

Judge's Comments

January 2021 Photo Contest

Judge 1

- 5- Very difficult subject
- 10- Perfect light of the day
- 19- the soft background make this image
- 28- Nice backlighting
- 32- nice catfish catch

Judge 2

- 1-Stunning capture. Color seems accurate and bird is sharp.
- 2-Composition is done well. Image is overly dark and soft.
- 3-Texture is well done. Lighting is harsh.
- 4-Nice colors. What is the subject – the trees or the sunset?
- 5-Spectacular capture. Bird is sharp while wings show expected motion. Background is gorgeous.
- 6-Tighter crop would help here. Ducks are not sharp.
- 7-Sky is pretty although overly blue. Foreground seems unnaturally sharpened. Bird is too small to be significant in the picture.
- 8-Composition is well executed. Shoreline is slightly crooked. Colors seem natural.
- 9-Cute capture. This B&W image could use more contrast and a bit of sharpening.
- 10- Nice lighting. Tighter crop left and right could remove unneeded background elements.
- 11- Beautiful hallway with colors well rendered. This image could be improved by shooting straight on instead of from an angle.
- 12-Very busy. What is the subject? Image is soft overall.
- 13-Colors are well done. Positioning of surfer is appropriate. Addition of a bit of sharpening and/or contrast could help.
- 14-Lovely scene. Whites are noticeably blue. Horizon is slightly tilted.
- 15-Flower and bee are appropriately sharp. Background is too bright and could be either cropped away or darkened.
- 16-Lovely scene. Too tightly cropped at the top. Red barn is a nice change from all the green.
- 17-Lighting is overly bright on the bottom and overly dark on the top. Image is soft.
- 18-Colors and composition are well done. Leading lines and repetition work very well. Lighting is handled well also.
- 19-Auto focus was not your friend here. Should have been on the bobcat and not necessarily on the tree.
- 20-Colors and positioning of the bird are well done. Image appears soft. Too small to tell for sure.
- 21-Positioning of cactus and rainbow are well done. A touch more contrast would help here.
- 22-Beautiful composition. Background colors on the red rocks look unnatural and unflattering.
- 23-Nice positioning of subject. Subject is too dark, and background needs to be subdued slightly.

- 24-Nice capture. Image seems sharp and colors are accurate. A square crop might work better because the reflection isn't important.
- 25-Good depth of field, front to back. Colors seem accurate. Image is a touch soft.
- 26-Beautiful Arctic scene. Image would be improved by cropping to 3/1 or 2/1 panorama. Foreground and sky could be reduced.
- 27-Takes a while to find the dove. Auto focus concentrated on the cactus and not the bird.
- 28-Playful scene. Enough is in reasonable focus to identify and background is nicely blurred.
- 29-Position of bird is well done, angles work well. Background bokeh is attractive. Bird is soft.
- 30-Colors of the sunset are pretty. Image seems noticeably tilted.
- 31-Framing is attractive. Sky is overly bright.
- 32-Tightening up the crop to focus on the raptor and its prey would help. Consider a vertical or square crop.
- 33-Composition has potential. Image is overly dark and soft.
- 34-Image is sharp. Consider moving around to experiment with positioning.
- 35-Image is soft. Backlighting is difficult.
- 36-Spectacular bird and capture. Crop slight less off the top and more off the RHS would be appropriate.
- 37-Image is soft and lacks contrast.
- 38-Beautiful clouds and mountains. Lower quarter of the image is probably not needed.
- 39-Cute animal capture. Focus is only on the nose and not the rest of the face.
- 40-Sky is overly bright and uninteresting for a snow scene.
- 41-Color balance is overly cool, and image is soft.
- 42-Would have been better cropped horizontally. Image is noticeably tilted to the right.
- 43-The colors and silhouetting are well done. Crop more into a panoramic to improve composition.
- 44-Lovely sunset colors and framing. Image is tilted and slightly soft.
- 45-Background is nicely soft but the subject, the raptor, is quite soft and lacks contrast.
- 46-Beautiful sunset color. Lighting front of cactus is overdone. Nothing is in focus.