

Quarterly Photo Challenge

This is a photo challenge where members can submit up to 3 photos per quarter, with no limits on editing. This Challenge is not meant to replace the current contest. PCQC members are encouraged to participate in both. PCQC members will judge and vote. Topics will be generally fairly wide in nature, such as “Nature”. A photo and all its elements must be taken within the quarter. PCQC members will vote by selecting the top 5, assigning a weight, and submitting them to Jim B who will tally the votes and announce the winners. The first place photo will be printed and displayed in the club’s display case.

Rules:

1. Members submit up to 3 photos per quarter to Jim B. The photos should attempt to be on the topic for the quarter.
2. The photo(s) must be taken within the quarter.
3. Submitted photos must be jpegs, at least 1500 pixels on the long side. Photos should have a title. Submit photos to jimmsp@outlook.com
4. Photos should contain the EXIFS (see <https://photographylife.com/what-is-exif-data>)
5. Photos will be displayed on Flickr with the title, and without the artist’s name. They will be posted with an identifying number in the order received.
6. Photos can be edited in any manner; eg, not at all, simple crop, tone adjustments, HDR, composites, advanced editing with Photoshop or other software like Topaz. Elements of the photo may be removed, or replaced, or added. There are no limits on image post-processing. Edit to your tastes and the voters will decide if it’s too much.
7. Any composite photo must have all elements taken by the same photographer, with the same camera, and within the time period of the challenge. Honesty is assumed.
8. At the end of the quarter, a spreadsheet will be generated and sent to all club members for voting. A member has 4 days in which to vote and return the spreadsheet. A member cannot vote for his or her own photo.
9. Members should judge the photo based on the overall impact on them. Technical aspects like focus and sharpness should be considered, as well as artistic aspects like composition, texture, & lighting.
10. A member has 5 points to assign to their top 5 photos. The points per photo can be 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.25 or 1.5. The sum of the points must be 5. It is acceptable to rate 5 photos with 1 point each.
11. A returned ballot that does not add up to 5 on 5 photos will be discarded.
12. The photo with the highest total of points will be declared the winner of the challenge.
13. Winners should be prepared to discuss how they edited the photo.

Quarter	Topic	Guidelines
Q4 2019 Oct 1 to Dec 31	Free Study	Any topic or subject will work
Q1 2020 Jan 1 to Mar 31	Dominant Color	The photo should have a dominant color that immediately attracts the viewer's eye to the subject.
Q2 2020 April 1 to June 30	Nature	Pretty self-explanatory ; includes everything from animals to plants, to trees and forests, mountains & valleys, weather, stars in the sky, etc.
Q3 2020 July 1 to Sept 30	Inanimate Object(s)	No flowers or pets or people as subjects – but lots of other possible subjects. Animate objects can be in the background
Q4 2020 Oct 1 to Dec 31	Looking Up or Looking Down	The photo should have the perspective of looking up or looking down on your subject – just not straight across. Think of an airplane in flight, or an ant out for a walk.