

# Padre Trails Camera Club

Pictorial #4 competition - Reflections - 06/19/2024

Judged by: Cara Weston



Meet our judge Cara Weston

## *Biography:*

Photographer *Cara Weston* continues to live and work in the community of Carmel, California – a landscape that has inspired her parents, *Cole Weston* and *Helen Prosser Weston*, uncle *Brett Weston* and grandfather *Edward Weston* – recognized as leading visionaries in modern photography.

Having worked and studied with father Cole and uncle Brett, as well as photographer Rod Dresser, assistant to Ansel Adams, Cara walks the path of her heritage, creating a body of work that respects artistic tradition, while also creating her own eloquent voice within the Weston family.

In addition to her work as a photographer, Cara is the former director of the internationally renowned Weston Gallery in Carmel. As director she curated shows that included exhibitions for luminaries such as Yousuf Karsh, Ansel Adams, Michael Kenna and of course Edward, Cole and Brett Weston. In addition to gallery exhibitions, Cara has curated several shows in Los Angeles and New York that have featured the best works of today's fine art photographers.

Cara says about her heritage and how it has influenced her own work: "More than anything, there is a shared predisposition of spirit; to see the world with a sense of wonder and a drive to distill its essences of light and shadow into a moment that is transformed into a collective experience – one that transcends its fleeting nature to become eternal. The desire for peace that exists in each of our hearts can find refuge in the beauty captured by my family's images and you can stand as more than an observer, but also, like I have, as an artist whose own creativity is refreshed and inspired by it - I am grateful for their lessons."

*Shown here are all the images submitted for this competition in all three groups, Blue, Green, and Red. The winning images in each group are presented beginning on page 19.*

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*01 - Blackneck Stilt On Stilts.jpg*  
*Jerry Loomis*

STAR RATING:3

COMMENT: Nice composition. I would like to see more focus in the plants since they are a big part of the capture.



*02 - Cormorant with Fish.jpg*  
*Christene Johnson*

STAR RATING:4

COMMENT:Excellent capture and focus! A great moving moment. a great frozen moment which the viewer gets to experience.



*03 - Hooded Mergansers.jpg*  
*John Drum*

STAR RATING:4

COMMENT:Lovely wildlife image. Perfect reflection and I like the blur of the background.



*04 - Mirror Lake Reflection.jpg*  
*Jared Ikeda*

STAR RATING:5

COMMENT:Very moving and soothing landscape. Beautiful colors and tones and nice balance of image and composition. Makes the viewer want to keep looking into the image.



*05 - Morning Liftoff.jpg*  
*Joni Zabala*

STAR RATING:2

COMMENT:Fun image, though I feel it lacks something. I think it lacks a story.



*06 - Municipal Wharf II Reflections.jpg*  
*Christene Johnson*

STAR RATING:4

COMMENT:Nice muted colors. A peaceful feeling to this image. Nice impact on the viewer



*07 - Sensory Tribe at the Forest Theater - Carmel.jpg*  
*Bill Brown*

STAR RATING:3

COMMENT:Very fun capture.One can almost feel the music. Nicely balanced image as well.



*08 - SF Moma Reflection.jpg*  
*Jared Ikeda*

STAR RATING:2

COMMENT:This is an interesting capture but the foreground gets lost with little detail. The viewer wants to see the person and more detail in the trees. The background is bold but then the foreground drops off and leaves the viewer wanting to see more. With some work I think the foreground could pop and tell the story of this image.



*09 - Spoon Flower Reflections.jpg*  
*Carol Silveira*

STAR RATING:3

COMMENT: A fun reflection. There is definitely a happy feeling from this image.



*10 - Stained Glass Sunset & Reflection.jpg*  
*Karen Schofield*

STAR RATING:2

COMMENT:Nicely balanced composition and nice lighting. I almost wish there was a cat or person in the picture that would draw you in and give it more of a story.



*11 - Stilts On Stilts.jpg*  
*Jerry Loomis*

STAR RATING:2

COMMENT:I feel the balance is off in the composition of this image. It doesn't draw you into the image but makes you look at the center space of the image. I like the concept but it isn't doing enough for the viewer. I kept going back to this image and trying to figure out why it wasn't working for me.



*12 - Sunset After a Storm.jpg*  
*Carol Silveira*

STAR RATING:3

COMMENT:Nice reflection and colors. The placement of the clouds makes the viewer want to walk right into the middle of the picture and out into the surf.



