

NSS CARTOGRAPHIC SALON

George Dasher

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1978: New Braunfels, Texas

Chairman: Jan Knox
Judges: Margaret McKinney
Dr. Art Palmer
Dick Smith
Number of Entrants: 37
Awards: 18 ribbons and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Natural Bridge Caverns; Orion Knox

Category I: Maps less than or equal to 11 by 17 inches:

First Place: Broken Toe Cave, Mark Johnson

Category II: Maps greater than 11 by 17 inches:

Subcategory A: A total surveyed passage greater than 4500 meters:

First Place: Bone Norman Cave, Bill Douty

Subcategory B: 2000 to 4500 meters:

First Place: Natural Bridge Cave, Orion Knox

Honorable Mention: Sand Cave, Tom Byrd
McKittrick Hill Cave, Ronnie Fieseler
Endless Cave, Carl Kunath

Subcategory C: 500 to 2000 meters:

First Place: Ramble's Cave, Ronnie Fieseler

Honorable Mention: Midnight Cave, Carl Kunath

Subcategory D: Less than 500 meters:

First Place: Double-Decker Cave, Ernst Kastning

Subcategory E: Vertical Caves:

First Place: Sotanito de Ahuacatlan,
Terry Raines (drafting) and Orion Knox (artwork)

Honorable Mention: El Sotano del Arroyo, John Fish

Category II:

First Place (tie): Double-Decker Cave, Ernst Kastning
Natural Bridge Caverns, Orion Knox

Category III: Experimental Maps

First Place: Lewis and Clark Caverns, Richard Aram

Honorable Mention: Behind Blue Lake in Mystery Cave, Paul Scobie
Sloans Valley, Central Station,

Spaghetti Section, Louis Simpson

Most Artistic Award: Natural Bridge Caverns, Orion Knox

1979: Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Chairman: Art Palmer
Judges: Ernst Kastning
Peter Quick
Number of Entrants: unknown
Awards: 6 ribbons and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Williams Cave, Virginia, Ward Foeller

Less than 500 meters: *Ribbon:*
Quartz Room, Snedegars Cave, West Virginia, Roy Jameson

500 to 1000 meters: *Ribbon:*
Wolf Sinks and Cave, Kentucky, Tom Ahlers

1 to 5 kilometers: *Ribbon:*
Tom Eddings Cave, Arkansas, Pam Black

Over 5 kilometers: *Ribbon:*
Williams' Cave, Virginia, Ward Foeller

Best Portrayal of a Cave in Relation to its Surroundings: *Ribbon:*
Parker Cave, Kentucky, Jim Quinlan, Don Coons, and John Branstetter

Best Rendition of Complex Detail: *Ribbon:*
Sorcerer's Cave, Texas, George Veni

1980: Saint Paul, Minnesota

Chairman: Ernst Kastning
Judges: unknown
Number of Entrants: 21
Awards: 2 Honorable Mentions, 3 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Hoya de Quital, Mexico, Peter Sprouse

0 to 1 km: *Merit Award:*
Onyx Cave, Pennsylvania, Carol Vesely

0 to 1 km: *Honorable Mention:*
Robinson Ladder Cave, Indiana, David Black

1 to 5 km: *Merit Award:*

Hoya de Quital, Mexico, Peter Sprouse

1 to 5 km: Honorable Mention:
Sotano de Sauz, Mexico, Peter Sprouse

Over 5 km: Merit Award:
Rios San Jeronimo and Chontalcoatlan, Mexico, Don Coons

1981: Bowling Green, Kentucky

(8th International Congress of Speleology)

Chairman: Ernst Kastning

Judges: Claude Chabert (France)
Roy Jameston (USA)
Thomas Kind (USA)

Number of Entrants: 66

Awards: 13 Honorable Mentions, 8 Merit Awards, and 2 Medal Awards

Best of Salon: Grotte de Reclere, Switzerland, Remy Wenger
Natural Bridge Caverns, Texas, USA, Orion Knox

0 to 0.5 km: Merit Award:
Grotte de Reclere, Switzerland, Remy Wenger, Switzerland
Natural Tunnel, Virginia, USA, Bill Douty, USA

0 to 0.5 km: Honorable Mention:
Cave of the Winding Stair, California, USA, Bob Richards, USA
Gouffre des Narines de Boeufs, Switzerland, Philippe Rouiller, Switzerland
Creux au Koby, Switzerland, Philippe Rouiller, Switzerland

0.5 to 1 km: Merit Award:
Hoya de Quital, Mexico, Peter Sprouse, USA

0.5 to 1 km: Honorable Mention:
Organ Cave, Commercial Section, West Virginia, USA, Bill Balfour, USA
Spider Cave, Australia, Sidney University Speleological Society, Australia
Schneekegelhohle, Austria, Christian Deubner, West Germany
Halilock, Switzerland, Philippe Rouiller, Switzerland

1 to 3 km: Merit Award:
Grottos de Cremines, Switzerland, Remy Wenger, Switzerland
Sotano de Sauz, Mexico, Peter Sprouse, USA

