



PHOTO COMPETITIONS 2010:



New for 2010:

QUARTERLY “AT MEETINGS” PLUS ** **STILL IMAGE & VIDEO COMPETITIONS**
 **POINTS FOR PARTICIPATION (ONE) WILL BE AWARDED AT THE FILM FESTIVAL
 (AUGUST) & AT THE SHOOT-OUTS (MAY & OCTOBER).

Themes have been selected by group voting at the Annual Christmas Party 2009.. When the voting occurs, not only should the quality of the images be considered but also how well they fit the theme. Themes apply to still and video. With video, the development of the theme in the brief “story” will be judged. LET’S ALL MAKE THIS A GRAND SUCCESS BY ENTERING... **YOU GET POINTS JUST FOR PARTICIPATION** & MORE IF YOUR ENTRY IS PICKED 1st 2nd or 3rd . **WITHIN YOUR LEVEL:**
 *******NEW FOR 2010 OPEN & NOVICE: NOT QUITE READY FOR OPEN** *****

JANUARY 27	APRIL 28	JULY 28	OCTOBER 27	SPRING SHOOT OUT: SAT MAY 1ST	FALL SHOOT OUT: OCT 1-3 weekend or 1,2 days
Topography / Structure	What a Wreck	Above Water	Divers Doing Diving	Park Setting in Sacramento TBA	Weekend to Bodie

Still/Digital Categories: Novice and Open: For the first year participants can choose their category based on personal experience, previous winning competitions, and their comfort level—this is key. You choose the category. After the first year, the winner of the NOVICE category will move to OPEN.

Still images - Any underwater or split image (part above & part below water) can be submitted. A topside image has been selected for July’s topic...It needs to contain water: “Aquatic Image Makers”

FORMATING AND ENTERING DIGITAL ENTRIES:

You can do anything you want with the images or submit them “as is”. The images should be 700 pixels on the long side and a resolution of about 100dpi. The final image can be about 1 megabyte in size. Save as a JPEG (.jpg) file. When saving the jpeg image, if it asks what quality setting you want, set it to the maximum. Attach the image to an email and send it by email to Glenn Marshall. visualescapes@yahoo.com Be sure your name is on the file. Example: JohnSmith_fish1.jpg

DEADLINES FOR ENTRIES: FRIDAYS @ 5PM:	JAN 22	APRIL 23	JULY 23	OCT 22
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Send them electronically. Glenn will acknowledge that your image was received by a return email confirmation. If you do not hear from him... call. All video entries can be brought on a CD/DVD to the meeting or sent to Glenn by the deadline. If the format cannot be played on the computer for any reason, with regrets the entry will not be entered. Be sure it works!

Glenn Marshall: 5515 Brome Court Orangevale, CA 95662 Cell phone number: (916) 835-9198.

Video Category: Only one level. The video length is to be from 30 seconds to no more than 2.0 minutes. This is to include any lead-in, credits, transitions. Think TV commercial... how to tell your story in a short amount of time. Minimal topside seconds can be used if needed to tell your story. The exact amount was not specified.... Majority, at least 80-90% needs to be underwater. (Except July)

FORMATING AND ENTERING VIDEO ENTRIES: Bring your entry on a flash drive, CD/DVD or other format that can be quickly added to a lap top for viewing. If possible entries should be entered on one laptop **USED DURING THE MEETING** to provide smooth flow when presenting.

MEMBERS ONLY: Participating members need to be current, paid members to participate. Member should be present at the meeting, however if unable to attend, you can still enter. We do encourage attendance but do understand that sometimes missing a meeting cannot be avoided. We all want as many members to be involved.

VOTING: All attendees at the meeting will be given 1(one) ballot. It is on the honor system that no member or guest complete two ballots. Everyone can vote for 2 images in each of the **STILL CATEGORIES:OPEN & NOVICE** and 1 **VIDEO**. Each vote is equally waited. The competition will be held early in the meeting to allow for the votes to be counted. At the completion of the guest speaker/presentation for the night the winners will be announced. One member will be designated to keep the records of points earned. Winners to be announced at the holiday party in December.

Points will be awarded as follows: First place 3 ; Second place 2 ; Third place 1 ; Participated 1
******* 2010 NEW: 2 categories: OPEN and NOVICE: Not quite ready for Open *******

Points will be tabulated throughout the year for all competitions held.. 1) Quarterly at the AIM meetings, 2) Participants in Special Events ie Shoot Outs and 3) The Film Festival .

Top winners: 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in both the Still (OPEN & NOVICE) and Video category will be announced at the Christmas/Holiday Party. Ties will be TIES... 2 awards will be given for TIES... this means there can be more than 1 first, second and third place winners... We may revisit tie breakers options in 2010. The ballots will look like this.

THE BALLOT: One ballot only per person....Vote for quality and how you think it best fits the theme.		
Still Image OPEN : You can vote for one or two of your favorite images. Must be present to vote.		
Still Image NOVICE: Not quite ready for open: You can vote for one or two of your favorite images. Must be present to vote.		
Video: Vote for only one. Must be present to vote.		

Voting will take place right after images shown. Votes will be counted by the end of the general meeting.... Winners will be announced at the close of the general meeting. At special events all participants will be given 1 POINT for participating. 1st 2nd 3rd place points may vary depending on event. To be determined at the business meeting. A facilitator will be designated responsible for keeping the vote sheets. **SAMPLE OF MEMBERSHIP POINTS AWARDED TALLEY SHEET:**

Member Name: Stills	1/27	4/28	7/28	10/27	MAY	AUG	OCT	TOTAL
Member Name: Video								