



Travel the world with the winners of the 2003 Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition at the Natural History Museum, London.

From the piercing glare of a bald eagle in Alaska to the forlorn gaze of a Texan black-tailed jackrabbit, the images on display in this annual exhibition are at once both haunting and arresting.

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition, organised by the Natural History Museum and *BBC Wildlife Magazine*, showcases the best wildlife pictures taken by photographers worldwide, who emphasise through their work the beauty, drama and variety of life on Earth.

The 2003 competition received 20,500 entries from over 60 countries including New Zealand, Mexico, India, Italy and Canada.

What: Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2003 Exhibition
When: Until 18 April 2004.
Where: Natural History Museum, Corner Cromwell Road and Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London.
Web: www.nhm.ac.uk/wildphoto
How much?: Entry £5.00, £3.00 concessions, £12.00 family, free to under 5s, NHM members and NHM patrons.

GO Wild

It could be you

You don't have to climb a mountain, dive to the bottom of the ocean or come face to face with a man-eating tiger to be adventurous with a camera. Curiosity, determination and a sense of humour in your own back garden can win you awards too. Celebrating its 21st birthday, the Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition is looking for the best wildlife photographs in the world for its 2004 competition.

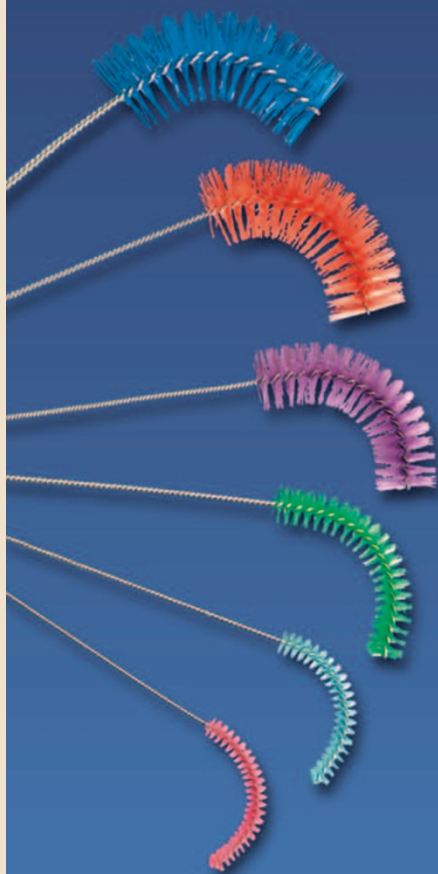
Entries must be submitted by 2 April 2004 to have a chance to win a share of the £16,500 prize pool. For entry forms see the competition website www.nhm.ac.uk/wildphoto or phone 020 7942 5015.





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QUENTIN BLAKE:

Kate Craig takes a trip down memory lane at the Quentin Blake exhibition at Somerset House.



50 years of illustration

Quentin Blake is one of our best-known contemporary illustrators. His career, which has spanned 50 years, has included drawing for *Punch* and the *Spectator*, collaborating with writers such as Michael Rosen, Russell Hoban, Joan Aiken and John Yeoman, and more recently creating his picture books. It is his collaboration with writer Road Dahl, however, that he will be forever remembered for.

The Quentin Blake exhibition at the Gilbert Collection, Somerset House, doesn't disappoint. Our old favourites are all in there, from our friend the Big Friendly Giant through to the less friendly Witches and grumpy Mr Twit. I am transported 20 years back in time to Tuesday afternoon storytime at primary school. And it's a place I want to be.

Whole portfolios of roughs, preliminary drawings and finished originals, as well as the final books, give a unique insight into the illustrator's working methods.

The Quentin Blake archive of several thousand original drawings, from which this exhibition is selected, will be handed over in the

near future to the Quentin Blake Gallery of Illustration once a suitable site has been found for a permanent home. The gallery will be a flagship centre promoting the art of illustration and its power to communicate and support literature and the arts.

Go and see the exhibition. It's bound to appeal to the child in all of us.