1 to 3 km: Honorable Mention:
Lost Cave, West Virginia, USA, Bill Balfour, USA
Robber Baron Cave, Texas, USA, Orion Knox, USA

3 to 10 km: Merit Award:

Natural Bridg Caverns, Texas, USA, Orion Knox, USA

3 to 10 km: *Honorable Mention:*

Bransfords Cave, West Virginia, USA, Bill Douty, USA
Laurel Creek Cave System, West Virginia, USA, George Dasher, USA
Foxhole #1, West Virginia, USA, George Dasher, USA

Over 10 km: *Merit Award:*

Lee Cave, Kentucky, USA, Cave Research Foundation, USA
Bone Norman Cave System, West Virginia, USA, Bill Douty, USA

Over 10 km: *Honorable Mention:*

Roppel Cave (Toohey Ridge Cave System), Kentucky, USA,
Central Kentucky Karst Coalition, USA

1978: Bend, Oregon

Chairman: Ernst Kastning
Judges: Larry Chitwood
Lynne Sims
Steve Knutson
Number of Entrants: 18
Awards: 8 Honorable Mentions and 2 Merit Awards
Best of Salon: none

0 to 0.5 km: *Merit Award:*

Clark Mountain Cave, California, Bob Richards

0 to 0.5 km: *Honorable Mention:*

Hinkle Mountain Pit, West Virginia, George Dasher
Thompson's Chapel Cave, West Virginia, George Dasher
Little Wildcat Cave, Indiana, David Black

0.5 to 1.0 km: *Merit Award:*

La Jolla Sea Caves, California, Carol Vesely

0.5 to 1.0 km: *Honorable Mention:*

Crystal 67 Cave, California, Bob Richards
Brickyard Ridge Cave, West Virginia, Bill Koerschner
Alabaster Cave, New Mexico, Melissa Boyd
Patton Cave, West Virginia, George Dasher
Lost World Caverns, West Virginia, Bill Balfour

1983: Elkins, West Virginia

Chairman: Ernst Kastning
Judges: Bob Gulden

Roy Jameson
Bill Storage
Number of Entrants: 29
Awards: 4 Honorable Mentions, 3 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Nikki Ananda, New Guinea, Carol Vesely

0 to 0.5 km: *Merit Award:*
Nikki Ananda, New Guinea, Carol Vesely
Painted Cave, California, Bob Richards and Carol Vesely

0.5 to 1.0 km: *Honorable Mention:*
Pink Dragon Cave, California, Bruce Rogers

1.0 to 3.0 km: *Honorable Mention:*
Cave City-California Caverns, California, Peter Bosted
Lost World Caverns, West Virginia, Bill Balfour

Over 3 km: *Merit Award:*
Sharps Cave, West Virginia, George Dasher

Over 3 km: *Honorable Mention:*
Organ Cave System, West Virginia, Paul Stevens

1984: Sheridan, Wyoming

Chairman: Ernst Kastning
Judges: Land Brod
Doc Dougherty
Terry Raines
Number of Entrants: 33
Awards: 6 Honorable Mentions, 5 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Nambawan Ananda, New Guinea, Carol Vesely

0 to 0.5 km: *Merit Award:*
Sea Caves of Sunset Cliffs, California, Carol Vesely

0 to 0.5 km: *Honorable Mention:*
Meander Cave, California, Peter Bosted
Lechuguilla Cave, New Mexico, David Jagnow

0.5 to 1.0 km: *Merit Award:*
Sistema Punta Banda, Mexico, Bob Richards
Crockett's Cave, New Mexico, David Jagnow

0.5 to 1.0 km: *Honorable Mention:*
Pickards Synch Lava Tube, Washington, Randy Boyd
Surprise River Cave, New Guinea, Carol Vesely

1.0 to 3.0 km: Merit Award:

Mystery Cave, New York, Bruce Jelen
Nambawan Ananda, New Guinea, Carol Vesely

Over 3.0 km: Honorable Mention:

Columbine Crawl, Wyoming, Joan Benedict
Wind Cave, South Dakota, John Scheltens

Best Map Showing the Cave in Relation to its Surroundings:

Sistema de Cavernas del Rio Camuy, Thalia D. Veve

1985: Frankfort, Kentucky

Chairman: Ernst Kastning

Judges: Doon Coons
Doug Medville
Peter Sprouse

Number of Entrants: 40

Awards: 12 Honorable Mentions, 11 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award

Best of Salon: Corinth Church Cave, Kentucky, John Ganter

0 to 0.5 km: Merit Award:

Pink Panther Cave, New Mexico, Bruce Rogers
Chandelier Cave, Palau, Bruce Rogers
Shell Beach Sea Caves, California, Carol Vesely

0 to 0.5 km: Honorable Mention:

Pellet Mount Cave, Oklahoma, Sue Bozeman
Spout Cave, West Virginia, George Dasher
Cueva de el Canon, Mexico, John Ganter
Blimp Hanger Cave, California, Bob Richards
Roaring Spring, Virginia, Ron Simmons
Point Buchon Area Sea Cave, California, Carol Vesely
Santuario Adentro, Mexico, Carol Vesely

0.5 to 1.0 km: Merit Award:

