

PPF 2008

Electronic Image Competition Rules

Thank you all for your support this year and continued attendance to our monthly meetings. Remember this is your guild, if you would like to make suggestions contact me directly at sam@samsmead.com

Image Competition Rules:

- a. Image judging will be conducted at the PPF general meeting. The competition is scheduled to be held each month at the general PPF meeting except June, July November and December. Check schedule for any changes.
- b. Each member will be allowed to enter up to 3 images per monthly competition.
- c. Image size is... 4x6 @ 250 ppi max, srgb color space, JPEG file format - level 12
- d. Names of individuals or studios may not appear on images.
- e. Images that have been previously entered in any professional competition are not eligible.
- f. Entries may not be entered more than once.
- g. Entrants must be current members of PPF.
- h. Entrants are strongly encouraged to title their entries.
- i. Our Speaker and two Artisan Degreed photographers will judge the entries. If two Artisan Degreed photographers are not available, additional judges will be picked at random by the competition chair.
- j. Image judging shall begin when the judges' clipboards and score sheets are issued by the chairman.
- k. Scoring shall be based upon the following standards:
 - Exceptional 100-95 Above Average 79-76
 - Superior 94-85 Average 75-74
 - Excellent 84-80 Acceptable 73-70
- l. Ribbons will be awarded for first place in each of the eight categories. These images must have a score of 78 or more.
- m. The PPF board of directors will settle any disputes arising from the competition. ALL DECISIONS BY THE BOARD ARE FINAL.
- o. Image scores will be accumulated throughout the year and published on the PPF website and in the news letter.
- p. Entrants must be present to participate in the monthly competition.

Competition Award Guidelines

- a. At the end of the year, the 14 highest scores of each entrant will be tallied to determine the "Photographer of the Year". The 4 highest scores of each entrant in each of the 8 categories will be tallied to determine the category winners. The trophies will be awarded at the annual November Print Judging.
- b. The "Photographer of the Year" award is based upon the total points earned from January through November of each year. The 14 highest monthly scores will be added (including the two print Judging Contest) together for the participant's total to compete for "Photographer of the Year".
- c. The "Best in Category" awards are based on a participant's 4 highest scores in a given category. The participant can enter all the categories over a given year, but must have minimum of 4 entries in a given category to be eligible for the award.

RULES

1. There will be a monthly electronic image competition/evaluation at every meeting except the June, July, November and December Holiday party.
2. Entries can be any proportion.
3. Entries will be judged by our speaker and two members of the PPF. Members will still vote for their favorite image.
4. The speaker will give a brief evaluation of each winning print after the program has ended.
5. The winners will be announced: Highest Scores in each of the 8 categories and members' choice.
6. The judging will still be on the 12 elements of a good print but with an emphasis on lighting, posing, composition, color harmony and impact (the things that will help us all improve and increase our sales).
7. Each member will get one entry into the Texas School Scholarship drawing for every entry.
8. Each member will receive fellowship points under competition at the rate of one half point for each entry and one point for each ribbon.
9. There will be no points towards your degree given for the monthly assignment.
10. If a member enters every month the total number of entry points will be increased by 10 points.
11. As an added incentive to continue to participate in the evaluations and PPF activities, once you have achieved Photographic Artisan you will begin to earn clips for your ribbon, 25 points per clip - like the PPA merit clips.
12. You can not judge if you have a print entered so each time you judge you will receive one half point counted under competition.
13. The evaluations given each month by different people with different view points should help us to get a better idea of how our customers view our work.

The Board of Directors may cancel a scheduled competition for any month. Entries MUST be received by Midnight the Friday prior to the meeting to qualify.

ELIGIBILITY

- Any Active or Associate member, in good standing, may enter a monthly competition.
- The member must be present to have their entry judged. Scores will not be recorded for those not present.
- New Active and Associate members may participate in monthly competition beginning the month following their approval as member by the general membership.
- Up to three entries can be submitted per entrant.
- The entry must have been captured and created by the entrant.
- The entrant's name shall not appear anywhere on the face of the entry.
- No entry will be eligible that has been made under the supervision of an instructor or as a class assignment.
- Entries previously merited at any PPA affiliated Judging are not eligible including any image from a merited album.
- Titles are optional.

TEXAS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

1. A Texas School Tuition Scholarship, limited to tuition fees will be awarded at the December PPF meeting annually.
2. Competition for this award is based on eleven months of competition from January through November of the current calendar year.
3. Each entry in the monthly competition will be eligible for one(1) entry into the drawing for the Texas School Scholarship.
4. New Active and Associate members approved for membership during the period of a Texas School Scholarship eligibility year may enter beginning the month following their approval as members by the general membership.
5. The winner of the year's Texas School Tuition Scholarship will be determined by a drawing held at the December meeting of PPF with the names of all the eligible participants being placed in the drawing with the appropriate number of entries - 1 month entered = 1 name, 4 months = 4 names, etc. The winner need not be present at the drawing to win.

All rules and procedures are subject to modification. Any change will be updated on this web site and specific changes will be emailed to all current members.

It is the responsibility of each member to make sure their information is correct and their email address is current.