

You Are Invited to Participate In Our Annual **PHOTO SALON**

at

**The View Gallery
Vancouver Island University
Nanaimo, BC
May 27 – June 14, 2019**

Photo Salon is part of a worldwide system of recognized forums to showcase the commitment, achievement and outstanding work of photographers in the region. It is open to club and non-club members on Vancouver Island. A panel of judges adjudicates the digital entries and, if accepted, the photographs are printed, hung and evaluated for 1st-, 2nd -, and 3rd -place recognition. There is also a 'People's Choice' award. Photo Salon is hosted by the Harbour City Photography Club in Nanaimo and is endorsed by the Canadian Association for Photographic Art (CAPA), the prime photography group in Canada.

Why Enter?

- It offers public recognition and significant awards.
- It is a venue to sell your prints without commission.
- It can improve your photography by having to think critically about what to enter.
- It motivates others to excel in their craft and promotes the enjoyment and appreciation of photography in the wider community.

Introduction

The competition categories described below have been established for the following reasons:

- Entrants can see their photographs grouped into categories based on subject matter.
- Competition photos are easier to judge on an objective basis if the subjects are similar and the criteria within a category are consistent.
- When you enter a photo into a specific category, you are asking that your photograph be judged according to the definition of that category.

Guidelines for all Categories

- Post processing is permitted in all categories.
- Information in the category description pertains to the primary subject of the photo.
- Titles are considered a part of the image and may influence a judge either positively or negatively.
- Do not add your name, copyright, watermark or any other identifying text to the digital image or the print itself.

Judging Criteria

All photographs will be judged on how well they (i) portray the subject matter, (ii) display visual interest (tell a story or create an emotion), (iii) illustrate technical expertise (both in camera and post processing), (iv) show an original or personal interpretation of the photographer, and (v) fit the category definition. Judges will not move an image from one category to another.

Categories

Nature

This category will show our natural world in all its amazing variety – landscapes, seascapes, wildlife, stars, geological formations, weather, botany, and aquatic species. Incidental appearances of man-made objects (fence, trail, pole, etc.) do not disqualify images from this category.

Black and White

Show us your world in black and white! A black and white photograph consists of shades of gray that go from dark (black) to light (white). It is unique because it shies away from accurate reproduction, focusing on other visual effects of the photo such as tone, texture, shape, shadow and contrast. Sepia, a tone added to warm up a black and white image, is permitted. Other monochrome tones, such as red or blue, will not be accepted.

Digital Art

This category will appeal to those who seek to satisfy their creative passions and curiosity through in-camera or post processing techniques that use the photographic medium as an art form. Examples include multiple exposures, light painting, digital painting, collages, composites, and abstracts.

Open

As implied, the subject matter is wide open and may include such things as portraiture, cityscapes, still life, architecture, street photography, sports, and other subjects that *do not* fit the Nature, Black and White or Digital Art categories.

Cost

\$10 for each image submitted to be juried (non-refundable)

\$10 for each image selected for hanging (non-refundable)

Payable to Harbour City Photography Club, cash or cheque to the treasurer in person; or Mail to: HCP Club, PO Box 957, Station A, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5N2. eTransfer can also be arranged.

Phase One – Digital Entries

Digital images will be accepted between December 1 and February 28.

Participants may enter up to 3 images in total.

There will be an early-bird draw for those who enter by midnight January 31.

The entry fee is \$10 for each image to be juried (non-refundable).

Images are accepted for judging when the fees are paid.

Digital images must be sized to a *maximum* 1050 pixels vertical and 1400 horizontal, regardless of orientation, and include

- your name
- title of the image
- size of the print when ready to hang, including frame
- category to which it belongs

A team of three external judges will evaluate all entered digital images.

Judges will not know the artist's name, and may choose all or no images from the same person.

Send images to photosalon@hcpclub.ca

Phase Two – Print Preparation and Delivery

The hanging fee is \$10 per print, payable by March 30.

Print size must be a minimum 8 x 10 inches or a maximum of 36 inches on the longer side, including frame.

There must be *no identifying marks* on the front of the prints.

Photographer's name, image title, and sale price (if applicable) and contact information must be on the back.

Images may be mounted on foam core, metal, canvas, wood laminate, or framed.

Hanging hardware must include picture wire that is fastened with "D" fasteners; eye hooks or toothed hangers are *not* acceptable.

Prints must be delivered in person to the VIU View Gallery, Building 330 on May 21, 1 – 4 pm

A map and details regarding parking will be provided closer to the date.

Phase Three – Final Details

Prints with the accompanying title are hung by gallery staff and juried.

A second label with the artist's name, selling price and contact information is added after the prints are juried.

The gallery does not take a commission; any sales will be a private transaction.

Sold items may not be collected until June 17

Opening night is May 24 at 7 pm where winners are recognized with awards and ribbons.

Gallery hours are Monday – Friday, 10 am – 3 pm

Prints must be picked up on June 17, 1 – 4 pm

The Harbour City Photography Club and Vancouver Island University will not be held liable for prints. Owners are responsible for their own insurance if they so desire.

Timeline

December 1 – February 28: Submit images to photosalon@hcpclub.ca

January 31 – Early-bird draw deadline

March 1: Images are forwarded to judges for adjudication

March 8: Participants are notified of judges' decisions

March 11 – May 20: Images are printed and prepared for hanging

March 30 Hanging fee payment due

May 21: Prints are delivered to VIU, 1 – 4 pm

May 22: Prints are hung and labeled with the title of the image; no artist's name

May 23: Prints are juried; afterwards, they are labeled with the photographer's name

May 24: Opening Night Awards Ceremony, 7 pm

May 27 – June 14: Salon is open to the public, Monday – Friday, 10 am – 3 pm

June 17: Prints are picked up at VIU, 1 – 4 pm

June 18: People's Choice award presented at the Harbour City Photography Club year-end social

For More Information

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