," *National Geographic Traveler*

- **Bronze:** Kim MacQuarrie, "The Golden Yarn," *National Geographic Traveler*

**Category 131: Eco, Environmental or Special Purpose Travel**

- **Gold:** George W. Stone, "Travelers of the Year," *National Geographic Traveler*
- **Silver:** Michael Davie, "Quest for the World's Cleanest Air," *National Geographic Traveler*
- **Bronze:** Costas Christ, "25 Wild Nights," *National Geographic Traveler*
- **Bronze:** Jill Schensul, "Sanctuary in the Rockies," *The Record*

**Category 132: Budget Travel**

- **Gold:** Jill Schensul, "Shouldering In On A Good Deal," *The Record*
- **Silver:** John Lee, "No backpack required," *Moneysense magazine*
- **Bronze:** Michael Luongo, "Trading Hotel Rooms for the Guest Room," *The New York Times*

**MEDIA – Special Focus Travel Articles – Internet**

**Category 140: Local Lifestyle**

- **Gold:** Margie Goldsmith, "An Udder Lover in the Swiss Alps," *huffingtonpost.com*
- **Silver:** Tim Leffel, "No One's Too Sexy for Miami," *Perceptive Travel*
- **Bronze:** Lola Akinmade Åkerström, "The Silence of the Swedes," *Roads & Kingdoms/Slate*

**Category 141: Leisure Activity**

- **Gold:** Lisa Richardson, "Grateful in Galapagos," *TravelLady.com*
- **Silver:** Fyllis Hockman, "Vietnam's Ha Long Bay: True Surrealistic Watercolor," *consumertraveler.com*
- **Bronze:** Ann Hill, "Mustang Monument: A western Safari," *TravelWorld International*

**Category 142: Sports and Recreation**

- **Gold:** David Noyes, "One Step," *TRVL*
- **Silver:** Tim Leffel, "Wildflowers & Wine: Biking Through Castle Country in Rural Portugal," *Perceptive Travel*
- **Bronze:** Jayme Moye, "Ultimate Adventure Bucket List 2013," *National Geographic Adventure*

**Category 143: Resorts**

- **Gold:** Dale Sanders, "Palm Island Resort: Florida's Coveted Secret," *Examiner.com*
- **Silver:** Matt Long, "Comfort and Hospitality - The Academy Bed and Breakfast in Annapolis, Maryland," *LandLopers.com*
- **Bronze:** Tim Leffel, "Ciragan Palace Kempinski - Elegance on the Waterfront in Istanbul," *Hotel-Scoop.com*

**Category 144: Cruises**

- **Gold:** Karen Berger, "Sailing Maine's Penobscot Bay on a Timberwind Music Cruise," *Buckettripper.com*
- **Silver:** Skye Mayring, "Tahiti Yacht Charter," *TravelAge West*

- **Bronze:** Janna Graber, "Sailing in Maine: Windjammer Cruise on the American Eagle," *Go World Travel Magazine* ([www.GoWorldtravel.com](http://www.GoWorldtravel.com))

#### **Category 145: Personality and Profiles**

- **Gold:** Irene S. Levine, "Baja Farm-to-Table: Just Beyond the Beach," *NBC Universal LifeGoesStrong.com*
- **Silver:** Jayme Moye, "Afghanistan's Two-Wheeled Revolution," *National Geographic Adventure*
- **Bronze:** John Edwards, "Saul Bolanos: A Modern Day Alchemist," *Dave's Travel Corner* ([www.davestravelcorner.com](http://www.davestravelcorner.com))
- **Bronze:** Kristin Mock, "Becoming Mahout," *Perceptive Travel Blog*

#### **Category 146: Historical or Hobby Travel**

- **Gold:** Karen Berger, "Paying Respects at Strothof Concentration Camp in Alsace, France," *Buckettripper.com*
- **Silver:** Kathleen M. Mangan, "The Ghosts of War," *AAA World Magazine Online*
- **Bronze:** Rebecca Rhoades, "A Grand Centennial," *AAA World*

#### **Category 147: 50+ Travel and Travelers**

- **Gold:** Don Mankin, "Crouching Tiger," *Wild Hope*
- **Silver:** John Edwards, "Sojourn in Sopron: An Austro-Hungarian Border Town with Bite!," *Hack Writers* ([www.hackwriters.com](http://www.hackwriters.com))
- **Bronze:** Fyllis Hockman, "Trekking Mountain Gorillas in Uganda," *TravelingBoy.com*

#### **Category 148: Intergenerational and Family Travel**

- **Gold:** Michael Luongo, "Overseas burial grounds honor fallen Americans," *CNN*
- **Silver:** Karen Berger, "Winter Critter-Cruising on an Aquarium Research Boat on Long Island Sound, Connecticut," *Buckettripper.com*
- **Bronze:** Shelly Rivoli, "Ten Essential Tips for Planning a Great Vacation with Grandparents," *Travels with Baby*

