

Photo Arts Club of Toledo
Monthly Photo Contest Rules

1. You must be a Photo Arts Club member to submit a photo.
2. You must be present to enter.
3. A maximum of three photos may be entered in the contest event.
4. Photo may be color or black & white unless otherwise specified.

For Photographic Prints:

- a. Photo must be a minimum of 8"x 10". Maximum size, including mat, is 16"x 24".
- b. Photo must be mounted on mount board and/or matted.
- c. The Photo must not be framed nor contain glass.
- d. Name & title of the print or similar information must appear on the back of print in the center top.

For Digital Entries:

- a. Size: Resolution not to exceed maximum (long side) 1080 pixels.
72 PPI-jpeg file
 - b. File name, photographer's three initials/and title of file must be included
Example: SKS-A lovely Bunch of Coconuts.jpg
5. Digital entries are due Sunday before the contest (third Thursday of the month).
 6. Titles, names, or dates must not appear on front of the photo. This will be cause for disqualification of entry.
 7. Judging will be done by volunteer judges using a 0 to 9 scale covering three categories, Artistic, Technical, and Composition. Total scores will be available at the conclusion of the contest upon request.
 8. Decision of the judges is final.
 9. Contest Committee and Board members reserve the right to exclude any photo that is deemed offensive, controversial or otherwise inappropriate for our membership ie: nudity, criminal or illegal activities.

The Three Categories and their meaning are as follows:

Artistic: Artistic is the *Wow factor* in the photo - the creative extra that measures whether it *stands out* from the crowd.

Technical: Technical is the measure of how *appropriate* the photo it to the category, *sharp focus, exposure, mounting and matting*.

Composition: Composition refers to how the subject is put together including *placement, cropping, use of color, type of light, use of lines and possible vanishing point*, and whether the photo *works to emphasize subject*.