Crystal Drano Cave and Roto-Rooter Cave, California, Randy Boyd
Chick Cave, Kentucky, John Ganter
Millerton Lake Caves, California, Bob Richards

1.0 to 3.0 km: Merit Award:

Alabaster Caverns, Oklahoma, Sue Bozeman
Corinth Church Cave, Kentucky, John Ganter
Dickerson Cave, Kentucky, John Ganter

1.0 to 3.0 km: Honorable Mention:

Bat Cave System, North Carolina, Laurie Adams
Sump Cave, Indiana, David Black
Skaggs Cave, Missouri, Scott House and Mike Sutton
Windy Run Cave, West Virginia, Ron Simmons

Over 3.0 km: Merit Award:

Cameron Cave, Missouri, Scott House
Great Spirit Cave, Missouri, Scott House, Jerry Wagner, and Doug Baker

Over 3.0 km: Honorable Mention:

Indian Cave, Tennessee, Jeff Bowers and R. Hamm

1986: Tularosa, New Mexico

Chairman: Ernst Kastning

Judges: Bill Ellicott
Dale Pate
Carol Vesley

Number of Entrants: 29

Awards: 7 Honorable Mentions, 6 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award

Best of Salon: Sotano de San Marcos, Mexico, Peter Sprouse

0 to 0.5 km: Merit Award:

Queen of the Guadalupes, David Jagnow
Amargosa River Cave #1, California, Bob Richards
Silver Shadow Cave, California, Bob Richards

0 to 0.5 km: Honorable Mention:

Chrome Cave, California, Marianne Russo

0.5 to 3 km: Merit Award:

Sotano de San Marcos, Peter Sprouse

0.5 to 3 km: Honorable Mention:

Vanished River Cave, California, Peter Bosted
Cricket Cave, West Virginia, George Dasher
Mercer Caverns, California, Bruce Rogers
Fisher Cave, Missouri, Gregory "Tex" Yokum

Over 3 km: Merit Award:

Sotano de Tlamaya, Mexico, John Ganter

Non-Traditional Merit Award:

Caves of Florida Caverns State Park, Florida, Gary Maddox

Non-Traditional Honorable Mention:

Sylamore Cave Resource Inventory, Arkansas, Bob Buecher

Fossil Mountain Ice Cave, Wind Cave System, Wyoming, Miles Hecker

1987: Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

Chairman: Bill Nelson
Judges: Bob Amundson
Ernst Kastning
Number of Entrants: 26
Awards: 4 Honorable Mentions, 5 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Buckeye Creek Cave, West Virginia, George Dasher

GREEN (Honorable Mention):

Falling Spring, Missouri, Mike Sutton
Pappy's Point Sea Caves, California, Carol Vesely
San Pedro, location unknown, Carol Vesely
Wind Cave, Missouri, Mike Sutton

BLUE (Merit Award)

Coral Caverns, Pennsylvania, John Ganter
Gibnut Cave, Belize, Carol Vesely
Lost River Cave, Kentucky, Chris Groves (Special Class)
Mitchell Caves, California, Bob Richards
Seneca Caverns, West Virginia, John Ganter

1988: Hot Springs, South Dakota

Chairman: George Dasher
Coordinator: Bill Nelson
Judges: George Dasher
Keith Goggin
Bill Storage
Number of Entrants: 38
Awards: 5 Honorable Mentions, 1 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Dunco Spring, Jamaica, Mike Futrell

GREEN (Honorable Mention):

Copperhead, Pennsylvania; Walt Hamm
Cutlip, West Virginia, Doug Medville
Cueva Inclinata, Oaxaca, Mexico; Carol Vesely
Lechuguilla Cave, Carlsbad National Park, New Mexico; Richard Bridges
Rock Springs, Utah, Rod Horrocks

BLUE (Merit Award):

Thanksgiving Ridge, Vancouver Island, Canada, Steve Grundy

1989: Sewanee, Tennessee

Chairman: George Dasher
Coordinator: Bill Nelson
Judges: Ward Fueller
Bob Gulden
George Veni
Number of Entrants: 57
Awards: 12 Honorable Mentions, 3 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Cave Spring Cave, Virginia; Tom Spina

GREEN (Honorable Mention):

Bailey Cave, Virginia; Bill Balfour
Bayn Hakayn (Arch Cave), Selme Plateau, Sultanate of Oman; John Ganter
Bearwallow Cave, Virginia; Bill Balfour
Bull Thistle Cave, location confidential; George Dasher
Cano Saco and la Caverna Escondida, Provincia de Puntarengs,
Costa Rica, Hope Uhl
Caverna Corredores, Provincia de Puntarenas, Costa Rica: Hope Uhl
Cueva da California, Racho Nuevo, Tampaulipas, Mexico; Peter Sprouse
Hanging Rock Drop, Indiana; Dave Black
Ireland's Cave, Texas; William Russell & Dale Pate
Kahf Khashayl (Funnel Cave) Selme Plateau, Sultanate of Oman; John Ganter
Kahf Aqabat Khushil (Seventh Hole), Selme Plateau,
Sultanate of Oman; John Ganter
No Sweat Cave, Indiana; Dave Black

