

# HOW TO ENTER A WOODSTOCK CAMERA CLUB CONTEST

**There are 3 Woodstock Camera Club contests throughout the year. If you enter all 3 contests you have a chance to win ‘Photography of the Year’ and/or ‘Image of the Year’**

1. There is a category for each contest. Posters will be emailed out to all members announcing the subject and guidelines. The posters can also be found on the web site (<http://www.woodstockcameraclub.com/blog/>) You must follow the categories or the judges will disqualify your image. Read guidelines on the posters carefully.
2. An image that has been submitted in a WCC contest and judged before can not be submitted in a WCC contest again.
3. NO ADDED: matting, digital borders or a frame on contest images.
4. Pick one of your images that qualify for the contest and have it printed. ONE ENTRY ONLY PER PERSON PER CONTEST.
5. **Image size: Maximum size 8.5” x 12”.** You can not go over this measurement, but you can go under. This allows club members to crop their image. Images under 7” x 10” are not recommend. It is too hard for the judges to see the details.

The PRINT must be centered on a **white foam core 12” x 16”**. (Sold at the camera club - \$2.50 each)

6. Attach your image using double sided tape on the back of image. You can also get small stickers to do the job. Make sure the image is securely attached to the foam core. The tape should not be visible when viewing image.
7. The Judges work with the mounted prints. The print can be created from a NEGATIVE, SLIDE OR DIGITAL IMAGE.
8. If a colour is not stated in the guidelines you may print your image any colour you wish. Example: original colour, black & white or sepia.
9. **Entry forms** will be handed out at the club meetings a week before contest. If you do not receive one contact the Judge Chair. On the entry form write your name and the caption of your image . Attach it to the back of the white foam core with one small piece of tape at the top of the card. This allows the Judge Chair to remove them easily. The names of the photographers are NOT shown to the judges so the cards must be removed.  
**WHAT IS A CAPTION** A caption is a title that brings your image alive or describes your image.

## 10. HOW TO SUBMIT A DIGITAL FILE:

There are two ways you can submit your image for the slide show.

Burn your image on a CD and include it with the entry or e-mail your picture to the club.

**Format: JPG Maximum Width - 1024 pixels Maximum Height - 768 pixels Resolution - 72 dpi**

Instructions can be found on the web site: [Digital Submission Guidelines](#). If you have any difficulty with this or have any questions, please contact Bill Hall by phone at 519-536-9182 or by email [bill@tomlyn.ca](mailto:bill@tomlyn.ca)

Remember that the Print is Judged, the digital submission is only for “Results Night”.

11. **Note the Deadlines.** The Contest Chair will be available on deadline night ready to receive take your submission for judging. All your property will be returned on Result Night. **NO LATE ENTRIES**  
You can submit your image early if you will be unavailable for the deadline meeting. Contact Contest Chair.

12. Place the white foam core with your image, entry form plus CD (if Used) into a **CLEAN PROTECTIVE BAG**. (sold at the camera club \$2.00 each. And are re-usable) Put a label with your name in the right hand corner of the bag so it can be returned to you along with your image & CD.  
**DO NOT SEAL THE BAG**, leave the sticky tape on the top. If the tape is removed the tape may stick to your image.

13. **RESULT NIGHTS - The images have been judged and returned to the club.**  
On Result Night the printed images will be displayed on easels for club members to view.  
There will also be a slide show of the contest images.

14. **CLUB MEMBER'S CHOICE VOTE** - On Result Night the club member's will vote for their favourite image.  
The winners will be announced at the Gala (Awards Night) at the end of June.

15. **SLIDE SHOW AND CRITIQUES** - On Result Night the images will be projected on the screen.  
The Judge Chair and a club member will read the critiques for each image.  
Scores in excess of 21 will have the photographer's name read and a ribbon handed out.  
SCORES: Score 22 - 23 Yellow Ribbon; Score 24 - 25 White Ribbon; Score 26-27 Blue Ribbon; Score 28 - 30 Red Ribbon.  
If you are lower than 22 your name will not be announced, but your critiques will be read.  
Having your contest image scored will help you grow in your photography skills.  
Our Contests are a learning experience not a competition.

#### 16. 'IMAGE OF THE YEAR'

In every contest there are 3 winners: 1st, 2nd, 3rd which gives us 9 images for 3 contests at the end of the year.  
These winners will receive a certificate. These top 9 images will be judged again by new judges and the winner will earn the title of 'Image of the Year' - 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Winners will be announced at the Gala (Awards Night) in June.

#### 17. 'PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR'

On each entry card you will see your score. Your scores from the 3 contest are added up at the end of the year and the member with the highest score will be the 'GOLD Photographer of the Year'. There will also be SILVER and BRONZE. (A consistent high score could win without winning a first in any contest.)  
Winners will be announced at the Gala (Awards Night) in June.

18. Please take your image, clean bag and CD home on Result Night unless **you have placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd and then we request you leave your image to be judged again for the Gala.**

#### 19. GALA (AWARDS NIGHT)

An evening you do not want to miss! Awards and certificates will be handed out to the Photographer of the Year and the Image's of the Year, plus Club Member's Choice. There will be an slideshows, exhibit, refreshments, and door prizes. A fun night to end the season!

#### 20. G A L A EXHIBIT

Club members are invited to submit an image for display at the Gala. Posters will be emailed out with the subject and guidelines.  
The guest and members will vote for their favourite photo.

*How is your digital file handled to protect the photographer's image?*

*The Woodstock Camera Club slide show containing your image will be used only for the WCC Result Night and the Year End. The CDs will be destroyed at the end of June and any contest images will be deleted from any club member's computer. Member's images will not be used for any other outside slide show or any other purpose without the permission of the photographer.*