*13 - Tamarack and Pines Reflection, June Lake.jpg*  
*Jeff Hobbs*

STAR RATING:3

COMMENT:Lovely landscape. The yellow orange pops in this photograph and the sharpness of the trees and blur of the water is a nice contrast.



*14 - The Underbelly of The Bean, Chicago.jpg*  
*Joni Zabala*

STAR RATING:5

COMMENT:Love the originality of this image. It is fun and whimsical. Great motion in the reflection while in the foreground the people are still. Makes the viewer want to look and look.



*15 - Willet's Reflection.jpg*  
*Jeff Hobbs*

STAR RATING:4

COMMENT:Wow! Fantastic capture. You nailed it. Love the background and foreground. This would be lovely in Black and white too.



*16 - Winter in Yosemite.jpg*  
*John Drum*

STAR RATING:4

COMMENT:Beautiful and surreal! It is almost too perfect. Well done! Ansel would be jealous of this image.



*17 - Zebras Reflection at Sunset along Okavango Delta..jpg*  
*Karen Schofield*

STAR RATING:4

COMMENT:Great sharpness of the Zebras and the perfect blur of the foreground and background. I like the motion of the Zebras as if they are ready to bolt.



*18 - Picking up Sticks.jpg*  
*Julie Chen*

STAR RATING:5

COMMENT:Simple and Elegant. A stunning capture. Lots of grace and emotion in this image. Wonderful lighting. Impressive! Love this!

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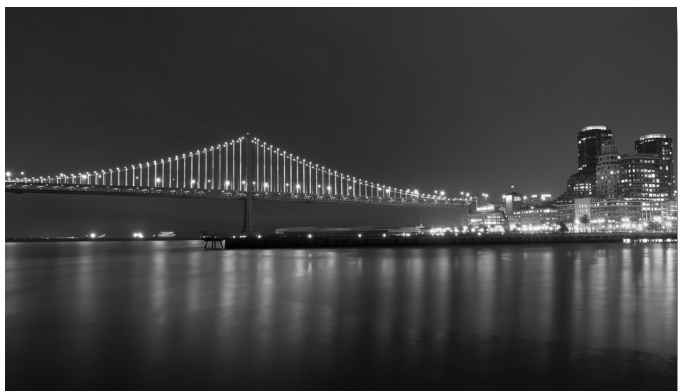
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*01-Antique Boat.jpg*  
*Sandie McCafferty*

STAR RATING:3

COMMENT:I like that the boat is still and the reflection is moving in comparison. I wish the blue boat license was not showing in the picture. I find it distracting.



*02-Bayscape Reflections.jpg*  
*Charlie Gibson*

STAR RATING:4

COMMENT: There is a nice feeling to this image. A peaceful stillness to a lit up city and bridge scape. Nice tones too.



*03-Bodie State Historic Park.jpg*  
*Bill Shewchuk*

STAR RATING:4

COMMENT: Nice depth of the reflection. Very dreamlike image. Very much like the range of colors and tones.





*04-Christmas Reflections on the Wharf.jpg*  
*Dick Light*

STAR RATING:3

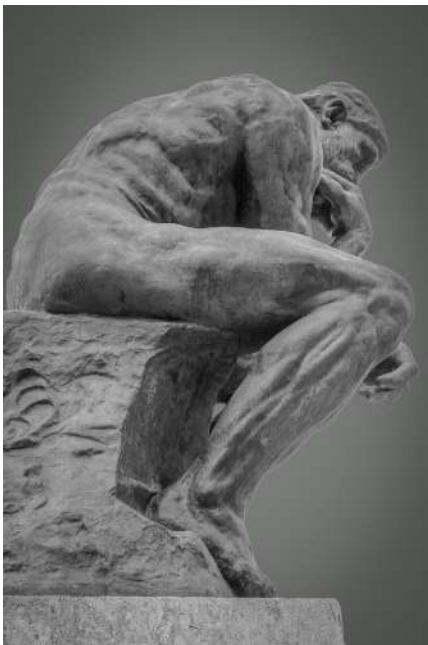
COMMENT:Fun image! Festive and peaceful at the same time.



