

## 2009 Print Competition Rules

### South Plains Professional Photographers Association

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Please remember that Judges are donating their time and services when they are judging and giving their thoughts and ideas about the competition and evaluation prints. While other photographers and judges may have different ideas about a print's merit, the critique that our SPPPA judges give are extremely valuable, even if you feel they are wrong. In most cases, so much more can be learned from a print that is "torn apart" by a judge than by a print that provokes little comment. We are here to learn. Because judges go "out on a limb" when they offer their comment, we should value what they say, not get upset about their comments, and feel fortunate that we have knowledgeable men and women who can, and will, judge and critique our prints so that we may become better photographers.

\*Print Competition will be held during the following months: February, March, April, May, June, August, September, and October. October will be the time for displaying and judging of our "Shoot ourselves" prints, for which there will be no entry fee. There will also be a regular print competition for which normal fees will apply.

\*All prints will be in one category. Their format size will be 8x10, 10x10, or 8x12. You may enter two competition prints and bring one print for evaluation. Competition prints and evaluation prints have a fee of \$2.00 each and must be paid before they can be accepted for competition or evaluation.

\*Prints must be named. The print information must be taped to the back and given to the person receiving the prints for competition by 5:40 PM. No entries will be taken after this time. The entrant will not receive a written critique from the judges. It is up to the entrant to take notes on the judges' comments

\*Judging of the Competition will be done by 2 to 4 Master Photographers. In the event that enough Master Photographers are not available, the Board has the authority to choose additional judges that they consider qualified.

\*Judges may enter the competition but will excuse themselves of judging their own prints.

\*All prints will be judged individually and not against another as per PPA regulations.

\*Scoring shall be based on the following standards: Exceptional 100-95, Superior 94-90, Excellent 89-85, Deserving a Merit 84-80, Above Average 79-76, Average 75-74, and Acceptable 73-70.

\*Entrants may not enter a print that has scored an 80 or above at any competition including SPPPA. A print with a 79 or below may be reentered but must be done so by bringing the 79 or below print along with the new print for the judges to see the changes which have been made. It must be remembered that the modifications made to the print will not necessarily improve the prints score.

\*Entrants need not be present to enter a print in the competition but it is very strongly recommended that they are present in order to gain from the critique of the judges and also to contribute to the overall meeting and guild.

\*Critiques will take place after the judging.

\*Only members who have paid their 2009 dues may enter.

\*Any print that is a result of an assigned class project of any organization is ineligible to be entered.

~John Barnhart, SPPPA 2009 President Elect & Print Competition Administrator