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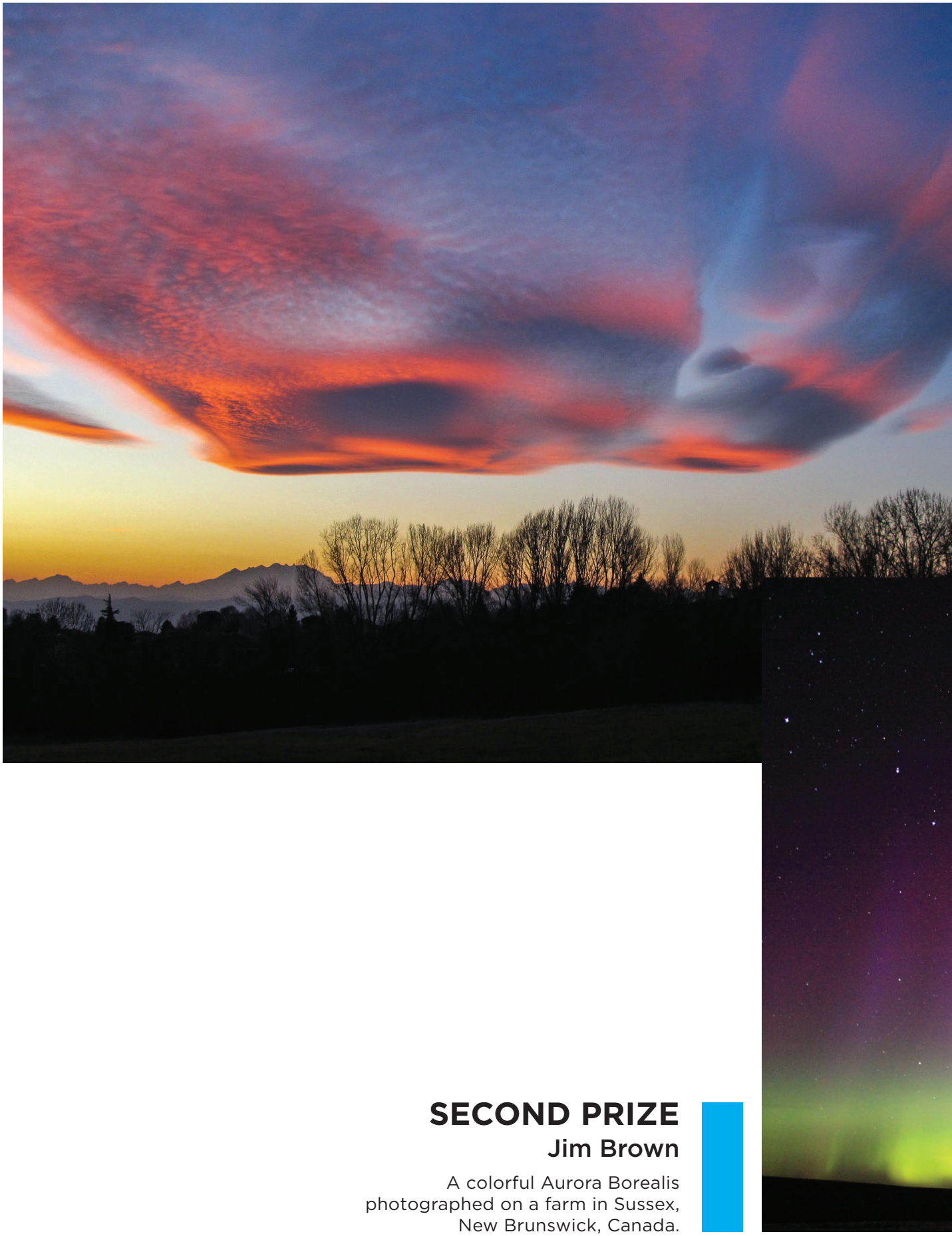
THE 2020 PHOTO CONTEST

GRAND PRIZE

Jan Curtis

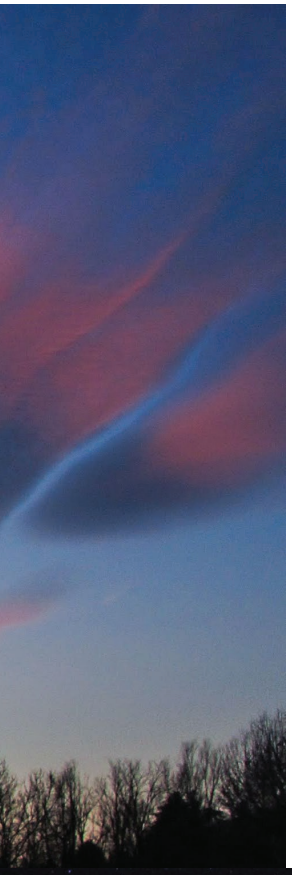
Cirrostratus overcast and a low sun helped to produce a rare combination of phenomena: 2 bright sundogs on a 22 degree halo, faint suncave and sunvex parry arcs, an upper tangent arc, and, at top, a colorful circumzenithal arc. Photographed on November 23, 2019, in Vail, Arizona.



SECOND PRIZE

Jim Brown

A colorful Aurora Borealis photographed on a farm in Sussex, New Brunswick, Canada.



FIRST PRIZE

Paolo Bardelli

A vivid sunset highlights lenticular altocumulus following a day with dry winds at high altitude. Photographed on February 20, 2020, in Varese, Italy.

