

## February Photo Contest Judges Comments

### Judge 1

- 1- Lovely expression on face of subject. Too tightly cropped on top. Not enough taken off left. Subject is the woman, not the handshake
- 2- Horizon is crooked; subjects are too dark; date of shot is not needed and distracts greatly from image. Would prefer more contrast in the mountain.
- 3- Lovely expression. Crop much tighter. Background as shown is noisy. Most should be removed.
- 4- Unusual but stunning capture in B&W. Snake is wonderfully framed and in focus. Rest of appropriately soft. Well done.
- 5- Nice softness of depth of field. Brightening up the face a touch would help.
- 6- Fascinating textures. Excellent depth.
- 7- excellent composition ruined by too dark of a sky and too much contrast. Lighting on main cactus is great. Cactus in LLH side not necessary.
- 8- nice composition. Lighting is much too harsh. Darkening highlights and brightening shadows would help here.
- 9- nice capture of storms in the far background. Foreground is a bit too bright and background is not contrasty enough.
- 10-Nice capture of unique specimen. Highlights are a touch hot. A bit more contrast would help.
- 11-Capture is well done. Very good depth of field. Image background suffers from excessive noise.
- 12-Nice profile action portrait. Shadow on the face needs to be brightened slightly; the bright triangle on her face needs darkening.
- 13-Spectacular capture. Brightening shadows slightly would make this even more special.
- 14-Too difficult to see the storms. More of the ground would give a better sense of place. Clouds are well presented.
- 15-Very pretty capture of forest scene. A touch more contrast would help. Foliage in upper RHS is not needed.
- 16-The bee, which is the subject of the image, is not in focus. Depth of field is off.
- 17-wonderful composition ruined by over-processing. Sky is terribly pixelated.
- 18-Old time train captured and presented in timeless B&W. Nice depth of field. Image could be sharper
- 19-Excellent expression captured on the bird. Eyes are wonderfully sharp.
- 20-Horizon is crooked. If there were more space between LH vertical fence post and barn, that would help. Sky lacks depth.
- 21-Crop in significantly tighter. Background is much too prevalent and bright. Nothing is in focus.
- 22-Silhouetting works well for this image. More contrast in the sky would help. Less foreground would help too.

- 23-Subject is dead-center. Move to the side. Not enough contrast. This image would be spectacular with a bit of processing.
- 24-Highlights and shadows handled very well. Leading lines and textures are presented very well.
- 25-Only criticism of this image is that head of bird is slightly too dark. Excellent composition and capture.
- 26-Nice idea for capture. Foreground is not quite in focus. Background is not quite contrasty enough. Nice composition
- 27-Spectacular infrared image. Don't change a thing!!
- 28-Nice composition and framing elements. Textures of the rocks are well done. A bit more contrast would help.
- 29-leading lines are very nice. Sky has good texture. Open up the shadows on the brick structure just a touch.
- 30-Lovely composition. Darken the "blue" part of the sky for better contrast. Leading lines and texture of foreground is quite nice.
- 31-Sky is perfect. Highlights on the rock wall are a bit bright. Wonderful composition.
- 32-B&W rendering is not appropriate for this image. Not enough detail in their headdresses. Highlights are overly bright.
- 33-nice capture of wren. Not enough contrast. Bird is not in-focus, but cactus is.
- 34-Nice texture of lizard. Background doesn't have enough contrast and depth to separate if from the lizard.
- 35-Cute capture with the twig in the mouth. Background is too bright to allow focusing in on the head of the animal.

## Judge 2

2- to dark

27-does this fit the category but very nice photo

## Judge 3

- 1- Very nice portrait. Could use some contrast and brightening
- 9- Good B&W conversion a bit dark but great clouds
- 10- Well positioned, a bit to overexposed on the right
- 13- Great capture and crisp nicely done
- 15- Really nice perspective, well framed
- 19- Really sharp and well lit. Great photo
- 27- Well done infra-red image, but out of contest scope
- 28-Nicely exposed and focused. Maybe a bit too much rock on the upper half
- 30-Very nice scene, but the blue tint hurts it.