

## Category Definitions

### **Landscapes/Seascapes:**

These pictures include landscapes, outdoor scenics, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms - to name a few. These images showcase outdoor beauty.

### **Animals:**

These contest entries are images of all kinds of animals. They can be pictures of pets - dogs and puppies, cats and kittens, birds, reptiles, amphibians - as well as photos of wildlife, zoo life, farm / domesticated animals, and even insects.

### **People:**

These are pictures of people in all walks of life - parenting and family, children, baby pics, couples and relationships, models / fashion, sports, and the like.

### **Places:**

This category includes images that express the joys and adventures of travel photography, showcasing place as an important part of the photo. It can also include people, details, and other subjects you might encounter while traveling. The main things for photos in this category are they express a sense of place.

### **Close Up:**

Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. We welcome pictures of small details that suggest a larger story. This is also the place for macro photographs.

Details might include a knot, a lock, or an abstract close-up. Anything goes as long as it is a tight composition of a detail.

Macro - flowers, insects, stamps, ice crystals, etc.

### **Open/Miscellaneous:**

This is the place for any image that doesn't fit into one of the other categories. Still-life, motion-blur, Polaroid transfers, SX-70 images, hand colored photos. If you have a photo that doesn't seem to fit into the other categories enter it into this category.

### **Photojournalism:**

Photojournalism means simply the telling of a story by the use of a picture. The type of photograph that one sees in the newspaper or magazines that depicts some event or activity is what is meant. The caption is important, but the best journalistic photographs tell their own stories and don't always need a caption. A good picture is, after all, worth more than a thousand words. An element of human interest is important and virtually essential for pictures to succeed in competition. Interest is paramount, but good composition and technique will often make the difference that decides the winners

**These categories are intended to help you enjoy the photo contest. We reserve the right to determine when a photo fits or does not fit into a particular category.**