

Desoto Camera Club - " Best of 2010 - Photo Competition"

This year's photo competition reflects additional possibilities for participants . It is our hope that the opportunities will increase the number of entries and motivate our members to greater achievement .

Basic Rules

1. Only members of Desoto Camera Club may enter .

2. The image must have been taken by the member entering it , during 2010.

3. We have 5 Categories :

- People
- Scenic
- Close-up , Macro , Still Life

** - Computer Generated

- Pets / Animals

**** This category allows full use of computer enhancement programs , while the other categories restrict the use of computer enhancement to " Brightness / Contrast and sizing of the image .**

4. Since all members should be afforded an opportunity to participate at their skill level , we have established levels

as follows :

Level # 1 - Beginner

Qualifying Guidelines :

photographic experience 1 year or less

no previous participation in major competition

no commercial experience

Level #2 - Intermediate

Qualifying Guidelines :

photographic experience 1 year or more

never employed as a commercial photographer

may have experience in major competition

Level #3 - Advanced

Qualifying Guidelines :

photographic experience 1 year or more

participation in major competitions

has experience as a commercial photographer

The Rules Committee will decide the Skill Level of each participant .

The participant may advance their entries to a higher Skill Level , but once their request is granted , they will not be allowed to return to the lower level for the 2010 competition .

5. The participant will be limited to 1 entry per category .

6. The entry must be 8 x 10 (print size) , matted to 11 x 14 with permanent backing Any color

7. No frames or double mats will be allowed.

8. The matted entry must have no identifying marks (or signature) on it (front or back) .

9. The images must be suitable for display in a public library .

10. Entries must be submitted to the Rules Committee by October 15 , 2010 .

The entries will be judged by a panel of judges , selected by the Rules Committee . The identity of the judges will remain confidential . The judges decisions are final .

Awards

Awards will be presented to the winners in each category : for Level 1 , 2 & 3

The judging panel has the option of presenting a total of 5 Honorable Mention Awards .

People's Choice Award

*Once the entries are placed on display , the General Public will be allowed to vote for the best entry . The winner will receive a **People's Choice Award** .*

*If a person has an entry in the competition they **Will not** be allowed to vote for the People's Choice Award .*

The people serving on the Rules Committee and / or the judges are not eligible for the " 2010 Competition " .