

Category Descriptions

Portrait

A human subject must be the primary focus. Please do not enter pets in the portrait category as this category is intended for human subjects.

Environmental portraits as well as studio type portraits are both acceptable in this category. In many cases a studio portrait may do better than an environmental portrait but not always.

Open

Any and all subjects may be entered in the open category.

Nature

The image should not include the cultural influence of people (hand of man). Products of technology, domestic animals and horticultural varieties of plants are not to be entered in the category. Nature subjects are to be portrayed in their natural habitat which may include such things as gulls on pilings, a baby robin in a lawn or a barn swallow nest in a building overhang. Tagged or banded animals found in the wild are acceptable. Zoo photography is permissible as long as long as domestic animals are not depicted and no hand of man is shown. Digital enhancement and manipulation must not be obvious.

Creative

The creative category is for manipulated and enhanced images and those where the maker's creativity comes into view in the final image. These entries may depict the maker's interpretation of any subject or style. Although there is not any exclusion from this category, images entered should be unique and different, perhaps out of the ordinary. Digital imaging techniques such as the use of filters, plugins and actions may be ideal for this category as well as other techniques achieved using digital imaging methods.

Special Awards for SWMCCC Competition

SWMCCC Oscar

In any of the above four categories, any participant receiving four Honors will receive a SWMCCC Oscar. (All four Honors must be from a single club)

1st Place Plaque

A 1st Place plaque will be awarded in each category.