

Welcome  
Camera Club  
Hilton Head Island

# Competition

Guidelines & Tips

Competition Committee

# Topics

- Guidelines
- Judging Criteria
- Tips
- How to submit your entry

# Guidelines

- Personal Challenge, a learning opportunity
- Key Elements for success:
  - Creativity
  - Theme alignment – What's your subject?
  - Good composition – simplify
  - Quality of the image: exposure, focus, sharpness

# Guidelines

- This is about:
  - Responding to a challenge
  - Showing your talent, in-camera image
  - Clean/minimal post-processing
  - Learning opportunity: practice, practice
  - **Getting feedback from an expert**
- This is not about:
  - Software, special effects and filters
  - Fancy prints or presentation for an exhibit or a show

# Judging Criteria (+)

- Creativity
- Within the theme, the 2 second test
- Composition
- Technical skills: exposure, focus, depth of field
- Settings that are enhancing the image
  - Photographer's vision and subject handling
- Clean post-processing: cropping, white balance, minor adjustments

# Judging Criteria (-)

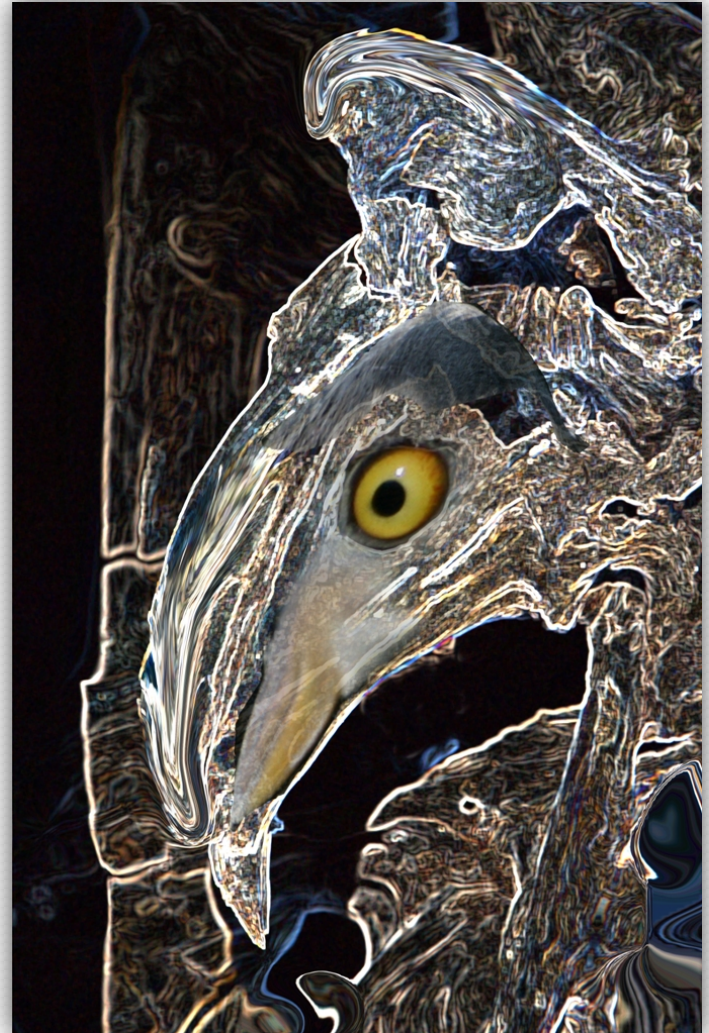
- Over processing
- Obvious automated special effects/filters
- Printing quality (affecting the quality of the images itself = very different than the digital file)

# Tips

- Presentation: when practical choose landscape format rather than portrait (better visual display)
- Responding to a theme:
  - Write down words that come to mind
  - Select one or two words that speak to you
- Theme or idea: “I see a face”
  - Shape
  - Illusion
  - Shadow



# Creativity – I see a face



# Your Challenge - MACRO

- Any subjects, use your imagination
- Get as close as you can
- Get good light on your subject
- Think of the outcome and set your camera parameters accordingly
- Don't over crop faking a macro shot
- Have fun exploring the macro world...

# Submission

- Follow published rules
- Prepare your file for printing and get the print
  - Satisfied : Mount it
- Prepare your file for submission to the Committee
  - The same digital file that was used for printing
  - Change the file resolution to 1200 pixels on the long side and save it using the naming convention
- Submit your registration and digital file. Must be at least 24 hours before the meeting

# Submission

- On line registration
  - Complete the form using the link in the Newsletter or on the website
  - Submit your file by email
- Here how it works...
- [Competition Entry Form](#) [\(click on the link\)](#)

# Online Entry Registration

## October Competition Entry Form

Camera Club of Hilton Head Island - Registration

\* Required

Your First Name \*

Your Last Name \*

Title of Your Entry \*

<< your last name\_title >> ex: cote\_blue eyes

Select Your Skill Level \*

Use drop down arrow to select level

Submit

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Title of Your Entry – format  
<< your last name\_title >>  
Ex: Cote\_Blue Eyes



# Confirmation and File Emailing

## October Challenge Entry Info

Your response has been recorded. Don't forget to send your file immediately to [competitions.cchhi@gmail.com](mailto:competitions.cchhi@gmail.com) . Click on the link now -  
Subject: October Entry

Timestamp	Your First Name	Your Last Name	Title of Your Entry	Select Your Skill Level
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# How to remember?

- Read the next Newsletter: Competition
- Check CCHHI website
- Take notes
- Ask someone

**THANK YOU!**