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Peter

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World's Smallest Photo Award
Kleine Hans 2015
Peter Hermanides

Nurturer of the miraculous multiplicity of life

Little Hans Press Release

With great pleasure we announce that

Little Hans 2015

was awarded to

Peter Hermanides

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The presentation took place at the Torpedo Theatre,
Amsterdam, December 21, 2015

Peter Hermanides (Amsterdam, 1966) studied at the Rietveld Art Academy in Amsterdam. Since 2002 he has been working as a carer. His photos can be seen on:
<http://peterhermanides.blogspot.nl>

Jury Report

Peter Hermanides works as a carer and as a photographer. A wondrous combination that occurred after his training at the Rietveld Academy.

Before he pointed his camera at the world, he wanted to be part of it. And, as a professional photographer, not just take a project on the side but really jump in with two feet.

He has been working in home care since 2002. He visits the elderly who cannot cope with the daily necessities of life.

Work in home care suffers under the burden of rules and regulations. Every minute, every action must be registered. It is a mystery how Peter is able to grab a photo-opportunity when it occurs.

This takes place mostly while coffee is being drunk, a little ritual that is not officially scheduled but of great importance. This may well explain the biscuits, offered by his grateful patients, as seen in the first photos. Oh no, we mustn't say 'patient' but 'client' in the home care business. Peter's decision to plunge into the real world was a good one. Not just for his clients but for us too. His photos teach us about love and humanity. And the surprising thing is: not a single human in sight.

Just traces of human activity.

Leo Tolstoy, the great writer who never neglected any aspect of life, says: 'The only thing art must do is reveal the wondrous diversity of life.'

If that is the case, Tolstoy would have been just as happy with Peter's work as is the entire jury of the Little Hans awards.



Origin of the Little Hans award

Many photos are not taken by well-known photographers. On the contrary, most are taken by mothers and fathers for the family album, by civil servants for archives, by scientists, even by automatic cameras such as speed cameras.

These photos can be very valuable, historically as well as personally – wouldn't you like a pile of photos of all the cars you were driving when caught by a speed camera. However meaningful such unpretentious photos may be for many, as a source of information, of memories and even inspiration, seldom are prizes ever awarded.



The Jury members and initiators of the Little Hans are:

Hans Samsom, photographer
 Hans Eijkelboom, visual artist
 Hans Wolf, graphic designer
 Hans van der Meer, photographer
 Hans Aarsman, creative data-analyst

They feel that their source of inspiration, unpretentious photography, should be put in the spotlight with a prize. The Little Hans is awarded to a photographic work that would not have come into existence without chance, grace and modesty.

Little, for modesty.

Hans, for the name of all the jury members.

Winners of the Little Hans



2007

MrLee, first cat with a camera

www.mr-lee-catcam.de/pe_catcam1.htm

2008

Udo Zeeman, photographic investigator of the village Farmsum

<http://www.farmsum.net>

2009

Arjan de Nooy, discoverer of a confusing photography history

<http://www.denooycollection.com>

2010

Mishka Henner, photographer without a camera

<http://www.mishkahenner.com>

2011

Huib Heinrichs, earthly representative of the photographing spaceship Voyager One

http://staff.science.uva.nl/~huib/Kleur_in_de_astronomie2010.pdf

2013

Elisabeth Tonnard, Elisabeth Tonnard, poet in the space between photos

<http://elisabethtonnard.com>

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Dear editors:

Pictures by Peter Hermanides are available on <http://peterhermanides.blogspot.nl>

For high resolutions please contact: pjhermanides@gmail.com

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