

Gladstone Camera Club

2019 Competition - February

Judge's Comments

Open: Colour or Mono

Name	Comments
Shiato Waterfall Scape	A very pleasant shot of the waterfall. You have a beautiful sky in your shot with a most acceptable blue. The whites need to be a little darker to show a little more detail. Your reflections in the water are well done. You have chosen most suitable lighting for your shot. I like the composition with the framing by the trees. HC
Mt Fuji	You have chosen a difficult shot with all the bright area on the water but you have handled that area very well. I don't have a problem with the reflections. You have done well to capture the sea craft to form a border and there is so much detail in those craft. The jetty coming in from the side MERIT
Expressions	You have shot the scene well. It is a very well exposed shot and you have certainly made the silos stand out well. I like the good exposure on the sky. HC
New life	It's a good shot as you have the tree stump and the track leading you into the forest. The track is a good S curve. The stump stands out well and it has beautiful. You have probably heard people talk about distractions and some would say that the light parts on the track are a distraction. However, I do not feel that. I do feel though that the shot would be improved if you had darkened those bright areas down just a little and that area of high contrast would disappear. I just wonder what your shot would be like if you had cropped a lot of the track out and just made the stump as the main subject. MERIT
Breakfast	It is good that you saw the reflection of that bird and included it in the shot. Your composition is fine. I feel that you may need to lighten the print just a little and this would perhaps just allow to show a little more detail in the black feathers. HC
Orion Summer Gazing	I have never been a star gazer and don't know much about the stars. constellations and so on. You have done a good job in getting your exposure spot on producing an interesting shot. MERIT
Breakfast au Naturel	Interesting to see the lizard coming in and you have included only

	<p>half the animal. That is no problem at all. I just feel that maybe you could lighten the lizard just a little to get just that little bit more detail in the darker areas. Good to see that you have seen the shot. Well done.</p> <p>MERIT</p>
First sunrise	<p>You have positioned the boat in your shot very well. You have much lessened the brightness of the sun significantly. I love the way you have captured the rays of the sun against that beautiful sky. Don't listen to anyone who tells you to crop the shot. The space you have seen is needed.</p> <p>HONOUR</p>
If walls could talk	<p>A beautiful shot. It's a fantastic title. The light on the building has been beautifully seen. Your vignette is extremely well done. Unfortunately, some people tend to believe it should be done evenly. Your shot shows that is not right. You have beautiful fading of the vignette.</p> <p>HONOUR</p>
In the streets	<p>This is a very well done mono shot. Great exposure from the light areas (tiles on the right) right to the dark areas near the seats. Taking shots like this shows the need to be able to see. You have demonstrated this ability.</p> <p>HONOUR</p>
Penong slopes	<p>Another beautifully done shot. The cropping is good to show the pano look. Very well done.</p> <p>MERIT</p>

Celebration: Colour or Mono

Balloons for all occasions	<p>A good title and well shot. These balloons show's all the different people enjoying all their different celebrations. Maybe just darken down the left hand bottom side of the print to concentrate the attention on the people and the balloons.</p> <p>MERIT</p>
Christmas tree	<p>Your tree represents celebration. I feel your shot needs to be darkened a fair bit. If you make a global darkening, it will basically not make much change to anything except the tree. You need to take a shot like this in manual rather than in an automatic setting. In automatic, your reading of the shot will be based on the tree and the dark areas. In manual, you will be able to get a reading just on the tree and it will be exposed well.</p> <p>HC</p>
Fireworks	<p>These shots are always hard to take but you have done well. You have shown the city well. Maybe if you just changed the levels a little and darkened the whole shot, it would look better</p> <p>HC.</p>
Christmas among the	<p>A well exposed shot and you have done well with the colours. Good</p>

toys	work HC
I miss you	I love portrait shots like this where you have captured so much enjoyment. It's a good shot. I would spend a little time and remove that blue highlight as it does not really add to the shot. MERIT
In the end the winner is	Wonderful shot to show how much these kids are getting fr0om playing the wonderful game. Congratulations to Simmons for sponsoring the team. You have composed it well to capture the important elements HONOUR