

Black & White:



**Fall Is In The Air.jpg**

*Chris Johnson*

A sublime landscape, beautiful scene, fragile and fleeting. I can feel the end of autumn and the approach of winter. Well done.



**Ruth Asawa tied wire sculpture.jpg**

*Jared Ikeda*

Nicely seen with the pairing of the shadow and the sculpture. I often stare at the installation of Asawa pieces at the de Young. I'd just recommend a more cryptic title so as not to give away all the mystery to the viewer.



**Swirl swish.jpg**

*Sylvia Gardner*

A close runner up for me. I really appreciate the energy in this photograph.

Creative:



**Free!.jpg**

*Chris Johnson*

I expected bugs to be released from the jar, but instead it's a flock of birds. Very clever. Also nicely done. The way they fill the sky is also very lovely.

Nature:



**First Light, Lesser Sandhill Cranes ( Grus Canadensis )\_.jpg**

*Jeff Hobbs*

Sublime light and such a fantastic moment captured with these large birds saluting the rising sun. Beautifully seen!



**Juvenile Red Wing Hawk.jpg**

*Jim Lambert*

I appreciate how the feathers on the breast of the hawk resemble the background pattern of light. There's a wonderful visual relationship here.

Photojournalism:



**Windstorm Smothers Sand City California.jpg**

*Bill Brown*

The light in this photograph is beautiful and the whole image feels post apocalyptic. The other images of the storm show the aftermath, but this is taken during the tempest and the ominous sky lends resonance to this scene.

Pictorial:



**Lone Tree.jpg**

I like how the photographer isolated this lone tree on the mountainside of white snow. I'm waiting for the avalanche. I also appreciate the monochromatic colors of winter with the blues and greys, reinforcing the barren hillside and the cold season.



**Monterey Pine`s ( Pinus radiata )Surrounded In Fog, Pebble Beach.jpg**

*Jeff Hobbs*

Beautiful muted light in the dense fog with just the ghosts of trees appearing in the deep forest...this is a wonderfully seen image that brings me back to my years on the coast of Maine. Sublime.



**Reflection.jpg**

*Janet Beatty*

I can't figure out what's happening in this image which is what keeps me looking at it again and again. I see a figure holding up some lace fabric...but she looks like a miniature and not a human. Like a sculpture on a shelf. It's really intriguing and strange. Beautiful light and tone as well.

Travel:



**A Snowy Day in Tromsø, Norway.jpg**

***Chris Johnson***

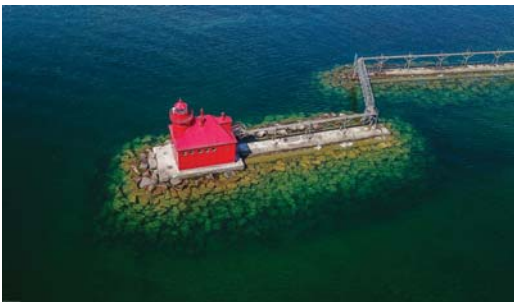
I totally appreciate this image after my years of living in Sweden and traveling by bike in the winter. Thanks for bringing me back 20+ years to those frigid rides!



**Inside the Eiffel Tower, Paris.jpg**

***Brooks Leffler***

This is a nice nod to André Kertész and his photographs from the Eiffel Tower in the late 1920s. Great perspective.



**North Pierhead Lighthouse, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.jpg**

***Bill Shewchuk***

The red and green color contrast here is fantastic and kept me coming back to this image again and again. I'm not sure if it's taken with a drone, but seeing the way the house sits on those piles of rocks through the translucent green water is mesmerizing. Nicely done.