*05-Clouds over the Clark Fork.jpg*  
*Don Eastman*

STAR RATING:3

COMMENT:I like this landscape with the placement of the edge with the wildflowers. I would like to see this cropped to take out the telephone pole and also the sensor spots in the sky need to be removed.



*06-Deep Reflection.jpg*  
*Ken Jones*

STAR RATING:3

COMMENT:I like the play on words with the title of this image. I would like to see more contrast in this image. It appears somewhat flat to me.



*07-Essence Of Water.jpg*  
*Charlie Gibson*

STAR RATING:2

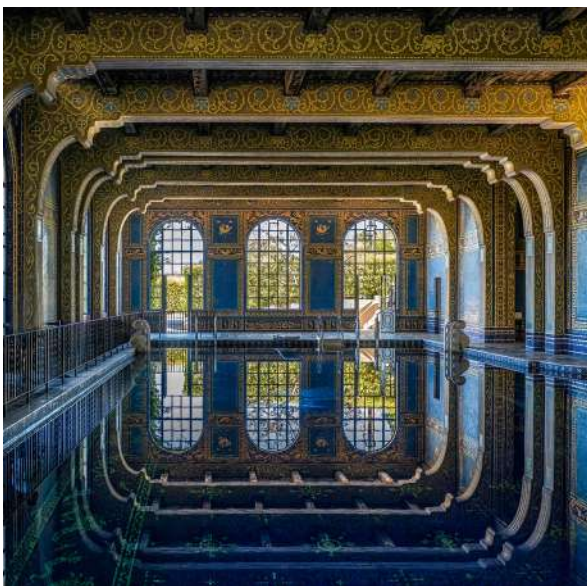
COMMENT: Good reflection and I like the wave like lines and the play on water. For me Something is missing in this image like a feeling or story.



*08-Friends at Dusk.jpg*  
*Janet Azevedo*

STAR RATING:3

COMMENT: Nice sunset and captures a friendship nicely. The glossy foreground is lovely.



*09-Hearst Indoor Pool.jpg*  
*Lillie Grossman*

STAR RATING:5

COMMENT: Stunning reflection. Nice composition. Wow! I want that pool! Also very much like the trees in the windows.



*10-Hon Fleaur Harbor.jpg*  
*Ken Jones*

STAR RATING:4

COMMENT: Great Reflection and colors! Lots to look at in this capture. Nice composition too.



*11-Lake.jpg*  
*Fernando Ibanez*

STAR RATING:3

COMMENT: Nice vibrant refection in the lake.I think your composition could have been a bit better. Maybe move the image to the right more. The box at the edge in the left lower corner is distracting.



*12-Monterey Wharf at Night.jpg*  
*Dick Light*

STAR RATING:2

COMMENT: Nice evening reflection of the wharf. There appears to be some glare on the left side that distracts the viewer eye.



*13-Out for a Walk.jpg*  
*Janet Azevedo*

STAR RATING:4

COMMENT: Very much like the dream like blur of this image. The solo walking stance or the person is very nice. I feel like there is a story here.



*14-Rocks and Rainbow.jpg*  
*Carol Fuessenich*

STAR RATING:2

COMMENT: The image feels offset to me. I feel there is a nice image there, but maybe more time spent in the capture might have payed off. It also appears pixelated like it was zoomed in too much during capture.



*15-Somewhere in Tahoe.jpg*  
*Fernando Ibanez*

STAR RATING:2

COMMENT: Nice reflection though I don't feel the image says very much to the viewer.



*16-Three Little Reflections.jpg*  
*Carol Fuessenich*

STAR RATING:2

COMMENT: Cute Still life. I think it might be even better in Black and white. I like the simplicity of the image.



*17-Washington National Monument.jpg*  
*Bill Shewchuk*

STAR RATING:2

COMMENT: Nicely centered composition, but it appears the image was maybe over sharpened creating a distorted sky.



*18-Western Gull Monterey Harbor Reflection.jpg*, *Christina Parsons*

STAR RATING:3

COMMENT: Clean and crisp image of a gull. Nice centered image and reflection.



*19-Wharf.jpg*  
*Sandie McCafferty*

STAR RATING:3

COMMENT: At first I felt I had seen this type of reflection many times before but the more I gazed at this image the colors and abstraction grew on me in a good way. It pulled my eye into the motion and colors.



