

Judge

Stewart Harris

Founder/Owner, New Media Mill, Washington, DC

A former network news producer, Stew Harris is widely recognized as a pioneer in the use of new media strategies to achieve public policy goals. Harris worked ten years as a producer for ABC News Primetime Live, 20/20, Inside Edition, and a variety of other syndicated and network programs with correspondents including Diane Sawyer, Chris Wallace, and Bill O'Reilly. He has a dozen national awards to his credit.

In his free time, Harris likes to shoot his dogs (with a camera) as well as those of friends and neighbors. He is responsible for the production and photos on the Congressional Cemetery¹ web site, which you can view at <http://www.cemeterydogs.org/>.

Harris judged the photos on the criteria printed for the contest. In addition, he considered the creative use of low light, especially conditions requiring wide aperture and accurate focus. Some of these low light photos reminded him of "Flemish masters." He also looked for inventive composition and frame of reference. Best in show (the eyeball) really impressed him with its sharp focus and also because the photographer's reflection was caught in the eye of the dog, a point of view rarely captured in a living, breathing animal.

¹ Congressional Cemetery is an historic landmark in Washington, DC, that receives some funding from local dog owners in return for the use of the space for dog walking and playing.