

PTCC-2017 — PICTORIAL #2 - CIRCLES GROUP A

59 images from 22 members

01 - A Pressing Sight.jpg

There are some nice things happening with this photo. The composition is nicely balanced. Repetitive circular patterns, color, reflections, interior details, dark and light color contrasts add to the appeal.

02 - Archic Circle.jpg

The eye immediately is drawn to the circular interior of the rocks and sky. The color contrast is what defines the shape. I feel people in the shot distracts from the beauty and simplicity of the natural circle.

03 - Art Glass in Winter Sun.jpg

The use of the colored shadows with the sun's assistance is interesting. The multi colored pattern of the glass and shadow is beautiful. But my eyes are not drawn to the circles first. They are drawn to the shadow first.

04 - barbed wire and tire.jpg

The use of a fisheye lens brings the circular barbed wire to the forefront. I really like the rusty textures of the subjects. I would probably bring the exposure up just a little more to brighten the whites and highlights. Play around with contrasting the light and shadows to add more drama. Very nice.

05 - binding circles.jpg

Good use of color and patterns. I like that there are a variations of number of dots. It makes the photo more interesting.

06 - Buttons.jpg

The use of the buttons to create circular patterns is charming. There is a posterized type filter which gives the photo a comic book type effect. Not everyone in the photography world likes the poster feel because is it a newer technique. However I encourage you to continue to explore trying out new tools and different effects.

07 - Calandrinia on black.jpg

The black background highlights the subject (flower) using color contrast. This allows your eye to focus on the subject. The colors and flower details are beautiful. Nice job.

08 - Cart Wheels.jpg

The repetition of the wheel barrows highlighting the circular wheels are terrific. The photo also has great texture. Maybe try a black and white version for drama.

09 - Christmas Tree.jpg

Bokeh colored lights. My eye enjoyed finding all the different colors. The blur effect allows your mind to see the shape of the tree at second glance.

10 - Circle Reflection.jpg

Light painting is a really fun technique. The reflection helps ground the sphere. Contrasts between dark and light is dramatic. Very nice.

11 - Circles and More Circles.jpg

There is contrast between the black and white circular patterns and the colored M&M's. You used the rule of thirds nicely. There is a sense of busyness.

12 - Circles In the Mud.jpg

The monochromatic colors are wonderful. You can see movement as the mud bubble is bursting. There is texture and plenty of circles. I wish there were more awards.

13 - Color in Motion.jpg

Good use of patterns. The additional color swirls adds to the circular theme. Overall I see swirls more than circles.

14 - Colorful Marbles.jpg

The varying sizes of the marbles makes the photo more interesting and was a good choice. The viewer can see the highlights of the light within. Saturating the color of the marbles just a little bit more would make those colors jump out at the viewer.

15 - Community Church's Labyrinth.jpg

Very interesting use of pattern. I like that the person's shadow break the pattern as a little surprise. The aerial shot is a nice perspective. Shot is within the theme. Very nice.

16 - Donuts.jpg

Good use of shooting a subject that is pleasant and everyone likes. Who doesn't like doughnuts! I like the posterized filter effect giving them a surreal feel. Great use of patterns and color.

17 - Floating in the Round.jpg

Very surreal feeling. The circular shape really stands out. Light refraction draws your eye to the subject. There are different levels of worlds as your eye is drawn deeper and deeper into the sphere.

18 - floating.jpg

There are circles everywhere. Circles within circles. In different sizes and multiples of them. The depth that was created by blurring the background was a good choice. It created dimension. Repeated patterns using the theme makes this photo a winner.

19 - forest circles.jpg

The use of black and white helps make the circular drops stand out. There is light shimmering between the circles. The light fades to dark across the picture. Very pleasant to look at.

20 - Fountain Abstract.jpg

The theme of "Circles" is not really present. Keep the theme in mind when shooting.

21 - Frozen Bubble.jpg

Great use of different textures and colors. Especially the frozen patterns. The contrast between the background and the subject makes the bubble stand out. The reflection of the bubble layer is an added dimension. Very nice..

22 - Garrapata Sea Cave.jpg

Gorgeous use of colors. Your eye is drawn to the sunset on the other side which causes depth. The light and shadows are emphasized. Great detail is present. Very nice.

23 - Good Morning!.jpg

Whimsical as the plate and fruit makes a face. It made me smile. The competition is stiff. The photo is a little simplistic. But again it made me smile.

24 - Have A Seat.jpg

Good use of shadow and light contrasts. Circular shapes are present. I like that it is in black and white.

25 - high wire circles .jpg

Nice ombre effect for the sunset. The circular shaped shadows stand out. The photo has a delicate appeal.

26 - Holiday ornament circles.JPG

Wonderful use of colors and blurred softness. Bringing the exposure up just a little might help brighten the whites. Play with the composition by taking multiple shots at different angles to see if you can find one that is interesting.

