



The IMAGE

View from the Board

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We have all had it happen, you have an image that you truly love, enter it into a club competition, and get disappointed when the image scores low. This happens when our own ideas of what makes a good image conflicts with the “rules” followed by camera club judges.

What I would like everyone to take away from this article is that what an image scores in a competition has little to do with how good the image is. What matters is how you feel about the image. Do you like it? If the answer is yes then who cares what the judges say. If the answer is no then listen to what the judges say about the image and see if they offer any suggestions that might improve your image. I have several images that have not done well in competition that I really like. Some of them have been improved by judge comments, while others I haven't changed one bit.

Another thing that complicates it even more is that every judge has their own personal tastes. A judge isn't suppose to allow personal prejudices to the affect the score they give an image, but in reality that's nearly impossible. This is why you might get three different scores from three different panels of judges. Its the same reason why we have three judges when we have a competition. The scores are usually close but there is always some variation.

The bottom line is don't let it get you down. Every image has merit and every image can teach us something. And if you like your image thats all that matters! Just go out and make great images.

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MAY/JUNE ASSIGNMENT

Its been a long winter. Long and cold. Spring is trying really hard to make an appearance so I thought we'd take an opportunity to grab some great Spring Images.

As usual, have fun and be creative, upload them to your flickr account, and post the three best to the Coastal Camera Club's flickr group.

May/ June Meetings

May 7, 2014

Gladeview Health Care Center Opening. This reception is open to the public. The club members will be exhibiting images from any of six categories

May 21, 2014

Members' Spring Project. This year is a scavenger hunt.

June 4, 2014

Annual Meeting, Potluck Dinner. Members Show & Tell.

June 9, 2014

Board Meeting

NEED MORE INFORMATION? TRY LOOKING ON ONE OF THESE SITES:

If you need something, you can probably find it on the Internet. You just need to know where to look. For Coastal Camera Club information, please try these sites:

www.coastalcameraclub.org - the official club website

MAY - JUNE REFRESHMENTS:

- May 7, 2014Gladeview Opening Reception food supplied by Gladeview Health Care Center
- May 21, 2014.....Suzzane Grella and Dee Johnson
- June 4, 2014Pot Luck Dinner (Everyone)

Follow these rules when submitting any image to the Coastal Camera Club:

Files must be named using the following format:

X#\$Coastal\$LastName\$FistName\$ImageTittle\$YYYY-MM.jpg

Where X=the type of file (Open, Digital Art, Black&White, etc) and YYYY-MM is the year and month of the event for which you are submitting the file. For example, O2\$Coastal\$Smith\$John\$The Red Barn\$2011-01, this is an image titled *The Red Barn* by John Smith of the Coastal Camera Club to be submitted to a competition in January of 2011.

Please remember the maximum size for competitions is 1024 pixels wide by 768 pixels tall. If the files are to be used in a club critique, they can be full size.

Images must be submitted to ccc.images@gmail.com with the subject line indicating the event for which you are submitting.

If you have any questions, please contact Lou Secki at lou.secki@gmail.com.

The Coastal Camera Club meets at 7:00pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the new Madison Senior Center located at 29 Bradley Road in Madison, Connecticut.

2013-2014 MEMBERS PROJECT

The project for this year is a bit like a scavenger hunt but designed to cover a variety of photographic situations that test your skills and creativity. There are 20 topics. Please try to do all 20 but as before you may submit as many as you are able to make. We ask that photos be dated from June 5th 2013 please. The deadline will probably be late April 2014. Half the fun of this project is seeing how we all interpret the topics. Keep this list with you and go out and start shooting!

Update:

This is an important reminder for this project. Since we will be showing this to the club at the May 21, 2014 meeting the deadline for image submission is Friday, May 16, 2014. Remember to use our standard naming convention and to use the category name for the image as the title. So an example my image for the Naturally Red category would be:

01\$Coastal\$Secki\$Lou\$Naturally Red\$2014-05

If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask.

- Naturally red (no man-made color)
- Portrait
- Urban detail
- Water view
- Toward the sky
- Group (any subjects)
- Artistically out of focus (all or most of the image)
- Machine
- Game
- Hamburger
- Nighttime
- Abstract from nature
- Texture
- Miles away
- Leading lines
- Paperwork
- Around the house (in or out)
- Reflection
- My town
- Walk in the park

2014 GLENNIE NATURE COMPETITION RESULTS

Title	Maker	Score
Razorbills	Deanna Broderick	19
Hammonasset River	Rob Nardino	16
Crane Beach	George Collins	14
Gotcha	Harald Foellmer	14
Eastern Pondhawk Feeding	Maryann Flick	14
Windy Autumn Day	Pat Anderson	10
Killdeer	Allison Maltese	14
Owlet	Dianne Roberts	17
Lilac Breasted Roller	Mark Janke	14
Collared Aracari	Mark Janke	14

We had one image get accepted into the Glennie Nature Slideshow, Deanna's Razorbills. This means that while this image didn't win an award, it did score in the top third of images.

