

Cleveland Photographic Society

Year-End Competition Q & A (Includes regular competitions, 'B' competitions and Photojournalism)

Important Dates:

Strict and final deadline for all entries is the Club's Annual Meeting, held in the middle of April each year – check the Club Calendar and watch your email for this year's date

All Year-End awards are announced at the Annual Awards Banquet, held on a Saturday in mid-May each year. Check the Club Calendar and watch your email for this year's date

What is Year-End Competition?

Year-end competition affords a chance to re-enter a few of your images from the current competition year for special awards and a chance to become the 'Image of the Year' in individual categories.

What are the Awards?

In each category, the Image of the Year is determined. These images are then printed, framed and hung on a wall in the Gathering Room for the entire next club year!. In addition to the Image of the Year, First, Second and Third place awards are also granted in each category as well as several Special Awards.

Special Awards?

In addition to the awards listed above, there are seven additional Special Awards, named after important people in the Club's history. These awards are also printed and framed for display on the Gathering Room wall. Special Awards are presented as follows:

John Moddejonge Award – Color Scenic - Pictorial
Henry Mayer Award – Nature - Projection
William Meyer Award – Scenic Nature - Black & White
Ruth Morrison Award - Authentic Wildlife - Nature
Charles Caseau Award – Through Processing - Creative
Charlie Cervenak Award – People (unrestricted)
Bert Klein Award – Pet or Domesticated Animal - Pictorial

You don't need to do anything special to apply for consideration of any of these awards except for the Morrison award. In this case, you must write the word 'Authentic' on the label of your Nature print, certifying that the image was taken of the subject in its natural environment.

How are awards determined?

Unlike regular CPS competitions, Year-End awards are determined during a closed judging session due to the large number of entries.

When are Awards announced?

All results are tabulated and held by the individual Competition Chairs and are announced at the Club's Annual Awards Banquet in mid-May. Anyone who is anyone in CPS will be there – and that should include YOU!

Okay – sounds fun. How do I enter?

You can enter up to three previously-entered images in each category by:

- Bringing prints directly to the club room anytime between now and the April Annual Meeting and placing in the boxes indicated for this purpose.
- For Projection images, login to the Shutter Score website (the link has been provided via email to eligible members and students) and choose from the images you've previously entered in regular competition.

What are the Categories?

Categories are the same as we always use for competitions – Black & White, Creative, Nature, People and Pictorial. Because there are more Pictorial images than in other categories, an Image of the Year is selected for both Pictorial Print and Pictorial Projection.

Can I switch Categories from where they were submitted previously?

No. All images must be entered in the same Category as submitted during the competition year.

Do I need to label my images with any special label?

No, but the label information must include your name, the original image title and the competition category. If the original label from the competition is still on the back of the photo, that's fine. If you've changed mountings or mats, just add a new label with the correct information. DO NOT alter the name of your image.

If I entered the same image in two categories during the year, what do I do?

You can choose which of the previously-entered categories to enter for year-end, but not both.

I was pretty proud of my image and I framed it and gave it to a friend. Do I have to get it back?

You can re-print the image and enter it.

Can I make any changes or enhancements to the image?

NO. The image must be submitted exactly as it appeared when entered during regular competition. No changes to the image can be made.

Does my image need to be mounted and matted?

Submission requirements are exactly the same as for regular competitions – mounted and/or matted. Framed images will not be accepted.

My image didn't win anything during the regular competition. Am I wasting my time by entering it again?

Not necessarily. There have traditionally been several surprises during year-end judging – prints that did not place during the regular competition year have frequently won awards in year-end competition. Pick the images that YOU like and give it a try!

I can't remember what I entered during the year. Can you help?

Yep. Go to the club's website: www.clevelandphoto.org and click on the Competition page. You will find a link to Competition Entries for the current year, listing all competition entries by photographer name, as well as by category and classification for the entire year.

So what's holding me back?

Heck if I know – take a few moments to select your images and submit them TODAY.

GOOD LUCK!!!!!!