

Year End Competition Rules

Eligibility:

All prints that won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place during January through November's monthly competitions in any category, including the Special Assignment, are eligible. A list will be available by the end of October with eligible photos through October listed. Note that prints entered in monthly competition with the title "Untitled" and no description may not be accepted for year-end competition.

When and Where to submit:

Prints will be collected during November at the Program and Competition meetings or by special arrangement. Contact the Print Competition V.P. or the President to arrange delivery. The deadline for print submission is the competition meeting in November, unless a later date is announced. Please try to get your prints in well before the deadline to be safe.

Presentation/Packaging:

Print requirements are the same as for the monthly competitions. Some kind of protection for the prints is recommended as they will be transported and stored until they are judged. An inexpensive portfolio is the best, with the prints additionally in clear bags (www.clearbags.com) or separated by cardboard dividers. The Society will care for your prints to the best of our ability; however, the Society assumes no liability for damage or loss.

Judging:

Judging is normally completed by the end of December. First, second, and third places and two honorable mentions will be awarded in Color and in the B&W categories (Note that there are no "A" and "B" classes in the year-end judging). The "Print of the Year" (Best of Show) will be selected from the combined "A" and "B" and Color and B&W groups.

Please remember that club volunteers put in a lot of time and effort into the year end competition—some do so year after year with little thanks—so have a little consideration.

- Get your prints in on time. The two November meetings are your opportunity to give your photos to the Print Competition V.P. or the HPS President.
- Remember the eligibility rule above, and don't submit Honorable Mention photos, forcing the volunteers to keep them separated from the competition entries or call you to pick them up.
- Be sure the portfolio or storage box in which you submit your photos has proper carrying handles.
- Pick up your photos promptly when notified they are ready or no later than at the program meeting in January.