



## PHOTO COMPETITIONS 2009:



New for 2009:

Quarterly-Plus\*\* Still Image and Video Competitions:

Themes have been selected by “The Business Meeting Attendees: BMAs”. 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**

AND MORE IF YOUR ENTRY IS PICKED 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> ...SO GO OVER THOSE IMAGES TODAY!

<b>FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>In honor of</b> <b>Valentine’s Month:</b>	<b>APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Note this is the 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed of the month...not the last!	<b>JUNE 24TH</b>	<b>OCTOBER 28th</b>
<b>Romance*</b> <i>*see definition below</i>	<b>Schools</b>	<b>What is it?</b>	<b>Camouflage</b>
<b>Deadline: Fri 2/20</b>	<b>Deadline: Fri 4/17</b>	<b>Deadline: Fri 6/19</b>	<b>Deadline: Fri 10/23</b>

**Still/Digital Caterogries:** 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. At this time, topside images are not included.

### 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](mailto:visualescapes@yahoo.com) He will put them in a Power Point or similar program for presenting at the meetings. Be sure your name is on the file. See below.

Entries must be (no exceptions...we are starting off with a firm deadline..) submitted no later than 5:00 pm the Friday prior to the meeting. **FOR FEBRUARY: THE DEADLINE IS FEB 20<sup>TH</sup> 5PM**  
Example: JohnSmith\_fish1.jpg 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 1.5 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.

**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 to provide smooth flow when presenting. Goal for the video group this year.... learn how to electronically send video in high quality for viewing.

**\*DEFINITION OF ROMANCE:** Feel free to look up a definition in your favorite dictionary: the artistic options are VERY broad. In short : Colorful expression of emotion. Something that moves your emotions. An AIM member suggested these words of guidance: Romance: Whatever floats your boat. TO ALL: Be creative. Be involved.

**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.... Their two favorites. 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.

Points will be awarded as follows: First place 3 ; Second place 2 ; Third place 1 ; Participated 1

Points will be tabulated throughout the year for all competitions held.. Quarterly at the AIM meetings, Special events when official competitions are held (ie: April trip to Coloma) and ?? TBA.

Top winners: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in both the Still 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... this year. We will revisit tie breakers options in 2010. The ballots will look like this.

<b>THE BALLOT: One ballot only per person....Vote for quality and how you think it best fits the theme.</b>		
<b>Still Image:</b> You can vote for one or two of your favorite images. Must be present to vote.		
<b>Video:</b> 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. A facilitator will be designated responsible for keeping the vote sheets. **MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPANT TALLEY:**

Member Name: Stills	2/09	4/09	4/09	6/09	10/09	??	TOTAL
Member Name: Video							

\*\* Note 4 quarterly-at-the-AIM-meeting competitions are scheduled. April 18<sup>th</sup> is the Spring Image-Shoot at Coloma and there may be one in the fall. All votes will count: participation & 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Winners will be announced at the holiday party: That date is now set for a SUNDAY in DECEMBER: TBA ? 6<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>