

# 2010

## Southeast Volusia Camera Club

### Competition Guidelines

#### Section 1 - Overview

The SEVCC holds judged competitions of its members' photographs at eight monthly meetings.

The monthly Assigned topics are selected by the officers and are announced at the end of the year and published in the December PHOTOFLASHER.

#### Section 2 - Categories of Competition

Photographs submitted by members shall consist of no more than one submission in the "Assigned Category," and no more than one submission in the "Open Category." Thus, no more than two submissions total per competition month per member.

Division I - Intermediate	Assigned (1) taken within a year
Division II - Advanced	Assigned (1) taken within a year
Division III -Salon	Assigned (1) taken within a year

Division I -Intermediate	Open (1)
Division I I -Advanced	Open (1)
Division III -Salon	Open (1)

#### Section 3 - General Requirements

1. All competition entries for the Assigned Category must have been exposed (or captured, for the digital entries) within one (1) year (honor system). Entries for the Open Category must have been within five (5) years.
2. Any winning entry (including second and third place, and honorable mention) may not be re-entered for general competition in the club. However, the officers may decide to have a competition consisting of the year's winners.
3. All processes such as montages, sandwiches, contemporary, panoramic, are eligible.
4. A non-winning entry may be resubmitted for competition 2 additional times.

## **Section 4 - Technical Requirements**

1. Minimum print size of all entries shall be 8 x 10, or 80 square inches.
2. A collage or arrangement may be submitted, but must be at least 80 square inches.
3. Maximum print size shall be 20 inches for any one side.

## **Section 5 -Mounting**

1. All prints shall be mounted on a black or white mount/mat board only.
2. If matte board is used over the print (e.g. window mount), the mount board must be completely covered and no edges of the print itself may be visible between the matte and the mount board.
3. The photograph mounting shall be done in a manner that holds the photograph securely.
4. Single mat only, no double/triple mats allowed.

## **Section 6 - Marking of Entries**

1. The following information must appear on the upper left side on BACK of the entry (nothing on the front):
  - a) Member's name
  - b) Category "Open" or "Assigned"
  - c) Division "Intermediate" or "Advanced" or "Salon"
  - d) Title (optional).
2. There shall be no date stamp on the front of the photograph.

## **Section 7 -Eligibility of Entries**

The Vice President of Judging and the Club President shall be the ultimate authority concerning the eligibility of a print for competition.

Entries will be accepted for competition if the contributing member is current in his/her dues, and if the entries are submitted before the start of the meeting. A member does not need to attend the meeting to submit entries.

## **Section 8 - Judging**

1. Each entry is judged on its own merit or lack thereof.
2. Entries are not judged by comparison, except in the case of ties.

## **Section 9 - Judge Scoring**

There is a maximum of 9 points allowed per entry.

- 1-3 .points awarded for impact or pictorial interest.
- 1-3 points awarded for composition.
- 1-3 points awarded for technical excellence.

## **Section 10 - Awards**

At each competition, points will be awarded for First Place, Second Place, Third Place, and Honorable Mention, depending on the numbers of entries in that competition.

1 - 4 Entries	1 <sup>st</sup>
5 - 8 Entries	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>
9 - 12 Entries	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,
13 - 16 Entries	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 1HM

Should there be a tie, the judge, by any criteria he or she chooses, shall rank the pictures in descending order.

## **Section 11 -Awards for a Single Entry**

In the unlikely event -that there is only one entry in a category, the judge scoring for the entry shall determine the award it receives as follows:

- 7 – 9 points      1<sup>st</sup>
- 5 – 6 points      2<sup>nd</sup>
- 3 – 4 points      3<sup>rd</sup>

## **Section 12 -Annual Awards**

Recognition for photographic achievement will be given early each year for the results of the previous year. These awards will be approved by the Board of Directors and will be determined by the following methods:

Competition records will be maintained for each member's entries for the year, including judges' scores. (Summaries will be posted in the newsletter at various times throughout the year.)

The "Photographer of the Year" must be in second year or more of membership and will be determined by the points earned for awards where:

1<sup>st</sup> Place = 10 Points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 6 Points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 4 Points

Honorable Mention = 1 Point

Recognition will be given for first place winners in each division (intermediate, advanced, and salon). Persons with the highest point in intermediate and advanced will move up a category. All individuals that tie the highest point in the intermediate and advanced categories will all be moved up a category. If there is a tie in any class for first place, then both persons will receive a certificate for first place.

## Categories for 2010

January .....	No competition - Banquet
February .....	Manipulation (Photo must appear obviously manipulated)
March.....	Nature (See PSA rules)
April.....	Architecture
May.....	Photojournalism (Tells a story)
June, July, and August.....	Workshops: To Be Announced
September.....	Fowl
October.....	Fences
November.....	Tracks
December.....	Shadows

You may submit one photograph in the assigned category and one in the open category.

Minimum size 80 square inches or 8" x 10". Maximum size cannot be larger than 20 inches on any one side.

Photographs must be matted in either black or white mats and cannot be double matted. Remember that any winning entry (first, second, third place, or honorary mention) may not be re-entered for general competition in the club. Each member should record own awards.