

# COMPETITIONS - Judging and Scoring

## Judging

Voting ballots are provided for members that are present at the meeting but there is no obligation to participate. To cast your vote, select up to three images per category (in no particular order) that you deem to be the best using the following points as a guideline:

### *Theme*

- Other than "Open", do the images fit the theme?
- Can latitude be given for "thinking outside the box"?

### *Technical Skill*

- Does the photographer demonstrate control over the technical aspects of the camera?
- Has the photographer used special techniques which add to the creativity of the image?

### *Composition*

- Has the photographer created a satisfying balance of lines, shapes, colours, lightness and darkness by the arrangement and juxtaposition of visual elements within the image?

### *Visual Impact*

- Other than "Open", do the images fit the theme?
- Is it a superior image that makes a statement?
- Is there a strong mood or feeling?
- Does the image provoke thought?
- Is there a strong sense of purpose?
- Is there a story or message?
- Does it capture your attention and hold it?
- Has the photographer created an image to which your response is "WOW!"?

## Scoring

The image with the most votes in each category is deemed the winner, with second and third place awarded to the next two highest scores. In the event of a tie, each image receives a ribbon. Points for Monthly Competitions are determined by image placement:

First	10 points
Second	9 points
Third	8 points
Fourth	7 points
Fifth	6 points
Sixth	5 points
Seventh	4 points
Eighth	3 points
Ninth	2 points
Tenth	1 point

These points are accumulated throughout the year and used to determine the winners for "Best Overall in a Monthly Category".