

Judging Rules

Berrien Springs Camera Club

2007~2008

There are four categories of pictures:

- 1) **Select Topic:** Which should be.....
 - October – Lake Michigan
 - December – Pets
 - February – Structures
 - April - Purple
- 2) **Select Theme:** Which should be.....
 - October – Determination
 - December – Faith
 - February – Focus
 - April – Emotion
- 3) **Nature** – Which should be wild scenery, animals, or plants. No man-made things, domesticated or tame plants or animals.
- 4) **Open** – Which can be anything. Pictures or slides entered mistakenly in select or nature will automatically be re-evaluated in the open category.

Pictures are to be judged on:

- 1) **Impact** – How it strikes you, dramatic effect.
- 2) **Interest** – Is there something there worth taking a picture of?
- 3) **Appeal** – Do you like it; do you think others might like it?
- 4) **Communication of the Idea** – Does it tell you something – story, idea, and feeling.
- 5) **Composition** – Organization and balance of objects and color, line and design, framing.
- 6) **Technical Quality** – Exposure, focus

Each judge has a small machine with a dial of 5 numbers. The judges will view the picture and then choose a number 1 through 5. (1 being the lowest score to 5 being the highest score).

The score will then be tallied and any score below a 9 will be considered unacceptable and will be considered “Out”.

A Score of 9 – 12 – is placed as an “Acceptance”

A Score of 13 – 15 - is placed as an “Honor”

The pictures and slides which receive an “Honor” designation will be looked at afterwards by the group of judges and they will decide on a “Picture-of-the-Month” & “Slide-of-the-Month” award.