



Dunsmuir Botanical Gardens

Photo Contest Judging Sheet

CRITERIA

Relevance to Category: Is the photo an obvious illustration of the category? Is the category choice appropriate for the image's artistic treatment? How well does the photo fit the criteria for the category?

Composition: Are the subjects arranged in a meaningful, pleasing manner or are they haphazard? Did the photographer use the best angle or otherwise interesting perspective? Does the photograph tell a story? Are there distracting elements?

Photographic Quality: Is the subject something unusual or is the content of the photo presented in a way we haven't seen before? Is there a clear center of interest? Do the elements in the image compete with the subject for attention? Does the photographer show some creative thought or original idea in the making of this image?

Technical Quality: Is the photo in focus? Is the lighting and color in balance? Is depth of field considered/used? Does the color appear natural and /or does it help set the mood of the image? Is the shutter speed varied or adjusted to be appropriate for the photo?

General Appeal: Do I like the photograph? What is the "wow" factor? Are there any special effects or extras? Is the photo interesting, fresh, unusual, intriguing, educational, inspiring, persuasive?

Rating Scale: Based on these criteria each judge is free to give a total score from 1-5 (Best) in each of the criteria. Fractions are acceptable (i.e. 1.25, 1.5, 1.75). Judges will then award the winners in each category based on the highest number of points scored. In case of a tie the judges will confer and select the first, second and third place in each category for each division. The photo with the highest point total will be awarded **Best of Show**.