BLUE (Merit Award):

Carma Cave, Provincia de Puntarenas, Costa Rica: Hope Uhl
Cave Spring Cave, Virginia; Tom Spina
Cucva Tres Pisos Estado de Baja California, Mexico; Bob Richards

1990: Yreka, California

Chairman: George Dasher
Judges: Don Coons
Ann Strait
Bob Thrun
Number of Entrants: 47
Awards: 4 Honorable Mentions, 1 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Snowflower Pit, Alabama; Pat Kambesis

GREEN (Honorable Mention)

Buena Vista, Oaxaca, Mexico; Nancy Pistole (short)
Doug Green Cave, Alabama; Pat Kambesis (medium)
Junction Cave, New Mexico; Mike Goar (medium)
Las Cuevas de san Josecito, Nuevo Leon, Mexico; George Veni (short)

BLUE (Merit Award)

Carey's Big Mud Cave, Anza-Borrego Desert Park, California; Bob Richards (short)
Cenote Naharon, Quintana Roo, Mexico; James Coke (special)
Kicking Horse Glacier Cave, Garrison Glacier, Alaska; Carlene Allred (short)
Lincoln Caverns, New Mexico; Mike Goar (medium)
Lilburn Cave, Kings Canyon National Park,, California; Peter Bosted (special)
Naj Tunich, Municipio de Poptun, Guatemala; George Veni (long)
Price Strike Cave, Wilburn Valley, Virginia; Mike Futrell (medium)

1991: Cobleskill, New York

Chairman: George Dasher

Judges: Ed Devine
Hubert Crowell
Carol Vesely

Number of Entrants: 36

Awards: 11 Honorable Mentions, 5 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award

Best of Salon: Bananal, Costa Rica, Hope Uhl

GREEN (Honorable Mentions):

Herbert's Cave, Swain County, North Carolina, Laurie Adams
Fountain Cave, Augusta County, Virginia; Charlie Lucas
Pidling Pit, West Virginia; Greg Springer
Rimstone Falls, West Virginia; Bill Balfour
Captain Soup Cave, Tongas National Forest,
Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, Carlene Allred
Nellie's Cave, West Virginia; Greg Springer
Sotano del Aire, San Cayetano, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, Raoul Puente
Macho Peek A Boo Cave, Tongas National Forest,
Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, Carlene Allred
Stove Cave, West Virginia; Greg Springer
Madisons Saltpetre Cave, Virginia, Charlie Lucas
Smith's Hidey Hole, unknown location; Pat Kambesis

BLUE (Merit Awards):

Cenote Carwash, Quintana Roo, Mexico; Jim Coke
Caverns at Natural Bridge Village, Virginia, Tom Spina
Galeria Grande, Provincia de Puntarenas, Costa Rica, Hope Uhl
Salamander Blowhole, Tennessee; Laurie Adams
Packsaddle Cave, California; Bob Richards

1992: Salem, Indiana

Chairman: George Dasher

Judges: George Dasher
Ron Morton
Dale Pate

Number of Entrants: 38
Awards: 13 Honorable Mentions, 3 Merit Awards, and 2 Medal Awards
Best of Salon: El Rectángula, Costa Rica, Hope and Jeff Uhl
Mammoth Cave, Kentucky Avenue,
Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky, Mick Sutton

GREEN (Honorable Mention):

Catawba Murder Hole, Virginia, Bob Alderson
Carney's Pit, Pennsylvania, Bert Ashbrook
Dou Bin Dong, Guizhou Province, Peoples Republic of China; Pat Kambesis
Dragon's Breath Cave, Tongass National Forest,
Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, Carlene Allred
Eagles Nest Cave System, Florida, Eric Hutcheson
El Capitan Pit, Tongass National Forest,
Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, Carlene Allred
Finney Cave, Tennessee, Dottie Eckert
Hua Ta Dong, Guizhou Province, Peoples Republic of China;
Pat Kambesis and Don Coons
Lao Wa Dong, Guizhou Province, Peoples Republic of China;
Pat Kambesis and Tom Stockton
Long Qi Dong, Guizhou Province, Peoples Republic of China; Pat Kambesis
Rattlesnake Sink, Pennsylvania, Walt Hamm
Suicide Cave, Indiana; Keith Dunlap
Xiao Lu Dong, Guizhou Province, Peoples Republic of China;
Pat Kambesis and Don Coons

BLUE (Merit Awards):

Caves and Karst of the Zhijin River Gorge, Guizhou Province,
Peoples Republic of China; Pat Kambesis
Chui Feng Dong, Guizhou Province, Peoples Republic of China;
Pat Kambesis and Don Coons
Richlands Cave, West Virginia, Bert Ashbrook

1993: Pendleton, Oregon

Chairman: Ernst Kastning
Coordinator: George Dasher
Judges: Doug Medville
Bill Storage
Thom Engel
Number of Entrants: 45
Awards: 7 Honorable Mentions, 5 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Sinks of Gandy, West Virginia, George Dasher

GREEN (Honorable Mention):

Beaver Falls Cave, Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, Rod Horrocks
Caldwell Cave, West Virginia, Bill Balfour

