adre Trails Camera Club Pictorial #3 Purple - April 21, 2021 Group Blue Comments Judged by: Nic Stover





01 - African Daisy Close Up.jpg

Chris Johnson

Nice image with sharp focus. I would consider using the spot healing brush in photoshop to remove some of the flecks of pollen and would darken the greenery on the bottom left so it doesn't grab your eye.



02 - All That Glitters.jpg

Chris Johnson

Like the concept but feel like the glitter could have sparkled a little more. I would have played around with different lighting to get more of a sparkle and possibly look at taking up my whites on the tone curve.

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03 - da Vinci's Dodecahedron.jpg

John Avera

Not being familiar with the concept completely I was a little distracted by the dice as they take away from the nice flow in the draped fabric and the rather nice capture of the sphere.



04 - Fashion Of India.jpg

Lillie Grossman

Personal preference on the color of the background, I think it could have been a something that was a bigger difference than his skin tone and jacket. Also would have considered a vignette or other techniques to bring the focus into his face and eyes.



05 - Field of Lupines.jpg

Patricia McKean

I like the depth drop off into the field but would have wanted to see a little more depth of field to help me make the transition and a little more color separation to not have the trees on the back right be as bright as they area. Also felt like the main lupine could have been in sharper focus.



06 - In the Deep Purple Night-3.jpg

Joel Gambord

Good job filling the frame but also leaving space around the flowers. The lines at the bottom are distracting. I would remove those along with the flower on the left that shows a small portion of the petal. By taking your shadows down you can get rid of those issues and also bring the textures out a little more.



07 - In the Deep Purple Night-4.jpg

Joel Gambord

The backgrounds repeating patterns and the way it has the strong lines was very distracting. It also became an issue of distracting textures. IE so different.

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08 - Iris.jpg *Bill Shewchuk*

The image was a little too dark. I would want to be able to see more of the details within the flower by opening the shadows a little more. Nice balance through the image giving the eye an opportunity to move through the image.



09 - Lovers Point Take-Off.jpg

Bill Brown

Great use of a fast shutter. I want to see the board though! Maybe just even part of it? This image could also stand to have some selective darkening to pull you into the surfers and away from the sky and right side of the wave.



10 - Mickey.jpg

Jerry Loomis

Nice concept! Symmetry is always a nice thing to have. Would like to see more of the reflection and some more depth of field where the lights behind are in focus. That being said it looks like a smart phone, so we have our limitations.



11 - Musical Composition.jpg

David Thon

Good framing. Nice job keeping it balanced. I think this could benefit from some selective brushing of certain parts of the image. Bring out more contrast in the horn, more textures in the planter, and boost the colors in the flowers.



12 - Purple Ride At Santa Monica Pier.jpg

Lillie Grossman

Nice job with the stars on the lights. Good job not cutting off the end of the dock. But there is no way into the image with good lines. Maybe move closer to the surf line and use that line to direct the eye. Also might be content aware fill out the photographer.



13 - Purple Vegetable Harvest.jpg

Mary Ann Avera

Excellent. Nice color separation. Well thought out image. Intentionally constructed and executed. Could have opened the shadows a little more and added some texture for the fine details.



14 - Small World.jpg

Jerry Loomis

Nice job keeping some balance with the two watercans. Also liked the different shapes which gave the image some dimensions. Ideally would have been framed a little wider for more of the mouse.



15 - The Purple Heart.jpg

John Avera

Love it. Smart choices all around from the way the flag frames the back to the glove and how the hand was positioned at an angle but space was still left for the eye to move. Executed well on the focus.



16 - The Rock Collection - On Stage.jpg

Bill Brown

Tough scene to photograph as the dynamic range is extreme. But the blown out highlights on the person behind he are very distracting and I would be more interested in seeing her singing vs staring blankly.

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17 - Tulip.jpg

Patricia McKean

Good instincts. Nice capture. It is a little too bright on the processing to allow the colors and lines of the tulip to show through. Taking down the exposure, highlights, and shadows makes a big difference.

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18 - We Can Fly!.jpg

David Thon

Like the concept, but it is a tough shot to execute and process. A fair amount of halos on the pods and some blown out skies are a little distracting. These types of images need to be photographed in RAW to really give you the best chance of processing it as you want to.

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19 - Wisteria On Purple.jpg

Mary Ann Avera

There are tools you can use to find different color schemes like Adobe Color and understand what kind of color harmony you are producing. Purple on purple is a very tough color harmony as purple can be a very polarizing color. Not sure about the keeping of the wood unless you were using it as leading lines to take you into the image.

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20 - Wisteria.jpg

Bill Shewchuk

I appreciate the scene. Possibly consider selectively blurring the background so the wisteria stands out more. Or get close to just some portion of the repeating patterns of the flowers.

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Winning Images:

Honorable Mentions:

Musical Composition

David Thon



Small World Jerry Loomis



da Vinci's Dodecahedron

John Avera



Third Place:

African Daisy Close Up Chris Johnson



2nd Place:

Purple Vegetable Harvest Mary Ann Avera



First Place:

The Purple Heart

John Avera