Overall the competition had 833 images from 85 clubs and 612 different photographers. The competition was indeed international with entries from 7 foreign countries. In the end we scored a total of 146 points and ended up in 75th place. The winning club scored a total of 212 points and to crack the top 10 a club would have had to score a total of better than 190 points. I encourage all of you to keep your eyes open for nature images and to take a look at the salon slideshow and see the images that scored well. Let's start planning now for next year.

All of the results can be seen at <http://www.mvcameraclub.org/Glennie/glennie-2014-results.htm> including the slideshows of all the best images.

2013-2014 JOINT COMPETITION RESULTS

Black & White Salon

Name	Club	Title	Score	Award
Cheryl Philopena	SECCC	Spilled Spools	26	1 st
Cheryl Philopena	SECCC	Bushkill Falls	24	2 nd
Drea Koval	SECCC	Curving Stair - Yale	24	2 nd
Linda Waters	SECCC	The Doorway	24	2 nd
Dianne Roberts	Coastal	Gerbera Daisy	23	3 rd

Color Salon

Name	Club	Title	Score	Award
John Paton	Coastal	On Alert	26	1 st
Alison Maltese	Coastal	Mallards	26	1 st
Ruth Saville	SECCC	Mother and Baby	26	1 st
Janet Donch	SECCC	Afterglow	26	1 st
Janet Donch	SECCC	The Mill	25	2 nd
Drea Koval	SECCC	Pink Dogwood	25	2 nd
Janet Donch	SECCC	Stonington Point	24	3 rd

Color Projected

Name	Club	Title	Score	Award
Dave Rathburn	Coastal	Hunting	27	1 st
Maryann Flick	Coastal	Blue Dasher Dragonfly	27	1 st
Mark Janke	Coastal	Collard Aracari	25	2 nd
Dianne Roberts	Coastal	Orchid	25	2 nd
Mark Janke	Coastal	Firey-Throated Hummingbird	24	3 rd
Robin Buckley	Coastal	Ambergris Caye	24	3 rd
Dianne Roberts	Coastal	Chloe & Zeta	24	3 rd

Black & White Projected

Name	Club	Title	Score	Award
Drea Koval	SECCC	Reflection	28	1st
Drea Koval	SECCC	Sleepy Hollow Mausoleum Infrared	23	2nd
Allison Maltese	Coastal	Lily Pads	23	2nd
Cheryl Philopena	SECCC	Sterling Opera House	23	2nd
Cheryl Philopena	SECCC	Rose	22	3rd
Sally Perreten	Coastal	Jag	22	3rd

Artistic Projected

Name	Club	Title	Score	Award
Drea Koval	SECCC	Boathouse Pond	24	1st
Sally Perreten	Coastal	Inside Out	24	1st
Mark Janke	Coastal	Le Derriere de Dahlia	22	2nd
Maryann Flick	Coastal	CD of Love Songs	22	2nd
Maryann Flick	Coastal	Spiraling Out of Control	21	3rd
Sally Perreten	Coastal	Grand Central	21	3rd

When all was said and done, the Coastal Camera Club had 16 participants compared to only 6 for the SECCC. We had 4 first place images compared to their 5, 5 second place images to their 6 and 7 third place images to their 3. Congratulations to all the participants.

GLADEVIEW HEALTHCARE CENTER EXHIBIT

Gladeview Healthcare Center Exhibit

May 7, 2014 - June 28, 2014

Receiving Photos: **Saturday, May 3, 2014**
Reception: **Wednesday, May 7, 2014**
Pick-up Photos: **Saturday, June 28, 2014**

- Five (5) photos allowed per entrant, with only two (2) in the general category.
- CCC exhibit rules and entry tags are on the website for downloading.
- Pictures must be ready to hang, in frames with glass – wires only (no loops or hooks) Without wires, they cannot be hung!!
- Please, no damaged glass or frames.
- No photos accepted after 2:00pm, without prior arrangement with Mark Janke.
- **Entry tags must be taped to front and back of photos.**
- Please do not pick up photos prior to June 28, 2013. This date could also be extended until later in the summer. (If you're not going to be available on that date, make arrangements with Mark Janke to have your images picked up).

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Please Note: Neither the Gladeview Health Care Center, Mark Janke, the Coastal Camera Club, nor its agents assume responsibility for loss or damage to any image during the handling, judging or duration of this exhibit.
