

Lee De Bevoise inducted into Photographers Hall of Fame  
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We're reluctant to toot our own horns here at The Sentinel, but this honor is too significant to keep quiet. Lee De Bevoise, our editor, has been inducted into the International Freelance Photographers Hall of Fame. This accolade has been bestowed on Lee in recognition of his lifetime body of work as a photographer.

Lee has been a member of the International Freelance Photographers Organization since 1985. He has held lifetime member status for 10 years. Annually, the organization requires its members to provide an update of their work in the field of photography.

We may know him as the editor extraordinaire of the Friend Sentinel, but Lee's background in photography may be less well known locally. He first took top honors in a photography contest at the age of eight years. The contest was sponsored by the YMCA in Paterson, New Jersey. Lee shot the winning photo using a Brownie Hawkeye camera. In the decades since then he has shot every type of camera, from single lens reflex models, to complex digital cameras, with which he primarily works today. Lee's interest in photography continued through his high school and college years where his photos appeared in all types of school publications as well as local newspapers.

For 10 years, Lee operated a photography studio in Millville, New Jersey, doing studio portraits, wedding photography, and particularly enjoyed taking candid children's photographs in outdoor settings.

The bulk of Lee's published photography has been in national and regional fishing, hunting and outdoor publications. He has shot cover photos as well as interior pieces. Lee, along with his wife, Sharon, have now published over 3,000 photographs and columns. Some of his photos have been used in catalogs as well.

Photography has been a successful lifelong vocation as well as a fulfilling avocation for Lee De Bevoise. His induction into the International Freelance Photographers Hall of Fame is an honor well deserved. If you see him out and about, feel free to congratulate him.