

## July Photo Contest Judges' Comments

### Judge 1

- 1- Nice foreground interest. Image is sharp. Colors are pleasant. Good sense of place
- 2- Image is soft. Colors are good. Not enough foreground interest.
- 3- Framing on RHS helps this image. Not enough foreground. Colors are good, albeit a bit blown out in LLH.
- 4- Very nice composition. Good sense of what to look at. Image needs a bit of touch up, opening the shadows and adding some contrast.
- 5- Beautiful sky. Might be better cropped as a pano. Silhouette the foreground for greater impact.
- 6- Image is overexposed and noisy. Not enough contrast.
- 7- Lovely colored sky and silhouetted sky. Unfortunately, nothing is in focus. Stray lights in foreground distract.
- 8- Wonderful captures of fireworks. Excellent detail. Center is a bit bright, but it doesn't spoil a great image
- 9- Good sense of place. Top of the clouds are fine. Dark clouds need more definition and contrast.
- 10- Nice capture. Crop is square as there's much too much uninteresting foreground.
- 11- Pretty firework explosion. Too much stray light and spots.
- 12- Beautiful sunrise/sunset. Colors are nice. Foreground is not sharp. Image is ruined by date stamp. There's no reason for adding that.
- 13- Pretty harbor scene. Sky doesn't compete or overwhelm buildings and ships.
- 14- Beautiful colors in sky. Foreground needs to be straightened and either silhouetted or brightened slightly.
- 15- Nice capture of a rainstorm in an open building area. Sky is over-processed.
- 16- Pretty shot leading into Quail Creek. Image needs to be straightened.
- 17- Colors and composition are pleasant. Nothing in the image is in-focus.
- 18- Pleasant looking sky with nicely silhouetted foreground. Center of sky is severely over-exposed.
- 19- Nice lightning captures. Image is a bit soft.
- 20- While the sky is subtly colorful, with virtually no foreground, it's just a sky.
- 21- Not enough foreground. Image is noisy and slightly out of focus.
- 22- Nice location to capture the beginning of a storm. Sky needs more contrast.
- 23- Nicely balanced and composed image. Colors are nice. Image exceeds because of its simplicity.
- 24- Cropping as a vertical makes this image work. Great composition, filling the frame with ocotillo with nice background. Sky is a touch overdone.
- 25- While the colors are pleasant enough, the image is soft.

- 26-Well composed. Framing on LHS anchors image. Light coming thru sky into plant material works well. Just enough contrast to work without being overdone.
- 27-Beautiful sunset on the ocean scene. Horizon is a bit bowed because of lens distortion. Lighting was handled well
- 28-Interesting capture and composition. Colors are overdone. Image is noisy and not in focus.

## **Judge 2**

8- great image, no smoke

26-add some lightning and u got it all