

SWMCCC FALL COMPETITION 2013

It is not too early to start choosing and working on your entries. We will provide a venue where SWMCCC Camera Club members can engage in the competitive spirit of photography. You will have the opportunity to compete against fellow SWMCCC Camera Club members for some great awards and watch the competition as our three judges' work to select the best of the best. **Changes we would like you to be aware of are highlighted.**

Our Fall Competition will be hosted by the Grand Rapids Camera Club. Along with the competition scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2013, you are encouraged to participate in several planned Photo Walks on Saturday and Sunday centered on the well-known Grand Rapids 2013 ArtPrize. More information about ArtPrize including Competition schedules and locations will be found on our SWMCCC website Competition page <http://www.swmccc.org/Competition.html>.

1. Categories

Competition Categories are Creative, Nature, Open and Portrait. The following Category definitions should be followed to avoid disqualification of your image.

Creative - The creative category is for manipulated and enhanced images and those where the maker's creativity comes into view in the final image. These entries may depict the maker's interpretation of any subject or style. Although there is not any exclusion from this category, images entered should be unique and different, perhaps out of the ordinary. Digital imaging techniques such as the use of filters, plugins and actions may be ideal for this category as well as other techniques achieved using digital imaging methods.

Nature - The image cannot include the cultural influence of people (hand of man). Products of technology, domestic animals and horticultural varieties of plants are not to be entered in the category. Nature subjects are to be portrayed in their natural habitat which may include such things as gulls on pilings, a baby robin in a lawn or a barn swallow nest in a building overhang. Tagged or banded animals found in the wild are acceptable. Zoo photography is permissible as long as domestic animals are not depicted and no hand of man is shown. Digital enhancement and manipulation must not be obvious. **Digital photo frames including strokes are not allowed in this Category.**

Open - Any and all subjects may be entered in the open Division.

Portrait - A human subject must be the primary focus. Do not enter pets in the portrait category as this category is intended for human subjects. Environmental portraits as well as studio type portraits are both acceptable in this Category.

2. Awards

The following awards will be presented in each Category.

1. 1st Place Award (New)
2. 2nd Place Award (New)
3. 3rd Place Award (New)
4. Ribbons will be awarded for all Honors and Acceptances

Judges will begin the selection process for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Awards after the Honors photographs have been chosen. Once 1st Place has been awarded, that competitor is no longer eligible for the 2nd or 3rd Place Award. Likewise when 2nd Place has been awarded, that competitor is no longer eligible for a 3rd Place Award.

3. Special Awards

Oscar - A participant receiving four awards including 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place or Honors in a single Category will receive a SWMCCC Oscar for that Category.

4. Eligibility of Competitors and Photographs

To be eligible for this competition you have to be a current member of a SWMCCC Camera Club. Once a photograph is entered in a SWMCCC competition it cannot be entered again.

5. Entry Fee and Entry Deadline

There is a \$2.00 entry fee for each photograph submitted. Photographs and payment must be received by midnight Sunday, September 15, 2013. Payments are made at time of image entry through our SWMCCC PayPal account, found on our Competition web page under SWMCCC Competition PayPal Account, or by personal check made payable to SWMCCC. Send check to:

Randy Wegener
14030 Apple Dr.
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6. Competition Results

Results will be announced throughout the competition and be posted on our SWMCCC Website.

7. Digital Projection

We will use the Grand Rapids Camera Club projection equipment that is monitored and color calibrated regularly. This is a high end projector that will project horizontal and vertical images with equal proportions. The sizing of digital images will now allow for vertical images to be 1024 pixels high. This will permit both horizontal and vertical images to project at equal size.

8. Submitting Your Photograph(s)

Number of entries

Each competitor may enter no more than four photographs in each category no matter how many SWMCCC Camera Clubs they are a member of. This is a change from previous competitions.

Sizing your photograph

- Photograph width cannot be greater than (but may be less than) 1024 pixels.
- Photograph height cannot be greater than (but may be less than) 1024 pixels.
- Resolution is not critical for digital photographs and may be set to whatever works best for your workflow.
- Photographs that are not sized correctly will not be accepted for competition.

Setting your Color Profile

The projector we use is set for displaying sRGB and it is in your best interest to submit your photographs in that color space to insure the best color rendering.

Naming your Photograph File

- The photograph file name should contain the following information in this order: A capital letter for the category code; an underscore (_); the image **title** capitalizing the first letter of each word with no spaces between words; an underscore (_); your 2 letter camera club code; an underscore (_); your name using your First and Last name. Please limit your **title length to 30 characters.**
- Example of a correctly submitted image file name:
N_YellowWildflower_BV_JoeDoe.jpg
- Category Codes: (C) Creative: (N) Nature: (O) Open: (P) Portrait.
- Camera Club Codes:

Berrien Springs Camera Club	BV
Flint Lensmen Camera Club	FQ
Fort Wayne Camera Club	FW
Fruitbelt Camera Club	FY
Grand Rapids Camera Club	GP
Jackson Camera Club	JC
Kalamazoo Area Photo Club	KC
Michiana Photo Club	MD
Muskegon Camera Club	WE
Owosso Area Camera Club	OX
River City Camera Club	RI
St. Johns Camera Club	SF
Tulip City Camera Club	HG
Twin City Camera Club	TW

Saving your Photograph

All photographs submitted for competition must be saved in jpeg format (.jpg).

Submission of Photographs

Send photographs individually or together as email attachments to the VP of Competition at competition@swmccc.org. Up to four photographs in each of the categories may be sent in one email. The receipt of your photographs(s) will be acknowledged by email reply from the VP of Competition. *If you do not receive a reply please contact our VP of Competition to verify that your photographs were received or that they should be resubmitted.*

9. Questions?

Feel free to contact members of the competition committee for suggestions and answers to competition questions.

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