

Guide to the Ventura County Camera Club

Welcome to the Ventura County Camera Club, an organization formed to help amateur photographers develop their skills through critical evaluation of their work, exposure to the work of others, and the educational opportunities of workshops.

Regular meetings and workshops are held in the Santa Paula Room of the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd. Ventura. Regular meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Workshops are announced in the club's newsletter. Guests and visitors may attend without charge; members pay annual dues of \$35.00. Only paid members are allowed to enter photographs for competition.

Regular meetings follow a standard agenda. After club business is briefly conducted, the digitally projected images and prints submitted for competition are critiqued, usually by a guest professional. An "**Award of Merit**" is given to those images that are of exceptional quality. A break with refreshments is enjoyed between the digitally projected images and the critique of the prints.

Competition entry is available only to paid members whose main income is not derived from photographic work. Images entered must have been produced within the last five years and must not have already won an award from the club. The four divisions are:

Digitally Projected Images	open	Total number of entries allowed - 4 No more than 2 in any one division
Digitally Projected Images	assigned	
Color Prints	mounted	
Black & White Prints	mounted	

The Digitally projected images have two separate judging categories - These are the assigned topic of the month and the open category, which is unrestricted in regard to subject matter. If the topic of the month is unclear please ask a team member for clarification.

Prints must be mounted but not framed. The image size must be no smaller than 4 x 6 and no larger than 20 x 30 including mat.

NOTE: **All images must be in good taste suitable for viewing by all ages.
Inappropriate images will be removed from competition.**

Judging and Awards: Awards are given separately in each of the 4 divisions:

Our guest judge will evaluate and critique each entry individually giving their opinion of the photograph and how it could be improved. After the judge critiques the image he may give the image an "**Award of Merit**". This means that the image is of outstanding quality. The images that receive a "Merit" award are eligible for our year-end competition

The judges evaluate the entries with regards to the attributes of Impact, Composition, and Technical Quality. The creative and artistic element of the image is also an important factor in deciding which photograph is given an “**Award of Merit**”.

Following the December meeting, all images having received awards during the year may be submitted for the annual year-end judging. Annual awards are presented at the club’s annual banquet held in January.

How to enter your prints for competition:

Prints should be brought to the meeting and placed on the easels on the side of the room. On the back of your print you must have a title for the print, and your name. These should be on the top so as to indicate the way the print should be displayed. An entry slip must also be taped to the rear of the print. Tape one side only so it can be easily removed. No identification should appear on the front of the print.

How to enter your digital images for competition:

All images must be sized and labeled as indicated below and then e-mailed to Susannah Kramer. Digital images do not need an entry slip, only the prints need a slip.

Identifying and submitting images for digital projection: All images must be E-mailed (as an attachment) to:

Susannah at **noonum@verizon.net**

at least 4 days before the meeting. You must label your entries as follows:

LASTNAME-FIRSTNAME-TITLE-ASSIGNED.JPG

Or

LASTNAME-FIRSTNAME-TITLE-OPEN.JPG

Example: AllenRoy-VenturaPieratSunset-open.jpg

NOTE--Last name first, please

All images must be submitted as jpeg files at a quality level of 12 and with the color profile as sRGB. Images must be sized as follows:

For Horizontal images set the **Horizontal dimension at: 1024 pixels**

For Vertical images set the **Vertical dimension at: 768 pixels**

**The maximum pixels can not exceed 1024 for the Horizontal
and
768 for the vertical**

If you are unable to attend a meeting, you may ask another member to handle your entry submissions for you.

If there are any questions please ask a team member.

Visit our web site:

www.venturacountycameraclub.com

Thank you.

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