Clay Cave, Arkansas, Jean Krejca
Parks Ranch Cave, New Mexico, Dave Belski
Snowhole Cave, Tongass National Forest,
Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, Carlene Allred
Timpanogos Cave, Timpanogos Cave National Monument, Utah, Rod Horricks
Kelly Hollow Cave, Mark Twain National Forest,
Oregon County, Missouri, Mick Sutton

BLUE (Merit Award):

Blowing in the Wind Cave, Tongass National Forest,
Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, Carlene Allred
Casteret Cave, West Virginia, George Dasher
Chasm Cave, California, Carol Vesely
Lower Hughes Cave, West Virginia, Carol Vesely
Shoung Long Dong, China, Patricia Kambesis

1994: Bracketville, Texas

Chairman: George Dasher

Judges: Angela Morgan
Dick Graham
Art Palmer
Peg Palmer

Number of Entrants: 58

Awards: 12 Honorable Mentions, 7 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award

Best of Salon: Wu Dong, Duyin County, China, Pat Kambesis

GREEN (Honorable Mentions):

Biggers Cave, West Virginia, Bert Ashbrook
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Blue Creek Cave, Toledo District, Belize, Carol Vesely and Tom Miller
Cenote Mayan Blue, Quintana Roo, Mexico, Jim Coke (underwater)
Cueva de Heidi, Att Verapez, Guatemala, Nancy Pistole
El Capitan Cave, Tongass National Forest,
Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, Carlene Allred
Elk River Cave, West Virginia, Bill Balfour
Hartman Cave, Pennsylvania, Bert Ashbrook
Hei Dong, Zhijin County, Guizhou Province, Peoples Republic of China, Pat Kambesis
Langford Pit, Alabama, Pat Kambesis
Muttseehöhle, Switzerland, Projekt Multsee
Pele's Abyss, Hawaii, Con Coons and Carol Vesely

BLUE (Merit Awards):

Cueva Amontilado, Oaxaco, Mexico, Carol Vesely
Cueva del Rio Corona (Cueva de Pie en Boca), Yerbabuena,
Municipio de Guemes, Tamaulpas, Mexico, Mike Futrell
Green Cave, Kickapoo Caverns State Natural Area, Texas, George Veni

Kickapoo Caverns, Kickapoo Caverns State Natural Area,
Kinney County, Texas, George Veni
Natural Tunnel Caverns, Natural Tunnel State Park, Virginia, Bill Balfour
Olaa Cave, Hawaii, Bob Richards
Sistema Sac Actun, Quintana Roo, Mexico, Jim Coke (underwater)

1995: Blacksburg, Virginia

Chairman: George Dasher
Judges: Mike Futrell
Pat Kambesis
Hope (Uhl) McAdam
Number of Entrants: 41
Awards: 6 Honorable Mentions, 4 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Paxton Cave, Virginia, Tom Spina

GREEN (Honorable Mentions):

Bolivar Track Cave, Walt Hamm
Caves of the Dripping Springs Escarpment, Kentucky, Don Coons
Earth Mother Cave, West Virginia, Ron Simmons
Sinks of the Run Cave, West Virginia, Bill Balfour
Manitou Cave, Williams Cañon, Colorado, Paul Burger
Whispering Cave, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, Alaska, Carlene Allred

BLUE (Merit Awards):

Casey Quarry Cave Location Map, Pennsylvania, Walt Hamm
Coon Cave, Pennsylvania, Bert Ashbrook
Fault Cave System (The), Colorado, Hazel Barton
Sinks of Potts Creek, Virginia, Bob Alderson

1996: Salina, Colorado

Chairman: George Dasher
Judges: Bert Ashbrook
Bill Balfour
George Dasher
Number of Entrants: 35
Awards: 10 Honorable Mentions, 4 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Millerton Lake Cave System, California, Bob Richards

GREEN (Honorable Mentions):

Adams Cave, Wildwood Park, City of Radford, Virginia, Ernst Kastning
Carter County Crystal Cave, Tennessee, Paul Gaskins
Green Canyon Cave and Brown Canyon Cave, Prince of Wales Island,
Tongass National Forest, Alaska, Kevin and Carlene Allred
Hurricane Cave System (The), Colorado, Michael Frazier

Las Grutas de San Sabastina, Oaxaco, Mexico, Stephen Lester
Marmot's Nest Cave, Gros Ventre Wilderness, Wyoming, Garry Petrie
Nizina Cutoff Borehole, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, Alaska, Kevin Allred
Tian Ba Dong, Kai You Area, Guizhou Province,
Peoples Republic of China, Carol Vesely
You Cai Dong, Guizhou Province, Peoples Republic of China, Carol Vesely

BLUE (Merit Awards):

Cave of the Winds, Colorado, Paul Burger
Con Cave, Pennsylvania, Walt Hamm
Fixin'-to-Die Cave, Colorado, Hazel Barton
Sawmill Cave, Pennsylvania, Walt Hamm

