

# April Photo Contest Judge's Comments

## "Family"

### Judge 1

- 1- Image is well composed and processed. For the topic all I see are three people hiking, not necessarily together as a "family."
- 2- lovely capture of mare and her colt. Lighting is a bit harsh; good "sense of place"; could use a vignette.
- 3- Nice capture of a family enjoying a patriotic event.
- 4- Cute image of family of birds with unexpected visitor, the lizard. Some creative dodging and burning would help the difficult lighting.
- 5- All the focus is on helping the child, which is appropriate. Background is a bit distracting because it's too much in focus.
- 6- Wonderful use of "intentional camera movement" and color. While nothing is in focus, image capture and fun and joy this family is experiencing.
- 7- Well-timed capture. Lighting is quite difficult. Tighter, possibly square, crop might help.
- 8- Extreme close up works well. Subjects are properly in focus.
- 9- Entire image is sharp and well timed.
- 10- Nice capture of the action but the B&W processing has the lights and darks at extremes. Tractor in background doesn't help.
- 11- Remarkable capture. Birds are not completely sharp. Background has attractive bokeh.
- 12- Two main birds are nicely in focus. Some creative dodging and burning could help with the difficult lighting.
- 13- Nice environmental portrait. Mother is completely focused on her child. Background colors are a bit strong.
- 14- Cute capture. Good sense of place. Lighting on subjects is well done.
- 15- Selective focus on the seals only worked very well. Some of the background elements are a bit bright.
- 16- Outfits on the models are colorful. Background is too much in focus and pulls the eye away from the models.
- 17- Lots to see with owls and their surroundings. Tree and foreground are too bright. Owls not quite in focus
- 18- In spite of difficult lighting, this image works well as all the turkeys are in focus and facing the same direction. Well timed.
- 19- Well timed capture. Having legs up reinforces movement. Sharp focus is on the animals only. Well done.
- 20- Very challenging lighting. Sharp focus on the owls but too much of surroundings in focus.

### Judge 2

1. interesting composition, the placement of the path leads the eye into the image. Good representation of the theme.
2. Composition is static and the subjects are backlit.

3. - There is a competition of subjects in this image. The Band is almost as prominent and could easily be the subject.
4. Composition and framing are good. Lighting and color are flat. Doesn't convey "Family" and the Iguana is out of place.
5. Seems like a snapshot. Fits the theme
6. Interesting use of color, definitely catches the eye. Doesn't really convey the theme of "Family"
7. Good composition and color, framing is a bit tight. Doesn't really convey the theme of "Family"
8. Framing is a bit tight, but does do a good job of conveying the theme.
9. Vertical limb through image is distracting. Doesn't really convey the theme of "Family"
10. Good use of B&W. Pay attention to backgrounds, the front-end loader is superfluous and distracting
11. Good composition and separation of subject from background. Color and contrast are a bit flat.
12. Reasonably good composition. Not sure if this is a "Family" or just a random group.
13. A bit of a snap shot. Good color. The sidewalk cutting through the image is distracting.
14. Actually good composition and use of leading lines but doesn't really convey the theme of "Family"
15. Framing is a bit tight, but does do a good job of conveying the theme.
16. Composition is static, good color. Not sure if they are "Family" or friends?
17. Framing is a bit tight, but does do a good job of conveying the theme.
18. Framing is a bit tight and composition is a bit static, but does do a good job of conveying the theme.
19. Framing is a bit tight, but does do a good job of conveying the theme.
20. Does fit the theme but the subjects look disengaged from one another.