



Bondar Challenge Artist's Statement

Level: Ruby – Honourable Mention

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Title of My Photograph: *Trio*

Time/Date: 4:00PM October 25, 2018

Weather: Sunny and windy

Location: Lewis Pond, Brampton

Mode: Auto, handheld

Artist's Statement:

When I was taking this photo, I loved the way the plant was positioned and how the sunlight was hitting the back of the plant, making it look like it was glowing. I also liked how the shot was focused on the middle plant and the other two were off to the side, which is why I named this, Trio.

The plant I took a photo of is a Bull Thistle, but since it was Fall, it was changing and it was dried up. This plant is native to Europe, Asia, and Africa. It is found on every continent except Antarctica. It is been introduced to eastern North America during colonial times and to western North America in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Bull thistle is now considered the most common rangeland thistle in western North America.

The weather the day I took this was sunny and a bit windy. The sun helped me get good lighting for this picture and the wind made the background look wavy and wild. This picture helped me get closer to nature because I saw this plant for the first time and I took my time to capture it because we could look at this picture in a variety of ways. For example, it could look like a flock of Canadian Geese migrating in winter because when they are migrating, there is always one leading in the front and the others are off to the side diagonally and when I took this, it reminded me of them.

After taking this picture, I feel like I could improve the way I positioned myself so I could get the full picture of the plants on the side and not just half. I also feel like I could have improved if I waited for less wind because the background look "messy" and the plants were very still and they didn't go well together. In conclusion, I learned that we should take our time with nature



and appreciate it because it could represent a lot of things that we didn't realise or think of before.