

PADRE TRAILS CAMERA CLUB  
Group A

*Pictorial Competition #3 "Portrait"*  
*March 31, 2013*

1. African Woman

A very well done portrait, I love how the hand helps tell a story. What is she looking at? What is she thinking? I like the color saturation, great composition.

2. Ashley

I like the look of the vignette, and how the color is slightly de-saturated which adds to the look of an old fashion portrait. I do find the highlight in the upper right distracting.

3. Baby Giraffe Portrait

A very nice animal portrait, nice detail throughout the baby giraffe, I like how it is cropped. Lighting is great, nice catch light in the eye and it is very sharp.

4. Best Friends

I really like the story that this portrait is telling. It has very good color saturation and the out of focus background (your Bokeh) color is very nice. I would like to see his entire hand however.

5. Elk - Koi Reflections

A very sharp well exposed portrait. I like the idea of the reflections on the sunglasses.

6. Erin

Nicely done studio portrait. I like how the girl is lit, the colors are soft and pleasing. This picture reminds me of an old fashioned photo, a perfect example of Rembrandt lighting. Well done.

7. Hi Key Kari

A very nice black and white portrait, I like the vignette effect and the emotion that this picture shows. However, the back of the right shoulder looks a little washed out.

8. Italian Pride

I like the color saturation, a great candid portrait. The only thing that bothers me is the hair going across the face, but still I like it.

9. Jack

A great outdoor portrait, it is very sharp with good saturation. It is very hard to shoot water photos with a fill flash or did you use a reflector. I might crop a little more on the right so he is a little more off center.

10. John

I like the picture that is a frame within the frame, nice affect. The photo has very good lighting and color saturation, while being taken inside what looks like an airplane.

11. Lighthouse Dan

This portrait tells a great story. I like how the light keeper is posed to the side of the lighthouse. I might have cropped it at the fence as his blue pants pulls your eyes down, but well done.

12. Male Elephant Seal Portrait

A well-done animal portrait, it very sharp and well exposed with no loss of detail throughout the picture. I like how it is cropped. He is a bit ugly don't you think?

13. Maria

A very nicely done studio portrait, I like how the hair has excellent texture and the skin is soft with sharp eyes. Very nice.

14. Mr. Ed

Another great animal portrait- looks like Mr. Ed is eating and still wants to talk. Everything that needs to be in focus is, it is nicely cropped.

15.Nicole and Nelson

A very nice outdoor portrait, it looks like it was taken on a cloudy day, which makes for great outdoor portraits. I like how it is cropped and the contrast between the girl and the horse.

16.Robin

This portrait looks like it was sepia toned and I like the look, but the girls face and eyes are out of focus and too dark.

17.Sara by Phone Light

A very well done portrait that tells a story, the lighting is very well done. I like how the light from the phone lights up the face and the back lighting is well done. A great black and white picture.

18.Kitty Blue-eyes

A very sharp image of a cat that is nicely composed, I love the blue eyes. Desaturating all but the eyes is very clever. It is hard to get dogs and cats to cooperate, nicely done.

19.The Biker

Heeeyy lets go for a ride. I really like the composition and lighting. With this big macho dude looking at me, I would like his face not quite so soft.

20.The Candyman Can

This is a great candid portrait. I really like the color saturation- it makes the photo pop out. I like how it is tightly cropped. Your background has a beautiful Bokeh. Great depth of field.

21.The Gaze

I like the lighting and the pose, but the face and eyes appear to be slightly out of focus.

22.The Girl with the Strange Eyes

I like the color of the background with the girl's red hair. Your exposure is very good which was hard to get right with a very wide range in the exposure between the light skin and dark dress. And yes the eyes are a bit strange. She kind of gives me the creeps.

### 23. The Lightkeeper

This is a very well done outdoor black and white portrait. It tells a great story with his reflection in the window. The focus is very sharp, and the photo is nicely cropped.

### 24. Virginia 2

A nicely lit outdoor portrait, I like how you have cropped her head to the right. The eyes are sharp, but the skin is still sharp, nicely done.

HM #2 Ashley

HM #4 Best Friends

HM #14 Mr. Ed

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