

PTCC – Nature 1 Nov. 16, 2016

GROUP AA

15 IMAGES FROM 5 MEMBERS

01 - Aphid Giving Birth - Aphidoidea

Interesting picture and the title is really needed due to focus issues. Corners and exposure are fine.

Things that could be improved: Focus is a real problem. Some of the legs near the bottom are in focus but the rest of the picture is mostly out of focus. This picture might almost be better entered as a creative than a nature photo.

02 - Bark mushrooms Mill Creek Preserve-

Good image. Critical areas are in focus, lighting is good, corners are pretty good. I like the flow of motion from the lower left to upper right.

Things that could be improved: Add Scientific Name. Good out of focus for background, but maybe also try it with a very high depth of field to get more of the mushrooms in focus even if that means that the background is less out of focus.

03 - Brown Pelican in Flight

Good dynamic image. Pelican is well paced for forward motion. Corners, focus, exposure, sharpness all good. Eye can be seen.

Things that could be improved: I would have liked to see more of the reflection of the pelican in the water below. Also add Scientific Name.

04 - carmel tree line

Good scenic country photo. Shows typical landscape. Corners are good.

Things that could be improved: What is the story in this picture? What is the purpose of the tree line? What are the herringbone things on the hillside? Contrast could be higher. Exposure seems a bit weak.

05 - Fertile Land in Salinas Valley

Beautiful scene. Great clouds. Good exposure, corners, sharpness, etc. Good title.

Things that could be improved: Maybe show more water and how fecund the crops are?

06 - Succulent in Rain

Beautiful fun picture! Sharpness, illumination, etc. all good.

Things that could be improved: Add Scientific name. Darken upper left and lower left corners. Either center it perfectly (it is a bit low and to the left of center) or make it way off center.

07 - Otter Portrait

Interesting picture. Good portrait. Eye illuminated. Picture sharp, good corners, edges, background, etc.

Things that could be improved: What is the story? Why is the lower right so dark? Add Scientific name.

08 - *Pelecanus occidentalis* - Brown Pelican landing at Moss Landing

Great picture! Critical areas well illuminated and sharp. Dynamic action shot at just the right time. Positioning on the frame is good. Aspect ratio of a square is a good choice.

Things that could be improved: There is a wing going off frame in the lower left. You probably can't fix that but it would have been nice to not have it breaking the frame.

09 - **Pelecanus occidentalis 'Outta my Way'.**

In general you want to avoid a cute title, but in this case...

Great sharpness, excellent timing, good cropping, great colors. Corners good. Exposure good. Excellent!

Things that could be improved: No suggestions

10 - **Sea Otter - Enhydra lutris**

Well composed, sharp, fun footprints, but why is the otter sitting there?

Things that could be improved: What is the story?

11 - **Skipper butterflies hanging from ceiling**

Lovely! A beautiful closeup of these butterflies. Sharp, in focus, great color and detail.

Things that could be improved: A background that adds to the story. Better view of the eye region. Something explaining what they are doing there. Scientific Name

12 - **Spotted Buckeye -junonia coenia-**

Beautiful shot of a wing. Lots of detail.

Things that could be improved: Why is the Spotted Buckeye there? And it would be nice to have more light on the creature and less in the background.

13 - **Stormy Sunset near Pt. Pinos**

Great shot. Beautiful crepuscular rays coming down from the clouds, great waves, good rocks, lovely picture.

Things that could be improved: Maybe a bit more detail visible on the rocks, but this picture is good the way it is.

14 - **Tiger Moth**

Excellent! Plenty of detail, good illumination, good background.

Things that could be improved: Add Scientific Name and a bit on what it is doing on the branch.

15 - **White Pelicans**

Lovely picture. Eyes on all there are visible, Detail in the feathers is good, even in the brightest regions.

Things that could be improved: Add Scientific Name. And more of a clue as to why they are resting together. Is one on watch?

Winning Images:

SECOND PLACE

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FIRST PLACE

Pelecanus occidentalis 'Outta my Way'.