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Annual Club Competition December 11, 2008

The annual year-end competition will be held in December. This year there will be ribbons awarded in each of 12 competition categories:

1. Color Traditional Print
2. Color Traditional Digitally Projected Image
3. Color Traditional Slide
4. Travel/Photojournalism Print
5. Travel/Photojournalism Digitally Projected Image
6. Travel/Photojournalism Slide
7. Enhanced Print
8. Enhanced Digitally Projected Image
9. Nature Print
10. Nature Digitally Projected Image
11. Nature Slide
12. B&W/Monochrome/Duo-Tone Print

For the year-end competition the total number of entries each member may submit is six (6).

The six (6) entries may be distributed among the competition categories in any way you want. First and Second Place ribbons will be awarded in any category where there are at least three entries. Honorable Mention ribbons may be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

Please visit the club web site for guidelines on preparing prints, images for digital projection, and slides for entry into the year-end competition.

The December meeting is also our holiday gathering. Members are requested to bring in a snack or desert item to share.

For 2008 there are four new digital categories. However, this will be the last year that projected slides are part of the year-end competition.

Send digital submittals to the year-end competition as email attachments in an email addressed to digitalentries@flatironsphotoclub.com

Looking Forward to a New Year

Officers for 2009 will be selected/announced at the December meeting.

In January Gail and Russ Dohrmann will present a short program entitled "Nature Art". They will present about a dozen finished artistically interpreted images based on natural scenes along with a description of the steps used to arrive at the final image. This was part of a larger program presented to Mile High Wildlife Club and to the Denver Digital Photography Club.

Also, part of the January 2009 program will

be on the subject of "How to Submit Images for Digital Projection, or Gallery Display." Russ Dohrmann (MAC) and Murth Murthy (PC) will present a short program on digital image storage, retrieval, and how to prepare images for competition. Many people have expressed they are having trouble with organizing and finding images on their computers, re-naming, and re-sizing images for competition. This part of the program should be interesting to all levels of photographers – even those that are already computer savvy.

Notes from the November Meeting

Thanks to Russ Burden for a very interesting and informative program on how to create great nature images.

The November 2008 program was presented by Russ Burden, a professional photographer and photography teacher. He send out a Photo Tip of the Week to interested people. If you would like to be on his email list for Photo Tip of the week you can contact him at <mailto:rburden@ecentral.com>

You can also find his digital photo tips on the web site:

www.takegreatpictures.com

At this site look under Columns and click on Photo Tips & Techniques. Also under Columns you will find Digital Photography – a click on this will lead to Digital Tips of the Month by Russ Burden and other contributing editors of this web site.

November Competition Results

The following members are recognized for their photographic efforts in the November Competition.

Special Topic – Ethereal

Award – Russell Dohrmann, “Ethereal Columbine” – Digital

Award – Russell Dohrmann, “Ghost Car Comes Alive” - Digital

Award – Chris Bales, “Grave Girl” - Print

Award – Gail Dohrmann, “Mottled Texture Iris” - Print

Traditional

Award – Fee Chin, “Ghostly Faces” - Digital

Award – Peter Bandurian, “Breakfast Wagen” - Digital

Award – Cary Wolfson, “Pink Jeep Vista 3” - Digital

Award – Murth Murthy, “Mist of the Falls” - Print

Award – Chris Bales, “Iron Post” - Print

Enhanced

Award – Russ Dohrmann, “Pictures of Leaves” - Print

Award – Fee Chin, “In a Galaxy Far Far Away” - Print

There were 53 entries in this month's member's competition. 35 digitally projected entries, and 18 prints.

Monthly Competition Entries - Topic of the Month

At all meetings, other than December, there is a monthly member's competition. The categories for the monthly competition are:

Traditional Print

Traditional Digitally Projected Image

Enhanced Print

Enhanced Digitally Projected Image

Topic of the Month Print

Topic of the Month Digitally Projected

Four entries per member are allowed with a maximum of 2 in the Topic of the Month. Normal monthly competitions will resume in January, 2009. The list of topics for 2009 will be published soon.

Welcome New Members

At the November meeting there were 9 visitors/guest and two of them signed up to become members of the club. The club now has 48 members for 2008. We

welcome our newest members - Vince Heuring and Sarah Dagnault.

Treasurer's Report

Dues for calendar year 2009 can be paid at the Dec. 2008, or Jan. 2009 meetings. Annual dues are \$15 for a single membership or \$20 for a family membership (2 people

at the same mailing address). Natalie requests that you consider bringing a check for the dues amount to the meeting.

The club currently has \$1,210.35 in its treasury.

Monthly On-line Image Gallery

Each month members may submit two images to the club's on-line image gallery. The purpose of the gallery is to give the members a venue to display their images where others can view them and make comments. When viewing the images on-line that the viewer can select the size of the images to appear on his/her monitor from among Small, Medium, and Original. So if you find yourself scrolling to see the entire image - select one of the smaller sizes and you should be fine. Each person submitting images is

requested to post a comment about their own images once the gallery is available for viewing. This can initiate a dialog about the image to help everyone who views the image. Images can be viewed and comments can be made even if you are not a submitter. An email is sent out when is time submit images for display in the gallery. A second email is sent when the gallery is on-line and available for viewing. The Flatirons Photo Club's Monthly Member's On-line Gallery is located at

The monthly on-line gallery is a great place to submit images you would like to 'try out' prior to entering them in competitions.

http://www.pbase.com/flatirons/fpc_nov_2008

The New Web-Site

Try the new club web site – and tell your friends about it.

Thanks to Fee Chin, the Flatirons Photo Club now has a new web-site. The web address (URL) is the same as the previous www.flatironsphotoclub.com. One major difference is that as you move your cursor around you will find that certain words/phrases become highlighted. This means that if you click on the highlighted word/phrase you will be taken to further information on that topic. For example, under the heading COMPETITION you will find four words/phases: Description, Entry Guidelines, Monthly Special Topic Awards Gallery. Awards Gallery is a new web-site feature that allows people to see the awards from the monthly competitions. Click on this phrase and your web browser will take you to the gallery where you can click on a monthly image to see all the images that received awards in that month's member's competition.

Several features are still under

development. Your comments about the web site are encouraged. You can click on Contact Us and an email template will be shown where you can type your comments and then click send. Your email will go to flatirons@flatironsphotoclub.com our club's new email address.

If there are any features that you think are missing or would like to see expanded, please let us know. On the various web pages you will see images contributed by our members. If you have images you would like to contribute please let us know, and you will be contacted with instructions on how to submit the images.

You will also find access to the newsletters on the web-site. Under GENERAL look for the word Newsletter, Click on it, and you will be able to click on the newsletter you want to view.

Year-End Competition Categories Defined

Competition categories for the Year-End Competition are different from those of the normal monthly competitions.

Color - Open subject matter general color photography using traditional photographic techniques.

Travel/Photo-Journalism – Traditionally created images that tell a story of a people, a place, a time, or an event – can be B&W or Color

Enhanced – creative techniques are used including post-processing image editing software

and in-camera techniques that create an image that is a 'departure from reality'.

Nature – nature subjects are of natural elements, but do not include domesticated plants/animals and should minimize the 'hand of man'.

B&W Print – Black and White, images created using traditional or special effects and presented as black & white, monochrome, sepia tone. duo-tone prints.

Meeting Time and Location

The Flatirons Photo Club meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month except July and August. The meetings start at 7:00 PM. The meeting location is the 2nd floor cafeteria of the Mapleton Center, at 4th and Mapleton, in Boulder, Colorado.

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