



01-Alaska Brown Bear.jpg

Chyrl Light

I like where this is going but I think the bear is a bit too hidden from sight. I would like to see more of the bear doing bear things.



02-Bison in Yellowstone National Park.jpg

Rick Thau

Nice shot of a bison. I think the image is too over edited which takes away from the magnificent creature in the shot.

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03-Black oystercatcher (Haemotopus bachmani) and Bullwhip kelp (Nereocystis luetkeana).jpg

Cliff Halverson

Editing could be a bit stronger. Work with contrast and highlights. I think the framing is very well done.



04-Cactus Bloom.JPG

Duane Peterson

While the colors are pretty I don't see much artistic expression in this. More of a snapshot of a pretty flower.

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05-California Poppy (Eschscholzia californica).jpg

Carol Fuessenich

Similar feels to this one as the last one. It is a nice flower but not so much artistic expression. Feels just like a snapshot.

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06-Coexisting on the Rocks Near Baja.jpg

Carol Fuessenich

Great use of contrast to capture this scene. Really tells a story and the expressions on the sea lions is quite good.



07-Coyote Resting at Sundown (Canis latrans).jpg

Brooks Leffler

I like the light that is hitting the coyote on the side of the head. Really creates a nice blend of colors. I think the sharpness or some effect is up a little too high though.



08-Honey Bee landing on Matilija Poppy.jpg

Frank Penner

I like the blacked out background to hone your focus on what you intended the view to see. The white, and yellows work very well and added benefit with the Bee landing for lunch.



09-Osprey (Pandion haliaetus).jpg

Cliff Halverson

Elegant capture of an Osprey. Blurring the background enhances the focus on the bird and there is enough detail to see the plumage, eye and nice curved beak.



10-Pair of Black Crowned Night Herons.jpg

Jerry Loomis

Great capture of two birds in a nest. The colors really work on this one. The blue eggs, orange legs and the birds feathers are really great. They almost look as if they are embracing.



11-Peaceful fall stream scene.jpg

Ken Jones

This is definitely a peaceful scene. Not so much artistic expression in this. But maybe that would be too much. Maybe using a ND filter and blurring out the water would add to this one.



12-Pied Billed Grebe.jpg

Jerry Loomis

Nice study of this bird. Framing is perfect and the reflection just adds to the depth. I think the detail is spot on and the pose is great.



13-Red Footed Boobie.jpg

Dick Light

Definitely an interesting looking bird! I think some more can be done with the contrast and brightness to really make this one pop.



14-Red-Shouldered Hawk with Plume (Buteo lineatus).jpg

Brooks Leffler

Very cool shot. You were able to catch the hawk looking like it has an attitude. It is on the hunt and looks really badass.

Including the tree branch really adds to the story.



15-Sally Lightfoot Crab.jpg

Dick Light

Cool shot of an exotic looking crab. I think the colors and shapes of this would benefit from coming in even closer and going more abstract.



16-Squirrel in Yosemite park.jpg

Rick Thau

Definitely a cute shot. Nice pose while it is eating. Good use of depth of field.



17-Sunrise over Mono Lake.jpg

Ken Jones

I like all the different layers of texture and light. Quality seems very low. Increased in sharpness would really help this one.



18-Woodland Douglas Iris.jpg

Frank Penner

Great image. This capture, to me, seems like everything was taken into consideration. There are so many textures that just work so well together. The forms and colors really work.



19-BlackBelliedPloverTakesABreak.jpg

Christina Parsons

Love the framing and colors in this one. Simple yet powerful.



20-BlueringedDancerRestsAmongReeds.jpg

Christina Parsons

Definitely a cool dragonfly but I think there needs to be more in this image to make it pop. Good use of depth of field. Maybe if it was in flight?

Winning Images:

Honorable Mentions:

Coexisting on the Rocks Near Baja
Carol Fuessenich



Pair of Black-crowned Night Herons
Jerry Loomis



Third Place:

Pied-billed Grebe
Jerry Loomis



2nd Place:

Black-bellied Plover
Christina Parsons



First Place:

Woodland Douglas Iris
Frank Penner

