

## Archives

### Banff Mountain Photography Competition Winners 1998



#### Grand Prize

*Alar de Uyuni, (Salt Plains), Uyuni, Bolivia*

Sara Mousseau, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

"'Salar de Uyuni' was taken at the end of a two-month climbing trip to South America. I was making my way back from northern Chile to Argentina in five days, which sounds straightforward, until you factor in the infrequent bus service. I opted for a three-day land tour that finished in southern Bolivia. We spent the last day of our journey crossing the largest salt flats in the world, 'Salar de Uyuni'. This photo was taken late in the afternoon and depicts salt harvesting, the local industry, near Uyuni, Bolivia."

Sara Mousseau grew up in North Vancouver, where she completed a Bachelor of Physical Education degree at the University of British Columbia before working with young offenders at a wilderness camp near Squamish. She moved to Calgary with her husband in 1995. An avid climber and amateur photographer, Mousseau recently went to Argentina and Bolivia for a two-month climbing trip, during which this photograph was taken. Sara has also travelled and climbed in Nepal, Peru, Chile, Ecuador, and extensively in her own backyard, the Canadian Rockies.



#### Best Photo on Mountain Culture

*Alpenhorn at Lake Louise*

Jaime Trento, Banff, Alberta, Canada

"After a typical 'night shift' at my 'day job', two of my favourite places to drive during the night are Moraine Lake and Lake Louise. After a few hours of sleep, an awesome sunrise at Moraine Lake and some spectacular wildflower photos, I finally ended up at Lake Louise. With dozens of tourists swarming around the popular alpenhorn player, it was more difficult to ask him if he minded having his picture taken than to actually position my tripod with its ultra-wide-angle lens and polarizer less than a foot away from him. This positioning distorted reality somewhat and created the curvature at the edges of the frame, adding emphasis to the graphic nature of his checkered shirt in the middle of the picture."

Jaime Trento was born 28 years ago and grew up with a healthy appreciation of the mountain environment that forms the backdrop to his native home of Calgary. In 1994, a future in athletics took a dramatic twist, as did his ankle, on his first trip with his new camera to the mountains. With his track aspirations halted, Trento was given the opportunity to pursue a career in photography. Trento has been featured in several advertising and photo publications, including Australia and New Zealand Photography International. Living on and off in Banff since 1988, Trento's goal is to travel the world, funded by his photography. His rewards are the smiles of those who view his art and the countless hours spent amidst the landscape he loves.



#### Best Photo on Mountain Environment

*Ayers Rock, Australia*

Jaime Trento, Banff, Alberta, Canada

"In 1977, when I was only in second grade, I remember setting a goal to visit the Great Wall of China, Machu Pichu, and Ayer's Rock. In 1995, while living in Australia, we made a Mother's Day pilgrimage to Ayer's Rock, called Uluru by the Australian aborigines to whom the site belongs. I circumnavigated the base of the rock before making the one-hour trek to the top. The picture I really wanted was a shot of a single climber, battling the odds on the rock's steep apron. But when a tour bus arrived, the apron appeared to be swarming with ants. I could not resist the shot. Just minutes later, the apron was glowing in the warm morning light, but the graphic nature of the complete pattern of climbers never appeared again."



**Best Photo on Mountain Adventure**  
*Catherine Destivelle on Mont Blanc du Tacul*  
René Robert, Chamonix, France



**Best Photo on Mountain Flora and Fauna**  
*Moss Growing Amongst Small Broken Rocks*  
Roger Laurilla, Golden, British Columbia, Canada



**Best Photo on Mountain Landscape**  
*Clinging to Life in Tibet*  
Bill Semple, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada



**Special Mention**  
*Two Children at Yosemite*  
Caroline Brown, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania, USA



**Special Mention**  
*Mountain Biker, West Virginia*  
Skip Brown, Cabin John, Maryland, USA



**Special Mention**  
*Muleteers Cook Tent*  
Kurt Jensen, Pacific Grove, California, USA



**Special Mention**  
*Ceremony and Spirit: A People Called Sherpa*  
Frances Klatzel, Kathmandu, Nepal



**Special Mention**  
*Sunrise, Buttermilk Country, Sierra Nevada*  
Andy Selters, Bishop, California, USA



**Special Mention**  
*Wrangler and Fall Colours, Willmore Wilderness, Alberta*  
Darwin Wigget, Burns Lake, British Columbia, Canada



**Special Mention**  
*Bull Moose Close Up, Grand Teton National Park*  
Windland Smith, Jackson, Wyoming, USA



**Special Mention**  
*Dragonfly and Lotus Lily, Australia*  
Jaime Trento, Banff, Alberta, Canada



**Special Mention**  
*Mountain Stream Running into Snow Cave*  
David Wirzba, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada



**Special Mention**  
*Parry's Townsendia, Waterton Park*  
David Wirzba, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada