



01-A Poppy Variation.jpg

Frank Penner

There is some sharpness in the stem of the poppy suggesting that the focus on the flower was missed and we have the issue of lack of image quality due to overcropping.

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02-Blood Star.jpg

Jerry Loomis

I like the subject and position within the frame but there is a lack of sharpness in the details and quality to the image suggesting overcropping or other technical issue.

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03-Blue Iris - Iris douglasiana.jpg

Jared Ikeda

I really like the composition here with the separation between the flowers and the mirroring of them however this image suffers from a lack of image quality potentially due to overcropping.

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04-Bumblebee-Bombus terrestris-hanging on.jpg

Ken Jones

Great timing on capturing this bee in this position but there is extreme detail degradation due to overcropping.

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05-Coyote Brush in Bloom at Pt. Lobos (Baccharus pilularis).jpg

Brooks Leffler

Good detail captures with minimal issues from overcropping.

This was presented vertically to me but I think the balance of the composition would be a bit better if it was rotated 90 degrees to the right for a horizontal presentation. Good handling of the highlights as well.

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06-Flesh Fly Sarcophoga.jpg

Christina Parsons

I like the perspective and lighting in this image. The fact that the shadow was left intact is a really strong compositional choice. A few of the highlights are overexposed, especially the one on its face. Again, this image suffers from overcropping in the digitalization of the details.

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07-Garden Strawberry in January.jpg

Christina Parsons

This is a nice portrait of a small strawberry. There is good detail and I like the DOF chosen. However, the image is a bit dark and also has some quality issues most likely from overcropping.

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08-Honey bee-Apis mellifera-at work.jpg

Ken Jones

Another image with great timing to capture this bee in this position but there is extreme detail degradation due to overcropping.

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09-Honey Bee.jpg

Frank Penner

This is a nicely captured image. The highlight detail is there and the subject is sharp. I feel the vignette here is a bit too pronounced though I understand why you did it. There is still some image quality issue from cropping.

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10-Leucospermum.jpg

Dick Light

A fun subject, well captured with good detail. No issues from overcropping. But the highlights in the fuzz have been over exposed and I would like to see the tip of the leaf sticking into the frame at the top edge somehow removed. Maybe a square crop if this image is not already cropped?



11-Magenta Iris bloom.jpg

Jared Ikeda

I really like the artistic consideration of this image with respect to the perspective and DOF. But the grey strip at the top of the frame is a bit distracting and the haloing around the iris problematic from a technical standpoint.

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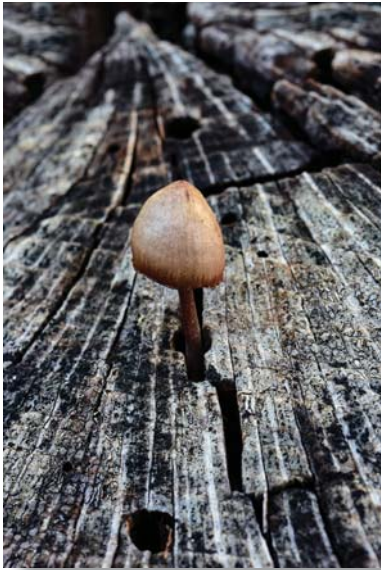


12-Monterey Cypress Cone (Cupressus macrocarpa).jpg

Brooks Leffler

Interesting subject and I like the tones within the image but there are issues in the quality where the details are not sharp and are digitalized most likely from overcropping.

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13-Solitary Mushroom .jpg

Carol Fuessenich

This is a great image! I really like the story told with the image and title. The focus and ODF are on point. If I were to make any changes, I might lighten up the background just a hint as it is bordering on being a bit top heavy. If I were shooting this image again, I would also consider where that line that cuts across the mushroom's cap is placed and see if I could get it to run just above the subject. Very minor issues though. Well done!



14-Spring Tulip.jpg

Carol Fuessenich

Beautifully seen and composed. The technical details with noise and image quality due to cropping are what kept this image from scoring higher.

Winning Images:

Honorable Mentions:

Magenta Iris bloom
Jared Ikeda



Blue Iris - iris douglasiana
Jared Ikeda



Flesh Fly Sarcophoga
Christina Parsons



Third Place:

Leucospermum
Dick Light



2nd Place:

Spring Tulip
Carol Fuessenich



First Place:

Solitary Mushroom
Carol Fuessenich