#### **Category 149: Culinary Travel**

- **Gold:** Gary Kraut, "Drome Provençal: Eat Like a Sixth Grader, Drink Like a Wine Enthusiast," *France Revisited* ([FranceRevisited.com](http://FranceRevisited.com))
- **Silver:** Stacey Wittig, "Guinea Pigs and Larvae: Adventures in Peruvian Cuisine," *T+E Travel + Escape, Canada's Travel Channel website*
- **Bronze:** Darrin DuFord, "Leaping into Croatia's frog leg tradition," *BBC Travel*

#### **Category 150: Cultural, Educational, Self-Improvement Travel**

- **Gold:** Ken Budd, "Special Needs," *The Huffington Post*
- **Silver:** Michael Luongo, "Seeing Another Side of Gaza: Tourism in a Conflict Zone," *The Huffington Post*
- **Bronze:** Jayme Moye, "Path of the Patriarch," *The Clymb*

#### **Category 151: Eco, Environmental or Special Purpose Travel**

- **Gold:** Sarah Gold, "Rebuilding Haiti, and Its Tourism," *Travel + Leisure*
- **Silver:** Michael Luongo, "Religious conversions: Renovated monastery resorts and more," *CNN*

- **Bronze:** Nathan DePetris, "Japan's Eco-Adventure Bike Route," *GTH | Gay Travel Herald*

#### **Category 152: Budget Travel**

- **Gold:** Shelly Rivoli, "Why and How to Get the Paris Museum Pass for Your Family's Visit," *Travels with Baby*
- **Silver:** Suzanne Corbette, "Fall agritourism trips on a half-tank or less," *Westnewsmagazinenetwork.com*
- **Bronze:** John Edwards, "Attack of the Ginger-Haired Madman: Montezuma's Revenge in Reverse," *Hack Writers (www.hackwriters.com)*

#### **MEDIA – Electronic, Video, Broadcast**

##### **Category 153: Travel Broadcast – Video & Television**

- **Gold:** Christine van Blokland, "Curious Traveler: Secrets of Grand Central Terminal," *Cox Video on Demand Travel Channel*
- **Silver:** Glen Abbott, "Terlingua Ghost Town, Texas," *Harley - Davidsons Hog Magazine - online edition*
- **Bronze:** Gary Arndt, Chris Christensen, and Jen Leo, "This Week in Travel," <http://ThisWeekInTravel.com>

##### **Category 153A: Travel Broadcast – Podcast & Radio**

- **Gold:** Tonya & Ian Fitzpatrick, "Gettysburg-Past and Present," *World Footprints Radio*
- **Silver:** Kathleen Curry, "Travel Brigade Podcast," *Travel Brigade*
- **Bronze:** Tonya & Ian Fitzpatrick, "New Orleans French Quarter Festival 2013 - Live Broadcast," *World Footprints Radio*

#### **MEDIA – Miscellaneous**

##### **Category 190: Travel Book or Guide**

- **Gold:** Rob Goss, "Tuttle Travel Pack Japan," *Tuttle Publishing*
- **Silver:** Ingrid Hart, "My Year In California,"
- **Bronze:** Vanessa Molina, "Miami, Greater Miami and Beaches Visitors Guide, Miami," *Greater Miami and the Beaches Visitors Guide 2013*

##### **Category 191: Trade Travel Article**

- **Gold:** David DeVoss, "Go Team," *Global Business Travel Association Magazine*
- **Silver:** Janeen Christoff, "The Age of Adventure," *Explorer*
- **Bronze:** Eve Thomas, "All Shook Up," *Fairmont Magazine*

##### **Category 192: Travel Roundups**

- **Gold:** Christopher Elliot, "Travel Intelligence," *National Geographic Traveler*
- **Silver:** Jayme Moye, "Ultimate Adventure Bucket List 2013," *National Geographic Adventure*
- **Silver:** Various, "Best of the World 2013," *National Geographic Traveler*
- **Bronze:** Michael Luongo, "Religious conversions: Renovated monastery resorts and more," *CNN*

##### **Category 193: Travel Tips & Advice**

- **Gold:** Michael DeFreitas, "Ten Top Travel Tips," *PhotoNews Magazine*



- **Silver:** Lola Akinmade Åkerström, “5 Ways to Get More Mileage From Smart,” *Mashable*
- **Bronze:** Stacey Wittig, “Tips for Solo Travel,” Her Times, *Erie Times-News*

## **ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Category 200: Visitors’ Guide (Printed or Electronic)**

- **Gold:** 2013 Visit Frederick, Jean Peterson Design
- **Silver:** Official Guide to Glenwood Springs, Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association
- **Bronze:** Destination Planning Guide, City of Henderson

### **Category 201: Destination Video**

- **Gold:** 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Palm Springs, Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism
- **Silver:** South County Beaches, South County Tourism Council
- **Bronze:** Let’s Go! Charleston, Christine van Blokland

### **Category 202: Destination Website**

- **Gold:** VisitFrederick.org, Jean Peterson Design

### **Category 203: Social Media or Marketing Campaign**

- **Gold:** History Lives Here, San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau