

Photography Contest Entry Criteria

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The goal of our photo contest is to have fun and challenge ourselves to go out and take pictures. This is not a professional photo contest and this is the reason for the post processing restrictions. We want an even playing field for all of our members, from those that have advanced post processing skills to members that are beginners.

General Rules:

- A. If shooting .jpg files in camera, we recommend you use the camera's best quality .jpg file size. **Please** name the file with the title of the image, for example "flower on cactus.jpg"
- B. Size your images to either 13"X19" or 16"X20". These sizes will be close to the 3:2 ratio out of either a full frame or APS-C sensor camera. For printing purposes it is important that the long edge of the image be either 19" or 20". The image resolution should be a minimum of 200 PPI. For display, the winning photograph will be printed to either 16"X 20" or 13"X 19". Either portrait or landscape orientation is acceptable.
- C. Submit entries by midnight the last day of the contest month. For example, the October contest closes at Midnight on October 31st.
- D. Submit entries along with your name to the Photo Contest Chair using the email link on the contest page or at pcqccontest@gmail.com . Be sure to include the name of the photographer in the text of your message. We can't always tell by your email address.
- E. Entries must be sent as attachments to an email to the address above in section D. Due to some technical issues on our end, we cannot download images from sites such as Google Drive, MS Cloud or iCloud.
- F. A maximum of three (3) entries may be submitted for each member. Each image must have a unique name or title relating to the subject of the photo.
- G. Basic global image modifications such as color, exposure, cropping, clarity and sharpening will be acceptable. Use of HDR or modified specialty cameras is not permitted. Manipulation of the image by adding or removing components not in the original scene will disqualify the image.
- H. Photographs entered may be up to 3 years old. The location for shooting themed entries can be anywhere. **All image files must include the EXIF data, which is embedded in the file by the camera in order to qualify.**
- I. Members with winning photographs will be asked for image details (e.g. camera used, camera settings, telephoto settings, filters, Photoshop modifications, location situation, attraction of the subject, was photo spontaneous or researched, etc.). This information will be used in the monthly article for the "Quail Creek Crossing".
- J. Entry must be created and submitted by a Photography Club member in good standing.

Monthly Contest Judging

Photos will be judged on the "WOW-Factor." This includes composition as well as the technical aspects of the image, meeting the contest theme and meeting post processing limitations.

A panel of independent judges, non-Quail Creek residents, will rate each entry using a 0-10 scoring scale. The image with the highest total points will win. Ties will be broken by the Photo Contest Chair.

The Contest chair will maintain records of who submitted each entry. The chair will submit all entries electronically to the panel of judges and tally the individual scores to determine the winning photograph.

The Photography Club Publicity Chair will handle all other details and tasks, including publicity, framing and hanging of the winning photo & procurement of prizes.

Photography Club's Annual Quail Creek Open Photo Contest

1. Entry Requirements

- A. Open to all residents of Quail Creek (owners or renters).
- B. Photos can be of any subject - portrait, landscape, sports, animals, etc.
- C. Contest starts on January 1 of the current year
- D. Contest ends at 12:00 PM January 31, of the current year
- E. The person submitting the photo must also be the photographer.
- F. Photos must be less than 3 months old.
- G. There is a limit of 1 entry per person.
- H. **Submit your full-size digital-only entry to pcqccontest@gmail.com** Include your name, address, email, phone number and photo title in the body of the submission email.

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Photos submitted must have been taken with within 36 months of the contest entry date. All photos should be submitted as .jpg file using **EXIF*** data will be used to determine eligibility (date taken). If no EXIF data is present, photo will not be accepted. If the date shows "February 2001" or whatever is deemed to be the "default date" for a new, un-programmed camera, submitter will be queried for info on when the photo was taken. If unsuitable information is provided, the photo will not be accepted.

The Photographer/Submitter must own the copyright (which is automatically granted by the act of taking the photo), but must grant the Photography Club permission to reproduce the photo for purposes of publicity and for the display of the winning photo.

Board members are ineligible to enter this contest.

2. Judging Activities

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3. Conclusion

Contest ends at 12:00 pm, Jan 31, 2015. Winners will be notified by Feb 15, 2015 (or sooner)

4. Prizes

There will be 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prizes of Quail Creek gift cards. The 1st place photo will be framed and hung in the Clubhouse for a period of one month with the print going to the photographer after the display.

EXIF is short for Exchangeable Image File, a format that is a standard for storing interchange information in digital photography image files. When a photo is taken, this file is created. Most new digital cameras use the EXIF annotation, storing information on the image such as shutter speed, exposure compensation, F number, what metering system was used, if a flash was used, ISO number, **date and time the image was taken, white balance, auxiliary lenses that were used and resolution.*