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**Over 500 Photos Submitted for 4th Annual Tug Hill Calendar Photo Contest –
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With over 500 photos submitted, the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust Calendar Photo Contest has once again, exceeded expectations. In order to create the only Tug Hill Calendar, involve Tug Hill communities throughout the region, and execute a successful fundraiser, Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust held the 4th Annual Tug Hill Photo Contest. The winning photo is featured as the cover of the 2013 Tug Hill Calendar, and 12 other incredible photos are featured as months within the calendar. Several other stunning photos are included as thumbnails along the bottom and top border of each page, as the goal was to include as many photos from as many photographers as possible.

The winning cover photo was taken by long time resident of the Tug Hill region, Karen Hotchkiss. The photo was taken last October on Bice Pond in the Town of Worth, which is right in the middle of Tug Hill. Karen told us that she just happened to have her camera handy as she was passing through. “I’m an amateur, so I can’t speak of the size or resolution, but all I know is the Tug Hill region is a unique and beautiful place, which my husband and I both love. This photo speaks to how gorgeous it really is,” remarked Karen. Luckily for everyone, the resolution was phenomenal!

The calendar also features a few unique photos, such as Paul Miller’s Pancake Ice on McConnellsville Dam. Paul also modestly states that he is no photographer, but thought the dinner plate-sized circles of ice in McConnellsville dam were quite unusual, and he was right. “Pancake ice,” as it is commonly referred to as, is the name given to free floating and mainly circular ice that forms when surface slush or frazil ice accumulates into floating pads, and then further freezes, which solidifies their tops and creates a round shape. Photographers whose photos are also featured as months include: Bruce Phelps, Jeanne Dupre, Peter Chereshnoski, Janet Thompson, Suzanne Pfister, Loretta Lepkowski, Marvin Reimer, Carol Keller, Jeffrey Brady, Linda Fellers, and Zachary Wakeman.

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