Pagosa Springs Photography Club

2024 Digital Photo Contest Guidelines

Open to all PSPC members in good standing (*New or renewing members may join at time of contest entry*).

Entries must be submitted by **October 9, 2024**.

Awards on Wednesday, **November 13**, 6:30 PM

Categories: Nature, Manmade/Other, Portraits

Nature (landscapes, wildlife, flowers or other natural subjects)

Manmade/Other (such as: architecture, monuments, trains, cars, street photography, photojournalism, abstract)

Portraits (people, barnyard animals, pets, other domestic animals)

Entries: Up to **six** images per member, with no more than **two** in any one category. Images must be taken by YOU, the photographer, and not created by generative AI. Images may be edited using any mainstream digital tools, such as Lightroom, Photoshop, Topaz, DXO, etc. When you submit your images to the contest, you retain copyright. You grant PSPC the right to use your image on its website and social media, and in print media, to promote the Club. If we do use your image, you will always be given credit.

Fees: For 2024, the entry fee remains $10, independent of the number of images you enter. Fees are used to offset the cash awards.

Deadline: Entries must be **received** by October 9, 2024.

Submission: Upload your images and entry form to our Dropbox link at https://bit.ly/2tfKW6P (**preferred**) or on a flash drive. If using a flash drive, please put your name on the drive, and bring it to the September or October PSPC meetings, OR drop it off at Art & Framing Center, next to City Market. Please do *not* ask the employees at Art & Framing Center for advice about your entries! Your flash drives will be returned after the contest. We will contact you to arrange the return.

Format: JPG (JPEG), *minimum* 2400 pixels on the longest side, *maximum* 10 MB per image. *Best practice to ensure fair judging it to NOT watermark your images.*

File Names: Use a descriptive title, like "pagosa-sunrise", not just "img3256". Please add a 3 letter prefix indicating the category for each file as in the following examples:

Portraits: POR-pagosa-person.jpg

Nature: NAT-pagosa-critter.jpg

Manmade/Other: HUM-pagosa-shinycar.jpg

When submitting via Dropbox, scan or photograph the completed entry form and upload it along with your images. If taking a photo of the form (e.g. with your phone), please make sure the image of the entry form is legible.

If delivering your images on a flash drive, bring a hard copy of the entry form with it, and also include a scan of the entry form on the flash drive.

Judging Criteria:

Judges will give each entry a score of from 0 to 10 points. Images will be awarded a point value using the following guidelines:

10 – 9 Excellent

8 – 7   Above average

6 – 5   Average

4 – 3   Below average

2 – 1   Poor

0   Rejected, *to be used only if the entry does not conform to the assigned category*.

When assigning scores, judges are requested to consider the **composition, impact, and technical quality** of the images. In case of a tie in the numerical scores, judges may use their subjective judgement to rank the top 3 images.

Awards: The judge's scores and ranking will determine the images for awards. Ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place and Honorable Mention. We anticipate cash awards of $20 for first place, $10 for 2nd, and $5 for 3rd.