27 - Hub Cap Heaven.jpg

Good use of patterns and textures. I like the verticle lines. I think the different patterns makes the picture more special. Good job

28 - Ice Bubbles.jpg

This photo has depth, patterns, light and dark contrasts. I can see the movement frozen in time. The theme is present throughout. Very interesting.

29 - In the Headlight.jpg

*Your eye is drawn to the center of the circles within the headlight.
The colors surround and frame using the theme. Very nice.*

30 - Maddie makes bubbles.jpeg

Adorable shot. The focus is on the child as we are naturally drawn into her face. The bubbles are secondary.

31 - Night Light .jpg

Nice use of colors. The lighter white middle draws your eye. The framing treatment in monotone colors. Maybe a circular frame in lieu of oval would have brought out the theme a little more.

32 - Overhead Light.jpg

Your eye is naturally drawn to the light. Good use of the rule of thirds. I like the color gamma and subject simplicity. I wish there were more awards.

33 - Packard Twelve.jpg

*Enjoyed the framing of the subject in this composition.
The blues and reds compliment each other. The contest theme is apparent.*

34 - Petroglyphs.jpg

Beautiful scenery. Circles are there however you have to really look for them. This is a good thing because it draws your eyes into the picture in search of the surprises within the hieroglyphs.

35 - Portal to Big Sur.jpg

The photo has gorgeous depth. Your eye looks right toward the horizon line. Using the wood circle frames the shot.

36 - Raindrop circles - redbud blossom.JPG

*It would have been nice to crop the picture to get even closer to emphasize the drops.
Beautiful colors and blurred background.*

37 - Red Bicycle Wheel .jpg

The red and white colors are striking in the snow. This allows contrast. Nice use of the rule of thirds.

38 - Red.jpg

Wonderful depth and use of color. We can see the texture in the sphere and the red shadow highlights the subject. The use of blur gives the subject dimension. Nice job.

39 - RESTING BIKE.jpg

Lovely shot and nice colors. There are many items in the composition that take away from the contest subject of circles.

Your eye gets distracted. Simplify the composition.

40 - Round And Round.jpg

The first thing my eye saw was the cactus. The subject of circles in the contest was secondary.

41 - RUSTY PIPES.jpg

Great use of patterns and monochromatic color. Lots of textures. Circles abound.

42 - Sandstone Circles.jpeg

Nice shot. The shape was somewhat circular. A matter of interpretation.

43 - Sewer.jpg

Lovely texture and nice use of thirds. Wonderful detail.

44 - Shimano Cassette and Spokes .jpg

The lines of the spokes support the subject by bringing your eye right into the middle which highlights the circle. Very nice.

45 - shore circles.jpg

Great job of using simplicity to highlight your circles. The foam bubbles add more circles to the theme. Lovely.

46 - SIERRA ICE CIRCLES.jpg

Odd and interesting to find these perfect circles in the snow. Beautiful scenery.

47 - Spatula Fun .jpg

Interesting and fun. The photo looks like a compilation.

48 - Straight 6 Cylinder.jpg

Wonderful texture on an old piece of equipment. The contest theme is clearly present.

49 - Sun Watch Circles.jpg

Very three dimensional. The black background highlights the subject nicely.

50 - Sunny Side Up.jpg

Really like the color combination of turquoise and yellow. There is a softness and soft texture. The yoke is nicely highlighted

51 - Three In the Dark.jpg

Very nice detail. The black background highlights the subjects.

52 - Time Machine.jpg

Wonderful details and color. You can actually read the engraving. The gears represent the circles contest theme nicely. I can see great technical skills in the work.

53 - Tree Trunk Circular Rings.jpg

Lovely interpretation of circles in nature or circles of life. Maybe playing with the colors a little bit more. Even trying a black and white version. Tree rings look saturated.

54 - Tubas.jpeg

Nice use of patterns. The eye is drawn towards the shine of the instruments which is circular. Maybe playing the with exposure a little to add some drama. The composition is nice.

55 - Ventilator Ball atop Pt Pinos Lighthouse.jpg

Great textures and varying colors. Maybe adding a vignette would highlight the subject even more.

56 - Wheel circles - antique car.JPG

Wonderful shapes. One more step back when taking the shot would have gotten all of the tire

57 - Wheels and Cogs.jpg

Love the shadows which accents all the circles. I love the randomness of the subject placement and composition. The use of light was terrific.

58 - Wheels Go Round.jpg

*Love the simplicity of the shapes and contrasting colors.
Very nice shot.*

59 - Wheels Ready for Work.jpg

Nice use of repeating patterns. I would have taken one more step to the left just to get more of the circle feel of the wagon wheels.

Winning Images:

1st Place: **Floating**

2nd Place: **Time Machine**

3rd Place: **Ice Bubble**

HM: Wheels and Cogs

HM: Rusty Pipes

HM: Red Bicycle Wheel