*20-Winter Reflections at Convict Lake.jpg*  
*Don Eastman*

STAR RATING:5

COMMENT: Wonderful reflection and image composition. Love the tree branches in the left corner and the rocks in the foreground. A perfectly balanced image. Nice!

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*01-Bodie in See-through Reflections.jpg*

*Rick Verbanec*

STAR RATING:4

COMMENT: Very eye pleasing colors and reflections. Lots for the viewer to look at and to be drawn into this photograph.



*02-Concours Reflection.jpg*

*Brooks Leffler*

STAR RATING:3

COMMENT: Interesting reflection, though maybe more time spent in the capture might have told more of a story with the people in the different stances.



*03-Copper Cadillac.jpg*

*Brooks Leffler*

STAR RATING:3

COMMENT: Sharp image with lots of detail.



*04-Gabby.jpg*  
*David Eisen*

STAR RATING:3

COMMENT:Very fun image. I would remove the item above her head as I find it distracting. I would also consider doing a bit of spotting on the image.



*05-Kio Leaving the Dome.jpg*  
*Brian Spiegel*

STAR RATING:2

COMMENT: I like the abstraction of this image, though the fish are lost in the darkness and I would try lightening the image or the fish. I think it might even be a nice image without the fish.



*06-Lake Crescent - Olympic NP.jpg*  
*Rick Verbanec*

STAR RATING:3

COMMENT: Nice landscape with lots of detail and great reflections. The sky feels a bit washed out and I might try to darken it just a tad. I like the way this image draws you into it.





*07-Moss Landing Sky Reflected.jpg*  
*Andrea Madsen*

STAR RATING:3

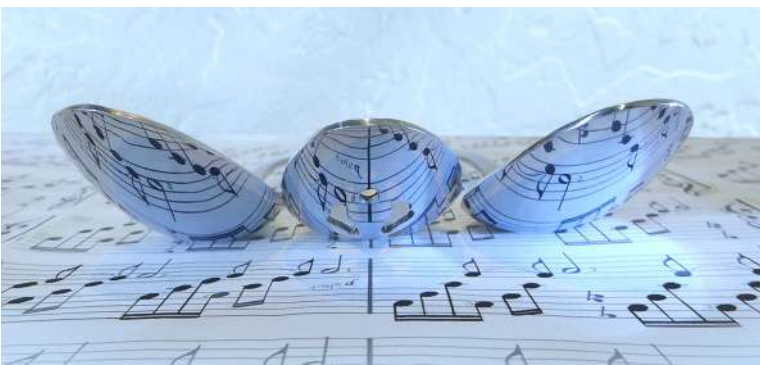
COMMENT: Nice detail study. This image makes the viewer want to keep looking at it and its contents.



*08-Sculpture on Wires.jpg*  
*Andrea Madsen*

STAR RATING:4

COMMENT: Wonderful abstract with reflections. Nice centering of image and negative space. beautiful colors in soft hues.



*09-Spoon Reflections.jpg*  
*Clarissa Conn*

STAR RATING:4

COMMENT: Whimsical and fun reflection. Nice fall of on the focus. Very creative.



*10-Sunset Boat Reflections.jpg*  
*David Eisen*

STAR RATING:2

COMMENT:Thought provoking image. The black triangular line on the side caught my eye first. Interesting reflection.



*11-Sunset over the Linyanti River, Botswana.jpg*  
*Sara A Courtneidge*

STAR RATING:4

COMMENT: Stunning sunset and reflection in the water. Love the reeds in the water. Nicely executed.



*12-This Bar is America.jpg*  
*Brian Spiegel*

STAR RATING:2

COMMENT:Thought provoking reflection. Personally, I would have taken out the white spot in the lower right corner. I find it distracts and doesn't add to the image. I think this image maybe taken at another angle might be even more interesting.