1997: Sullivan, Missouri

Chairman: George Dasher

Judges: Mick Sutton
Rod Horrocks
Dick Graham

Number of Entrants: 35

Awards: 98 Honorable Mentions, 2 Merit Awards, and 2 Medal Awards

Best of Salon: Cave Creek Caverns, Colorado, Hazel Barton
Kazumura Cave Atlas, Hawaii,
Kevin and Carlene Allred and Bob Richards

GREEN (Honorable Mentions):

Ben's Cave and Nearby Caves along Carr Branch, West Virginia, Bert Ashbrook
Boiling Cave, Virginia, Bill Balfour
Cataracts of Miramar (The) (English version),
Puntarenas Province, Costa Rica, Bert Ashbrook
Cave Location Map of Harbridge Run Hollow,
Derry Township, Pennsylvania, Walt Hamm
Coffin Cave, Virginia, Bill Balfour
Daniel Boone Caverns, Virginia, Bill Balfour
Fort-Peebles Cave, Tennessee, Brent Aulenbach
Roaring Creek Cave, West Virginia, Bill Balfour
Skyline Caverns, Front Royal, Virginia, Bill Balfour

BLUE (Merit Awards):

Hickey Pot, Tennessee, Pat Kambesis
Wayback Cave, Tennessee, Pat Kambesis

1998: Sawanee, Tennessee

Chairman: Don Coons

Assistant Chairman: Hazel Barton

Coordinator: George Dasher
Number of Entrants: unknown
Awards: 15 Honorable Mentions, 11 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Crystal Cave, California, Joel Despain and Greg Stock

Kids Corner Category:

Merit Award (Blue Ribbon)

Kukui Cave, Hawaii, Soren Allred

Honorable Mention (Green Ribbon)

Dr. Bellou Section, Kazumura Cave, Hawaii, Flint Allred

Indian Ladder Cave, West Virginia, Luke Bowman

Judges: Pat Kambesis, Carol Vesely, and Hazel Medville

First-Time Entry Category:

Honorable Mention (Green Ribbon)

Tombstone Cave, Kentucky, Ron Fulcher, Jr.

Judges: Paul Burger, Rod Horrocks, and Dick Graham

Published Maps Category:

Merit Award (Blue Ribbon)

Sotano De Los Tres Ojos Verdes Mexico, Marion Ziemons

Honorable Mention (Green Ribbon)

Poison Ivy Pit, Alabama, Jerry Wallace

Tumbling Rock Cave, Alabama, Pat Kambesis

Judges: Dave Bunnell and Bob Richards

Computer Hard Copy Category:

Merit Award (Blue Ribbon)

Crystal Cave, California, Joel Despain and Greg Stock

Ka'eleku Caverns, Hawaii, Bob Richards

Honorable Mention (Green Ribbon)

Wiley's Cave, Texas, Bob Richards

Judges: Mike Yockum, Aaron Adison, and Bernie Sukalski

Open Salon Category:

Merit Award (Blue Ribbon)

Caves of Cave Run, Virginia, Tom Spina

Dig-Dug Cave, Colorado, Hazel Barton

Selected Caves on Fox Mountain, Colorado, Brent Aulenbach

Ka'eleku Caverns, Hawaii, Bob Richards

Crystal Cave, California, Joel Despain and Greg Stock

Honorable Mention (Green Ribbon)

Ch'en P'ix, Belize, Mike Futrell

Obscure Magnificance Cave, Alabama, Pat Kambesis

Buttress-Buttress-Gully Cave, Colorado, Hazel Barton

Alabama Cave, Colorado, Hazel Barton

Goats Grave Cave, Hawaii, Carlene Allred

Root Cellar Cave, Missouri, Mike Sutton
Den Cave, Missouri, Mike Sutton
Dravosburg Cave, Pennsylvania, Walt Hamm
Broken Biscuit Cave, Colorado, Hazel Barton
Judges: Paul Burger, Rod Horrocks and Dick Graham

1990: Filer, Idaho

Chairman: Hazel Barton
Coordinator: George Dasher
Judges: unknown
Number of Entrants: 31
Awards: 6 Honorable Mentions, 4 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Arabica Cave, Alaska, Carlene Allred and David Love.

Apprentice Category:

Honorable Mention:

Popoose Cave, Idaho, Pete Crecelius
Hellsinky, Heceta Island, Alaska, Connie LaPerriere
Las Grutas De Cuesta Chica, Tabasco, Mexico, Abigail Wines

Merit Award:

Goa Hatu Saka, Seram, Indonesia, Chris Andrews
Eiswert Cave #2, Pennsylvania, Jim "Crash" Kennedy

Experienced:

Honorable Mention:

New Cave, Washington, Garry Petrie
Lime Creek Cave, Colorado, Paul Burger

Merit Award:

Narrows Cave, Williams Canyon, Colorado, Paul Burger

Master-Professional:

Honorable Mention:

Sexton Cave Section, Kazumura Cave, Hawaii,
Carlene Allred and Bob Richards

Merit Award:

Cueva De Villa Luz, Tabasco, Mexico, Bob Richards

2000: Elkins, West Virginia

Chairman: Rod Horrocks
Assistant Chairman: Steve Reames
Coordinator: George Dasher
Judges: Rod Horrocks
Steve Reames
Pat Kambesis