SECOND PRIZE

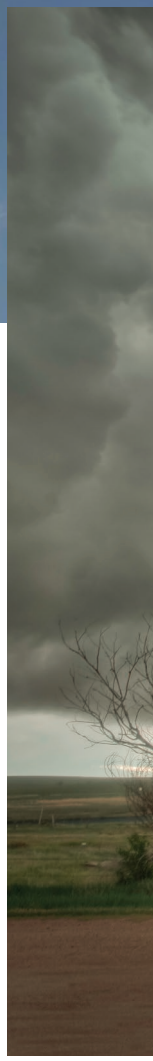
Laura Hedien

Lightning intersects a huge thunder cloud. Photographed near Winona, Kansas.

THIRD PRIZE

Ralph Winrich

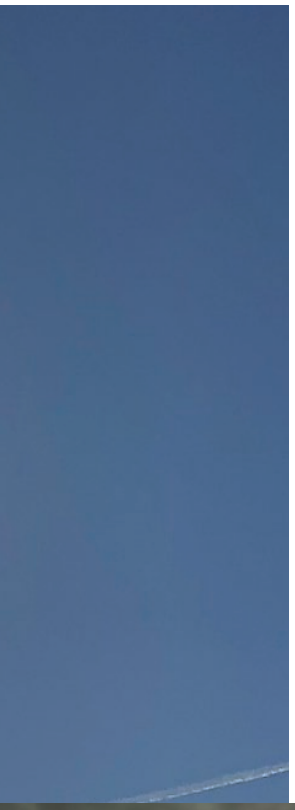
An unusual ice formation in the shape of a tree on a window in Dunkirk, Wisconsin.



THIRD PRIZE

Laura Hedien

Asperitas undulatus forms what looks like a whale's mouth. Photographed in Southeastern Colorado on May 26, 2019.



THIRD PRIZE

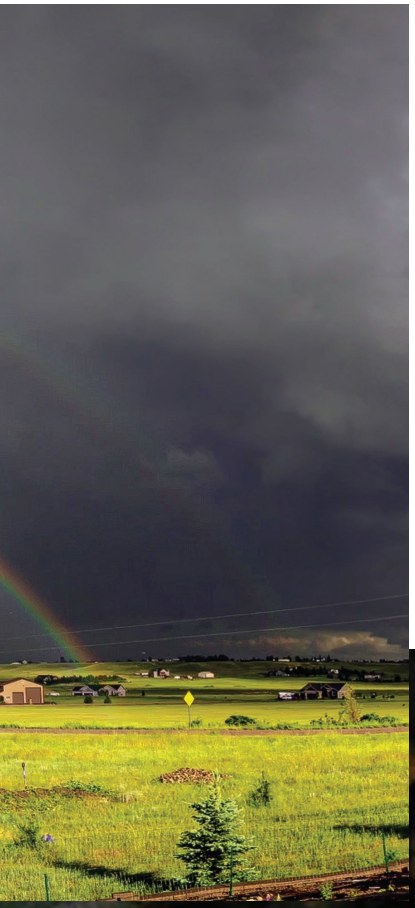
Denis Marbehan

A spectacular corona photographed on February 26, 2020, in Cambrilis, Spain, on a windy day.

HONORABLE MENTION

Kevin Haan

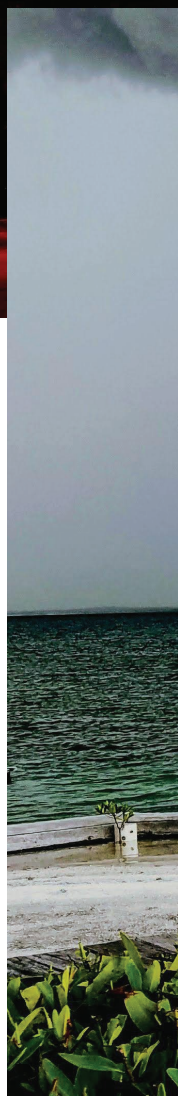
A frost flower photographed at near Lake Padden in Bellingham, Washington, in June 2010.



HONORABLE MENTION

Jan Curtis

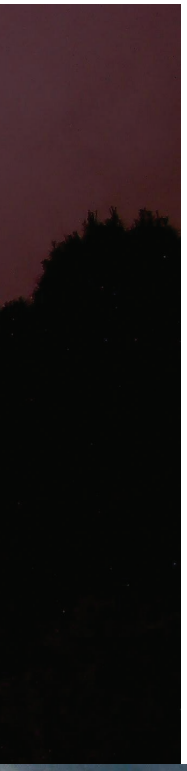
A bright rainbow, possibly including a twinned bow or supernumerary bow, was photographed on June 21, 2018, in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Some faint anti-crepuscular rays are visible below.



HONORABLE MENTION

Miles Wong

A rain shield and possibly a waterspout are visible in a storm moving in off the Carribean Sea. Photographed on Turnefe Atoll in Belize in May 2018.



HONORABLE MENTION

James R. Doughty

A severe thunderstorm produced an impressive lightning display, photographed in Tucson, Arizona on September 8, 2009.

HONORABLE MENTION

John Kerste

Towering cumulonimbus and pileus form during a late evening storm in eastern Colorado.

HONORABLE MENTION

Marcus Prazniak

A lenticular cloud is illuminated by the fading light of sunset over Brougher, Montana. Photographed on April 12, 2020.

PHOTO CONTEST JUDGES

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