

Judge's Comments

December Photo Contest "Open"

Judge 1

- 7- Out of Focus Background adds so much to this image
- 9- Wonderful lighting & composition
- 24- Not an easy shot

Judge 2

- 1- Great isolation of subject. Animal is sharp. Interesting pose.
- 2- Interesting subject. Nothing, especially the eyes, is sharp
- 3- Depth of field is tricky on these types of shots. Barbed wire is sharp but not the dragonfly.
- 4- Well done capture. Head of the bird and flowers are appropriately sharp.
- 5- Very cluttered shot. Butterfly is exposed properly but the foliage is overly distracting.
- 6- Interesting perspective of an attractive library. Perhaps moving a few feet to the left would improve it ever so slightly.
- 7- Bird is colorful and in sharp focus. Background is somewhat noisy and/or pixelated/
- 8- Interesting composition. Subject in sharp focus. Brightness in upper URH section is distracting.
- 9- Beautiful scene and textures. Cross is not quite in focus.
- 10- Image captures the moodiness of the location well. Composition is well executed
- 11- Head of the bird is in focus. Would have preferred body and tail also in focus. Good color and exposure.
- 12- Bird is properly exposed and sharp. Interesting color palette choice.
- 13- A square crop might be better removing most of the right part of the ocean. Image is overly sharpened and appears "crunchy."
- 14- Good depth of field to capture tree, falling/blowing leaves, and the building all in focus. Straightening would help here.
- 15- Colors are attractive. Longer shutter speed would reinforce sense of movement in the waterfall
- 16- Nice environmental portrait. Motion of the hand and horseshoe is nice. Upper RHS is overly bright. A vignette would really help.
- 17- Beautiful capture of bird in flight (BIF). Separation from the sky is well done.
- 18- Lovely scene that is not quite in focus. Opening up the highlights would help this image.
- 19- Beautiful "head study" of giraffe. Lighting and sharpness are well done. If possible, remove the fence.
- 20- Lots going on in this image. Careful dodging and burning of areas of interest would help this image. Somewhat cluttered.
- 21- Subject is not quite sharp. Background is mottled.
- 22- Beautiful colors. Horizon is slightly off. Edges separating sky from sun/moon are overly prominent and should be lessened/removed.
- 23- Cute capture of animal exploring for next snack. Nothing is in focus
- 24- Nice isolation of background from the dragonfly. Depth of field is too shallow, only part of the subject is in focus.

- 25- Lovely sunset colors. Image is slight bowed. Silhouetting the wood would improve drama in the image.
- 26- Foreground lighting is especially interesting. A portrait crop might be better as there's not much of interest on the LHS.
- 27- Flower is quite interesting. Perhaps a square crop emphasizing the main flower would make this image even stronger.
- 28- Pretty rainbow with an uninteresting foreground.
- 29- Drama of the sky and the rainbow make this a slightly stronger image.
- 30- Best of the dragonfly images. Texture of the "hair" is well captured.
- 31- Creative capture of reflection. Attractive colors that work well together.
- 32- Too tightly cropped in the right.
- 33- Interesting capture of seaside village. Horizon is not straight, and image is exceptionally noisy.
- 34- Well done stop-action capture of surfer. For variety, try a slightly slower shutter speed to reinforce the action.
- 35- Fascinating holiday lighting. Colors are attractive.
- 36- Funny capture of the end of the log. Square crop would improve as there's nothing of interest on the RHS.
- 37- Somewhat cluttered composition. What is the subject?
- 38- Well exposed and process B&W image. Experiment with different crops with and without the RHS and tree branch.
- 39- Well done Milky Way capture. Arch could use some light painting or brightening. Noise appears well handled.
- 40- Lovely colors of the woodpecker and surroundings. Tighter crop to emphasize the beauty of the bird would help.