Walt Hamm
Nancy Pistole
Jim Kennedy
Number of Entrants: 29
Awards: 7 Honorable Mentions, 4 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Canadian River Cave, West Virginia, John Ganter

Experienced Category:

Merit Award (blue ribbon):

Hubbards Cave, Colorado, Hazel Barton
My Cave, West Virginia, John Ganter

Honorable Mention (green ribbon):

Askon Hollow Cave, Pennsylvania, Walt Hamm
Cueva Sakutzul, Alta Verapaz, Guatemala, Nancy Pistole
Upper & Lower Kane Caves, Wyoming, Bob Richards
Wind Cave, New Mexico, Hazel Barton

Novice Category:

Merit Award (blue ribbon):

Pfeiffers Mouse House, Texas, Robin Barber
Strangford Cave, Pennsylvania, Keith Christenson

Honorable Mention (green ribbon):

Crystal Cave, Hawaii, Dave Bunnell
Esquire Cave, West Virginia, Peter Penczer
Why To Cave, Virginia, Raymond Sira

2001: Mount Vernon, Kentucky

Chairman: Steve Reames
Coordinator: George Dasher
Judges: unknown
Number of Entrants: unknown
Awards: 7 Honorable Mentions, 6 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Wonderland, A Portion of Kazumura Cave, Carlene Allred

Apprentice Category:

Honorable Mention:

Colliers Cave, Jason Meneely
ANFO Cave Complex, Jim Olson
Alabama Caverns, Alabama, Terry Ragon
Walter Michauds Mudhole, Terry Ragon
Cave Mountain Cave System, Dave West

Merit Award:

Cavin Cave, Jim West and Ken Story
Madison Blowhole #2, Dan Henry

Experienced Category:

Merit Award:

Cueva del Agua 1, Robin Barber
Breezeway Cave, Paul Burger

Master-Professional Category:

Honorable Mention:

Muknal Remote Siphon, Jim Coke
Hurricane Crawl, Joel Despain

Merit Award:

Soldiers Cave, Joel Despain
Bull Cave System, Pat Kambesis

2002: Camden, Maine

Chairman: Steve Reames
Coordinator: George Dasher
Judges: Paul Burger
Jim Kennedy
Nancy Pistole

Number of Entrants: 20

Awards: 3 Honorable Mentions, 4 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award

Best of Salon: Caves of the Snake Well Complex, Alabama, Brent Aulenbach

Apprentice Category:

Merit Award:

Majors Cave, Lee Florea
Horseskull Cave, Terry Ragon

Experienced Category:

Honorable Mention:

Deliverance Cave, Chris Andrews
Gregorys Cave, Dan Henry
Dingling Hole, Dan Henry

Merit Award:

Blackberry Branch Cave, Robin Barber

Master-Professional Category:

Merit Award:

Mahiehie Cave, Bob Richards

2003: Porterville, California

Chairman: Rod Horricks
Assistant Chairman: Pat Kambesis
Coordinator: George Dasher
Judges: Nancy Pistole

Bob Richards
Lee Florea
Jim Kennedy
Pat Kambesis
Gordon Birkhimer

Number of Entrants: 54
Awards: 4 Honorable Mentions, 9 Merit Awards, and 2 Medal Awards
Best of Salon: Fairy Cave, Colorado, Hazel Barton
Lilburn Cave Quad Book, California, Peter Bosted *et al*

Apprentice Category:

Honorable Mention:

Half Hill Cave, Texas, M. Gee
Ponderosa Cave, California, H. McDonald

Merit Award:

Krern Maw Rang Naisaw #2, India, Stan Allison
Pahihi Gulch Cave, Hawaii, Bernie Szukalski
Short Cave, Kentucky, M. Evans
Spirit River Cave, Borno, G. Malliet
Systems Key Cave, Nevada, K. Patel

Experienced Category:

Honorable Mention:

High Hopes Cave, Lechuguilla Cave, New Mexico, Paul Burger
The Promised Land, Lechuguilla Cave, New Mexico, Robin Barber

Merit Award:

Campbells Coon Cave, Tennessee, D. Henry
Cueva des Setzol, Guatemala, Nancy Pistole

Master-Professional Category:

Merit Award:

Admirals Cave, Bermuda, Bob Richards
Zina Cave, Alaska, Carlene Allred

2004: Marquette, Michigan

Chairman: George Dasher
Coordinator: George Dasher
Judges: Jim Coke (Novice Judge)
Pat Kambesis (Novice Judge)
Carol Vesely (Novice Judge)
Hazel Barton (Experienced-Master Judge)
Steve Reames (Experienced-Master Judge)
George Dasher (Experienced-Master Judge)
Jim Kennedy (Tie-Breaking Judge)

Number of Entrants: 26
Awards: 9 Honorable Mentions and 4 Merit Awards

Best of Salon: none

Novice Category:

Green-Honorable Mentions:

Timpanogos Cave System, Utah, Brandon Kowallis
Kooken Cave (1st Entrance to 2nd Entrance), Pennsylvania, Bryan Crowell
Kooken Cave, (2nd Entrance to Terminal Dome), Pennsylvania, Bryan
Crowell

