

North Metro Photo Club

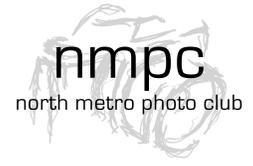
2017-2018 Monthly Competition Topics & Definitions



Month/Year	Topic	Description
Sep 2017	Photo Travel	<p>Image must express the feeling of a time and place. It can portray a land and its distinctive features or cultures in their natural state. There are no geographical limitations. Close-up pictures of people or objects must include distinguishable environment.</p> <p>Techniques that add to, relocate, replace or remove any element of the original image, except by cropping are not permitted. All adjustments must appear natural. Conversion to monochrome is allowed.</p> <p>The title should give the location and complement the travel story.</p>
Oct 2017	Macro/ Close Ups	Photography in which the subject of the photograph is usually very small or is a very small detail of a larger object. The resultant photograph may be larger than life size.
Nov 2017	Buildings/ Architecture	Image of a building and similar structure that is both aesthetically pleasing and accurate representations of the subject.
Dec 2017	Curves and/or Lines	<p>An image of curves and/or lines that either tells a story, is appealing to the eye, or generates a feeling or emotion. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Architecture that has appealing lines. Curving roads. Curves of a woman's body. Wine glasses have both lines and curves and using light to enhance curves.
Jan 2018	Still Life	Image that depicts an inanimate subject matter, most typically a small grouping of objects such as food, flowers, dinnerware, etc. Still life photography gives the photographer more leeway in the arrangement of design elements within a composition. Still life photography is a demanding art, one in which the photographers are expected to be able to form their work with a refined sense of lighting, coupled with compositional skills.
Feb 2018	Nature	<p>Nature photography is simply the recording of our natural world by some photographic means. Included are all branches of nature except Archeology and Anthropology.</p> <p>The <u>hand of man</u> shall not be present in any nature entry except where wild birds or animals have invaded man's world such as fence posts and other manmade objects freely adapted for use by wild creatures.</p> <p>No photograph is worth the distress or injury to any wild creature.</p> <p>Banding or tagging on nature subjects is acceptable.</p> <p>An image at a bird feeder is not acceptable if any part of a man made feeder is shown in the photograph.</p> <p>A photograph taken in zoos, animal farms or game farms is acceptable as long as the setting remains natural and the hand of man is not visible.</p> <p>Cultivated plants, domestic animals and pets are not acceptable and should be entered in other topics.</p>
Mar 2018	Public Scheduled Events	<p>A few examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rodeos Fireworks State or County Fairs Water Ski Shows Plays Concerts Graduations at Schools/Colleges Dog Shows Car Shows
Apr 2018	Three	This topic can cover any subject but it must have a series of three elements that are obviously related in some way. If the picture also tells a story, so much the better. Any kind of manipulation can be used. Examples could include, a bat, moving ball and a glove or a flower in three stages (bud, fresh bloom, faded bloom).
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Nov 2018	Contemporary/ Creative	<p>An opportunity for those who dare to explore the experimental and creative forms of photographic expression. The image will include, but will not be limited to derived images such as ultra-high contrast, black light, bas-relief, solarization, multi-images, trick lenses and filters, and other ways to alter the image to produce a new abstract effect. Just about anything goes. Any software can be used including but limited to Photoshop®, NIK®, Lightroom®, Topaz®, etc.</p> <p>The important thing is the result, not the means to create it. This area of photography bridges between photographic realism and creative art. It is very difficult to judge and there are literally no rules to follow. Generally, concentration on form and color rather than detail in the image will help you succeed.</p>
Dec 2018	Action	Image can consist of blurred movement and/or stopped motion such as a rodeo, bicyclist in a race, runners, etc. Panning is an acceptable method. This would blur the background and the main subject would be sharp.
Jan 2019	Shapes	<p>Image has a better chance of scoring higher if the main subject has defined circles, rectangles, squares, triangles, etc.</p> <p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coil of rope is a circle. Pyramid shaped building is a triangle. Window can be a rectangle.
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Mar 2019	Water in any Form	Image can capture water in any of the three forms gas, liquid or solids. This includes ice, sleet, steam, water vapors, waterfalls, lakes, fog, etc.
Apr 2019	After Dark	<p>Must be able to see that the image was taken after dark. Examples of after dark images include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Star trails Fireworks Cityscapes at night Outside at night looking into a building or structure.
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