

PARTING SHOTS

These three images reflecting the beauty of Rockport are featured in the Rockport Rotary Club's 2025 raffle calendar.

The annual contest invites amateur and professional photographers to submit their best high-quality images emphasizing qualities that make the town a special place to live, work and visit. The 13 winners, one for each month and the cover, each receive \$50.

Calendars cost \$25 and include a ticket for a raffle that will

be drawn weekly throughout 2025. To purchase, visit Tuck's Candy & Gifts, 15 Main St., or contact car4forever@yahoo.com to have one mailed for an additional \$5 for shipping and handling.

Proceeds support a variety of the club's local humanitarian, arts and educational initiatives, with past sales helping fund defibrillators for local beaches, a Valentine's lunch for seniors and a classroom for children in Uganda.



'MOTIF REFLECTION #7'

SKIP MONTELLO
Rockport

Skip, like many photographers, has taken myriad shots of the famous Motif No. 1, known as the most painted building in America. But this one, gracing the cover of the calendar, is "unlike any

other photograph that I have taken of the Rockport icon," he says.

"On this particular morning, the water was glass calm and the sky was gray with many beautiful clouds," Skip says.

He rowed a small dinghy out toward the shack, stopping about 100 feet away and shooting "a dozen or more exposures while changing the camera angle,"

he says.

"The very best one was while I had the camera just above the water's surface, pointed upward," he says. "That angle revealed a unique and beautiful perspective of the reflection."

This photo can also be found on display at Local Colors Artists' Cooperative in Gloucester.



'THACHER ISLAND RAILWAY SYSTEM'

RICH LORIGAN
Rockport

The calendar's May page features this photo, which Rich shot with an iPhone, of the trestle leading to the North Tower at Thacher Island.

"As a part-time assistant keeper on Thacher Island, a National Wildlife Refuge, with its two lighthouses, I am constantly reminded of its long and unique history beginning with the first full-time keeper families during the 1700s and 1800s, followed by the Coast Guard, who constructed this railway system to move supplies to and from areas around the island before they turned it over to Rockport," he says.



'SUN, SMILING'

STEVEN LEEB
Belmont

Steven has spent "every free minute" in Rockport since his wife introduced him to Cape Ann 40 years ago, when they first started dating.

"I have probably taken a thousand pictures of this scene, and it is never the same twice," he says. "An endless, inexhaustible canvas of grace and beauty, Cape Ann invites the mind and heart to immerse in life's energy and joy."

For this photo, the calendar's October

image, patience and an umbrella were key, Steven says. "This picture captured one of those magical moments of change," he says. "The rising light reflects my gratitude to my family, and the people of Rockport and the Rockport Art Association, for opening my eyes to this gem."