

# Wehr Nature Center Camera Club Competitions

Rules for Club Year Sept 2009 – July 2010

The Wehr Nature Center Camera Club will have 2 competitions this year. We will have competitions in September and January. Our Annual Awards Banquet is held in February. At the end of this club year, we will again revisit this and decide if we want to go back to 3 competitions per year.

Slide Competition is divided into 2 Divisions: Open and Nature.

Print Competition is divided into 2 Divisions: Color and Black & White

Digital Competition is divided into 2 Divisions: Open and Nature. Digital images must be submitted the meeting BEFORE competition is to be held so that they can be arranged for the judging.

All members will compete in the same class. If, at some time in the future, we have more members competing, then we may decide to divide the members into multiple classes, depending upon their experience and skill level. But for now, all members will compete in a single class.

## DIVISIONS

1. Nature Slides: Wildflowers, birds, animals, insects, landscapes, etc. Any evidence of the 'hand of man' in any Nature slide (roads, domestic animals, cultivated flowers, buildings, people, etc.) will disqualify the slide. Bands and tags on birds and animals are acceptable. Fences, birdhouses, feeders, and saw-cut logs are acceptable if they are not prominently in the image.
2. Nature Digital: Wildflowers, birds, animals, insects, landscapes, etc. Any evidence of the 'hand of man' in any Nature slide (roads, domestic animals, cultivated flowers, buildings, people, etc.) will disqualify the slide. Bands and tags on birds and animals are acceptable. Fences, birdhouses, feeders, and saw-cut logs are acceptable if they are not prominently in the image. \*\*
3. Open Slides: No restrictions for this division
4. Open Digital: No restrictions for this division \*\*
5. Color Prints: No restrictions for subject matter for this division. Prints may be any size up to 16" x 20". All prints must be mounted. They may also be matted, but total size may not exceed 16" x 20". No framed prints will be judged.
6. Black & White Prints: No restrictions for subject matter for this division. Prints may be any size up to 16" x 20". All prints must be mounted. They may also be matted, but total size may not exceed 16" x 20". No framed prints will be judged.

**\*\* IMPORTANT NOTE FOR DIGITAL IMAGES: Image should be a maximum of 1024 x 768 pixels or 7.5" x 10" @ 100dpi, JPEG format, with max file size of 1.4mb.**

All images must be marked with the makers name, class, and image title. "Thumbspots" must be placed on slide mounts (lower left corner as you view the slide over a light). An "up" arrow must be placed the back of all prints.

Each member may enter up to 4 images in each of our 6 divisions for a total of 24 images per competition. Members may NOT enter the same image in multiple divisions during the same competition. Once an image has won an award in our club competitions, it may NOT be entered again in any future club competitions. But it may be entered in other competitions like WACCO, PSA, or competitions held by other clubs.

If a member wins an award in one division, he or she may NOT win another award in that division for that competition.

## **JUDGES AND JUDGING**

There will be 3 judges for each division. Each judge will enter a score between 0 and 5, 0 being a disqualifying mark due to category and 5 being the best. The 3 judges' scores will be added together, giving each image a score of between 0 and 15.

Jyoti Sengupta and Geri Laehn will get 1 or 2 external judges for each competition. We will then add 1 or 2 of our club members so that we will have the 3 judges we need for each competition.

We ask that all members in attendance be courteous to the judges and those around you during the judging. NO AUDIBLE expressions will be tolerated during the competition.

## **AWARDS**

For each competition, there will be ribbons and points awarded. There will be a First, Second, and Third place award for each class and division. The points for each of these awards is as follows:

First Place	15 points
Second Place	10 points
Third Place	5 points

There will be no "Best of Show" award for our competitions.

These points will be added up at the end of the competition year for the photographer of the year in each division. The awards given are:

Slides Photographer of the Year  
Prints Photographer of the Year  
Digital Photographer of the Year

Since we no longer have divided the members into classes, there will be no promotion to higher classes. When our membership and competition participation warrant it, we will review member points over the previous several years and assign classes based upon past results.