Blue-Merit Awards:

Ixobel River Cave "One Day Cave", Guatemala, H.J. Kalnitz
Clay Cave (color version), California, Matthew Leissring

Experienced Category:

Green-Honorable Mentions:

Tuberance Cave, Hawai'i, Bern Szukalski
Krem Maw Tynhiang (Rock Slab Cave), Inda, Stan Allison
Krem Dita, India, Stan Allison
Nirvana Quad, Lechuguilla Cave, New Mexico, Rod Horrocks

Blue-Merit Award:

Jerusalem Cave, Kentucky, Lee Florea

Expert Category:

Green-Honorable Mentions:

Mossy Abyss, Alaska, Carlene Allred
Cueva de Villa Luz, Tabasco, Mexico, Bob Richards

Blue-Merit Award:

Main Upper Level of Marengo Cave, Indiana, Bob Richards

2005: Huntsville, Alabama

Chairman: Jim Kennedy
Coordinator: George Dasher
Judges: Aaron Addison (Novice Judge)
Bill Balfour (Novice Judge)
Walt Hamm (Novice Judge)
Don Coons (Experienced-Master Judge)
Pat Kambesis (Experienced-Master Judge)
Carol Vesely (Experienced-Master Judge)
Number of Entrants: 25
Awards: 4 Honorable Mentions, 3 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Kula Kai Caverns, Hawai'i, Bob Richards

Apprentice:

Honorable Mention:

Shrout Cave, Indiana, Brian Killingbeck
Kitts Cave, New Brunswick, Canada, Eric Hendrickson

Gooseberry Cave, California, Bill Broeckel

Merit Awards:

Blowing Hole Cave, Virginia, Jason Lachniet

New Year Crystal Cave, Montana, Rick Brinkman

Experienced:

Merit Award:

Glenns Hazardous Double Shot, Alabama, Terry Ragon

Master:

Honorable Mention

Black Chasm Cave, California, Hazel Barton

2006: Bellingham, Washington

Chairman:

Jim Kennedy

Coordinator:

George Dasher

Judges:

Mike Futrell (Apprentice Judge)

Howard Kalnitz (Apprentice Judge)

Steve Reames (Apprentice Judge)

Rod Horrocks (All Other Categories Judge)

Pat Kambesis (All Other Categories Judge)

Carol Vesley (All Other Categories Judge)

Number of Entrants:

18

Awards:

4 Honorable Mentions and 4 Merit Awards

Best of Salon:

none

Apprentice:

Honorable Mention:

Catacombs Cave, California, Liz Wolff and John Tinsley

Merit Award:

Denny Saltpeter Cave, Kentucky, Iacie Braley

Roxbury Mine, Connecticut, Bob Jacobs

Experienced:

Honorable Mention:

Grand Caverns, Virginia, Paul Gaskins

Little River Pit, California, Matt Leissring

Smokehole Cave, Kentucky, Howard Kalnitz

Merit Award:

Thomtons Cave, Florida, Lee Florea

Kamira Cave, Republic of the Philippines, Glen Malliet

Master-Professional:

Non-Traditional:

Merit Award:

Germany Valley, Pendleton County, West Virginia, Gordon Brace

2007: Marengo, Indiana

Chairman: George Dasher
Coordinator: George Dasher
Judges: Pat Kambesis (Novice Judge)
Howard Kalnitz (Novice Judge)
Walt Hamm (Novice Judge)
Carol Vesely (Experienced and Expert Judge)
Hazel Barton (Experienced and Expert Judge)
George Dasher (Experienced and Expert Judge)
Number of Entrants: 26
Awards: 7 Honorable Mentions, 2 Merit Awards, and 1 Medal Award
Best of Salon: Qikèng Dòng and Dòngbà Dòng, China,
Erin Lynch and Duncan Collins

Novice:

Honorable Mention:

Owl Cave, Virginia, Phil Lucas
Santa Cruz, Quintana Roo, Mexico, Melissa Hendrickson
Jeter River Cave, Tennessee, Jason Richards

Merit Award:

Russell's Reserve Cave, Virginia, Phil Lucas

Experienced:

Merit Award:

Werner Cave, Florida, Lee Florea

Expert:

Honorable Mention:

Little Frick's Cave, Georgia, Brent Allenbach
Rumley Bone Cave, Georgia, Brent Allenbach
Sloan Cave, Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri, Mick Sutton
Cueva Catedral, Camuy Municipality, Puerto Rico, Pat Kambesis

2008: Lake City, Florida

Chairman: Rod Horricks
Coordinator: Jim Kennedy

2009: Kerrville, Texas

(15th International Congress of Speleology)

Chairman:
Coordinator: Jim Kennedy

2010: Essex Junction, Vermont

Chairman:

Coordinator: Jim Kennedy

2011: Glenwood Springs, Colorado

Chairman:

Coordinator: Jim Kennedy

2012: Lewisburg, West Virginia

Chairman:

Coordinator: Jim Kennedy

2013: Socorro, New Mexico

Chairman:

Coordinator: Jim Kennedy