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Local woman pilot and aerial photographer win's four top awards at the annual PAPA International annual print competition.

Debbie Cruikshank, owner of Colorado Aerial Photography, LLC in Longmont is the winner of the four top awards at the Professional Aerial Photographers Association (PAPA) International print competition recently held at the annual conference (Mar 4-6) in Houston, Texas. She received Best of Show, Best Scenic Aerial Photograph and a Judge's Choice award for her panoramic print 'Long's Peak Winter Summit'. She also was awarded a Judges Choice for her aerial photograph 'Grand Splendor'.

This is the third consecutive annual PAPA Conference Debbie has attended. "It was humbling to win two Judge's Choice awards as there was so much remarkable work entered, and to receive the Best Scenic Aerial Photograph and the Best of Show award by people's choice the same evening made it that much more incredible" said Debbie.

Debbie has combined her passion for photography, design, and love of aviation. She credits her ability to compose behind the lens to her design background. She earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Colorado Boulder in Environmental Design and a Masters in Architecture from the University of Colorado Denver. She is a licensed pilot who shares her passion of flying with her pilot husband, Brian. With Brian at the controls, Debbie is able to create unique aerial imagery around Colorado from their Cessna 182 aircraft based at Vance Brand Airport in Longmont.

Colorado Aerial Photography specializes in aerial photo work for construction progress, developers and real estate clients as well as stock library images and keepsake gifts. Some of her projects include the Denver Justice Center for Hensel Phelps, the Democratic National Convention for Turner Construction, and the City of Englewood, among many others.

Debbie has been a resident of the Boulder county area for 23 years. After leaving her career in architecture she aspired to follow her passion and created a small business utilizing photography and aviation. She is a woman, a pilot, and now an award winning, certified aerial photographer in the greater Denver metro area and member of The Professional Aerial Photographers Association International (PAPA).

PAPA International promotes ethical business practices, new technologies and practical training for its members worldwide.

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