What: Quentin Blake, 50 years of illustration
When: Until March 28 2004
Where: The Gilbert Collection, Somerset House, London WC2R 1LA
Web: www.gilbert-collection.org.uk
How much: Included in admission to permanent collection:
Adult: £5.00 **Over 60s:** £4.00
Under 18, UK full-time students and unemployed: free

Spotlight on hygienists

If you are interested in personal development and would like to go on a course to help you in your job or to improve your job prospects, there are lots of courses available. Here is a list of courses and conferences run by various organisations for hygienists both nationally and internationally. Though it is not comprehensive it does include useful ideas and leads.

The following listing of courses have been supplied by the British Dental Hygienists Association:

Edinburgh Postgraduate Dental Institute - Donna Shaw

www.epdi.org.uk/pcd
Tel: 0131 536 4970

A variety of one day courses covering implants, fissure sealants, behaviour management, stress management and relaxation, alternative therapies, sedation, assertiveness training.

Eastman Continuing Professional Development - Ruth Glover

www.eastman.ucl.ac.uk/cpd
Tel: 020 7905 1239

Back to work and extended duty courses

Barts & The London School of Medicine & Dentistry

www.smd.qmul.ac.uk/courses/pcd
Tel: 020 7377 7634

One year part time course in Oral Health Education

Certificate in Dental Radiography Suffolk College, University of East Anglia

Chris Cobb
Tel: 01473 296606,
www.suffolk.ac.uk/transit/courses/p
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Postgraduate Centre
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Centre, University College of Wales, Cardiff
Tel: 029 2074 4251
www.uwcm.ac.uk/study/dentistry
Short refresher, update and 'return to work' courses for hygienists.

BDHA Regional Groups

Spring Meetings
February - April 2004
www.bdha.org.uk

BDA/BDHA

Bournemouth International
Conference Centre
8 May 2004
www.bdha.org.uk

British Society of Periodontology

ICC, Birmingham
23-25 May 2004
www.derweb.ac.uk/bsp

16th International Symposium on Dental Hygiene

Madrid, Spain. 8-11 July 2004
www.ifdh.org
Registration: www.siasa.es/online
Venue: Palacio de Congresos y Exposiciones
Theme: Oral Health and Preventions during the different stages of life

BDHA Annual Scientific and GAM

Edinburgh International
Conference Centre
12-13 November 2004
www.bdha.org.uk

Diary

2004 BADN Dental Nursing Conference

Date: 08.05.04

Venue: Tralee Hotel, Bournemouth.

Website: www.badn.org.uk/conference

British Dental Conference and Exhibition

Date: 06.05.04-08.05.04

Venue: Bournemouth International Centre

Website: www.bda.org

DTS 2004: Dental Technology Show

Date: 21.05.04-22.05.04

Venue: International Conference Centre, Telford

Website: www.dts2004.com

British Association of Dental Therapists

Annual Scientific Meeting

Date: 11.06.04-12.06.04

Venue: Hilton Leeds City Hotel, Leeds

Website: www.badt.org.uk/events

Book review

Dental Hygiene Theory & Practice
Darby & Walsh, 2nd Edition

What initially looked a daunting prospect proved to be a fascinating project. With over 1,200 pages, this substantial hardback textbook is divided into eight chapters which include pain and anxiety control, dental hygiene care for individuals with special needs, dental hygiene diagnosis, care plan and evaluation and periodontal and risk assessment.

Convincingly delivered, in a clearly presented and easy to understand format, this textbook is well supported with illustrations, graphs, tables and colour photographs. Each chapter (termed section) starts with its objectives laid out in full with a table of key terminology used in the chapter and ends with a table of 'key concepts' along with a critical thinking exercise. The first chapter begins with an in depth look at historical points of interest in the evolution of dental hygiene and this moves on to concepts of health and wellness. The book discusses communication techniques and improving relationships with patients.

The authors have also developed a website with downloadable resources to support the textbook. It includes a test question bank with over 800 assessment questions, an electronic image collection and competency based evaluation forms which can be used for self-evaluation. Though very Americanised and I think aimed at the American market I found this textbook interesting and informative.

Rachel Pointer, BDHA Information Officer.

