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## Otsego groups sponsor photo contest

## Staff Report

Otsego Land Trust and Otsego Lake Association are sponsoring a photo contest titled "Water, Water Everywhere." The contest is open to all residents of Otsego County and neighboring towns.

The theme is broad-based and designed to emphasize the importance of water in the lives of people, plants and animals. Photos of streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, springs and wetlands from all over the Otsego County region are encouraged.

Outdoor photos that depict the abundance of water in our region are eligible.

All entries must be received or postmarked by Dec. 31.

Up to three photos may be submitted in one of three categories: Professional, Amateur, or Youth (age 16 or younger on Dec. 31). Photos may be in color or black and white. Only digital photographs in .jpg format will be accepted. Photos will be chosen by a panel selected by Otsego Land Trust and Otsego Lake

Association and announced in early 2013. One photo from each category (Professional, Amateur, or Youth) will be selected for prizes provided by the Otsego Lake Association.

Professional prize: Gift Certificate to the Blue Mingo Grill and Richard Duncan's book titled "Otsego Lake-Past and Present"

Amateur prize: A guided tour of Otsego Lake aboard the SUNY Oneonta's Biological Field Stations Barge, "Anondontoides," for the winner and five guests.

Youth prize: Four tickets for the Glimmerglass Queen Lake Tour and one-year family membership to Otsego Lake Association.

Photographs may be sent electronically to <a href="marcie@otsegolandtrust.org">marcie@otsegolandtrust.org</a>, or disks may be mailed to Otsego Land Trust Water Photos, P.O. Box 173, Cooperstown, NY 13326 or dropped off at the Land Trust offices at Pioneer Alley at 101 Main St. in Cooperstown, NY 13326.

An entry form must be completed for each photo submitted. To receive contest guidelines and entry forms, visit www.otsegolandtrust.org, email marcie@otsegolandtrust.org.

This is the third year that Otsego Land Trust has sponsored a photo contest, following the

"People and Trees" photo contest in 2010 and the "On the Farm, In the Garden" photo contest in 2011.

Farm and Garden photos from the 2011 contest will be showcased in an exhibit at the Smithy Gallery in Cooperstown on Monday.

For more information on the association, contact President Wayne Bunn at (518) 542-6630 or email <a href="kwbe@hotmail.com">kwbe@hotmail.com</a>.