

# Solitude teams with fall in color contest



## Gail Yurasek

Gail Yurasek, our second-place finalist in the annual color photo contest, is best known around the Farmington area for her three-dimensional window displays in local merchants' stores.

But soft sculpture obviously isn't her only talent. A "dabbler" in photography for the past eight years, she has taken some classes at Oakland Community College and took a photography workshop at Greenfield Village.

A well-rounded artist (pottery is her latest medium) she proudly dedicates most of her time to her two children, Jessica and Leah, as is reflected in her winning entries.

The photo at left, the girl in the leaves, is the second-place winner. Al-

though the judges examined many entries with this same theme, they found this one to be the most spontaneous, colorful and professionally composed.

The judges also enjoyed the way the photo of the girl on the swing was composed. The contrast between the child and the couple-in-love at the picnic table set it off from other entries in the contest.

"The couple in the background was a spur of the moment thing. They were just there at the right time," she said.

Yurasek used an Olympus OM-1 with a telephoto lens as well as Ektachrome 100 film. Both of the photos were taken in the Farmington City Park.



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## James Higgins

Our third-place winner, James Higgins, an electrical contractor from Grass Lake, Mich., was visiting a friend in Westland when he saw the entry blank in the Observer & Eccentric.

His winning entry, below, of the girl standing alone in the woods, was taken around the Traverse City area. The judges found the dramatic impact of this photograph just too much to ignore.

The photograph was taken in the morning with a Minolta XD-5 using Fuji 100 film. He used a 85-200mm zoom lens, with an f/11 exposure.

The photo at left also is a Higgins' entry.

Besides photography, Higgins enjoys outdoor "thrill" pursuits.

He is a member of the Jackson camera club.