## Winning Images Blue Group

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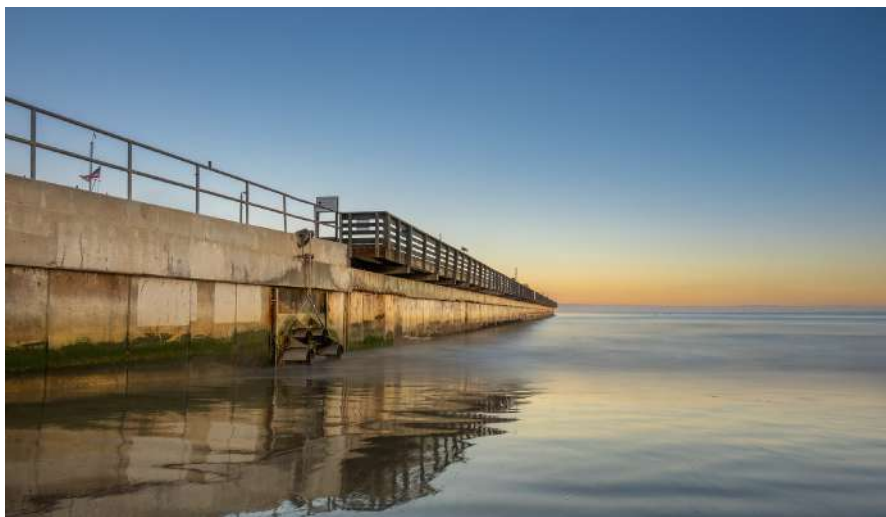
### Honorable Mentions



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*Jeff Hobbs*



**Winter in Yosemite**  
*John Drum*



**Municipal Wharf II Reflection**  
*Christene Johnson*

Third Place Blue Group



**Mirror Lake Reflection**  
*Jared Ikeda*

Second Place



**Picking Up Sticks**  
*Julie Chen*

First Place



***The Underbelly of the Bean***  
*Joni Zabala*

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## Winning Images Green Group

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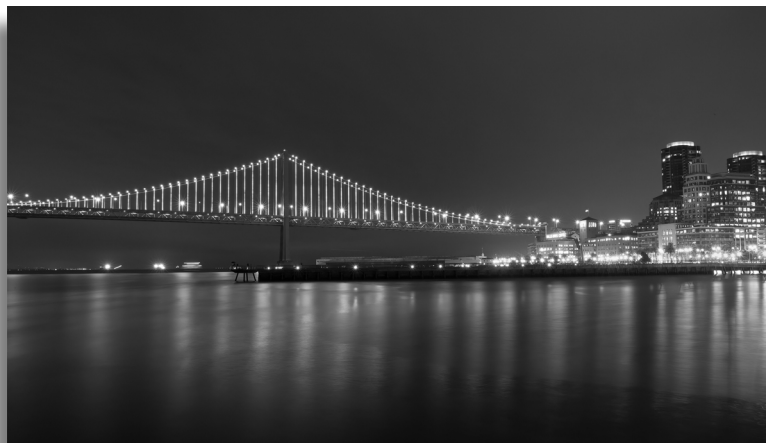
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*Bill Shewchuk*



**Hon Fleaur Harbor**  
*Ken Jones*



**Bayscape Reflections**  
*Charlie Gibson*

## Third Place Green Group



**Our for a Walk**  
*Janet Azevedo*

## Second Place



**Winter Reflections at Convict Lake**  
*Janet Azevedo*

## First Place



**Hearst Indoor Pool**  
*Lillie Grossman*

## Winning Images Red Group

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### Honorable Mentions (2)



**Gabby**  
*David Eisen*



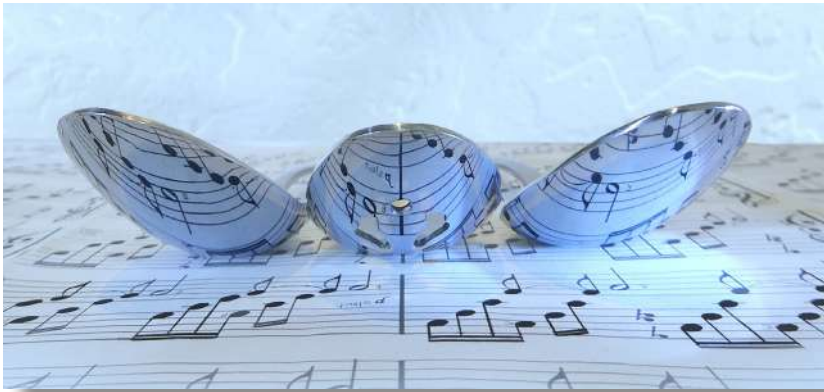
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*Sara A Courtneidge*

## Third Place Red Group



**Bodie in See-through Reflection**  
*Rick Verbanec*

## Second Place



**Spoon Reflections**  
*Clarissa Conn*

## First Place



**Sculpture on Wires**  
*Andria Madsen*