

Comox Valley Photographic Society Image Expressions Guidelines (revised July 29, 2022)

General

Image Expressions is intended to encourage photographic activity and to help members develop their creativity and photographic skills.

Image Expressions is held during the second meeting of each month, from September to June, except where otherwise indicated. Members are invited to submit their images for viewing under the categories of *Competition* and *Challenge*. Some competitions will be judged by a CAPA accredited judge. Other competitions will be determined by a vote from among the members present at the meeting.

Images should be submitted to expressions@cvps.ca. All images must be submitted by no later ***than midnight on the last day of the month before*** the meeting. For example, entries for the October competition and challenge must be submitted no later than midnight on the last day of September. Late entries cannot normally be accepted.

Each image should be a minimum of 1920 pixels wide or 1080 pixels high, and a minimum of 72 dpi.

Image names should follow the format: first name, surname, competition or challenge (as appropriate), image title.jpg. For example:

Jane Doe July competition Sleepy Hollow.jpg.

John Smith July challenge Dancing Daisies.jpg.

Members may submit ***a maximum of two (2) entries for the competition and a maximum of two (2) entries for the challenge.***

A competition image must have been taken within the previous 12 months. A challenge image must have been taken within the previous 3 months.

Images must be the member's out of camera creation with no watermarks. Post processing enhancement or manipulation is allowed (for example, use

of filters, lightening/darkening, colour balance, cloning, etc.). However, it is not permitted to add, merge, or replace any part of an image with anything not photographed or created by the member.

Images must relate directly to the themes of the month.

Each image must be in the correct orientation for viewing.

Each image must be in jpeg format. Other formats will not be accepted.

The metadata must be intact so that eligibility for the competition and the challenge can be determined.

Each image may be submitted only once to either a competition or a challenge.

The Image Expressions Coordinator will send an acknowledgement of receipt to each participating member within 24 hours of receiving his/her submission.

Image Expressions 1.0 competition (popular vote by members)

The Image Expressions Coordinator will send an invitation to all members to view the competition entries in a web album within two days following the entry deadline.

Images may also be viewed at the meeting before the coffee break.

Only members present at the meeting may vote. Each member present will vote only once and only for one image.

Members may vote for what they consider the best competition entry based on:

- Reflecting the theme
- Composition
- Technical merit
- Impact

Winners will be announced after the coffee break. There will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place winners.

There will be a draw for a prize from among the top five place winners.

The top five place winners will be given an opportunity to talk about their images, should they choose to do so.

Following the meeting, the Image Expressions Coordinator will announce the names of the winners via an email message to all members.

Image Expressions 2.0 competition (judge's scores and comments)

In a judged competition, the judge's score and comments will replace the popular vote by members.

Members who have submitted images to the competition or the challenge may request comments from the judge on one (1) of their images. Comments may be offered on a second image if time permits.

Online Display

All images will be permanently displayed on the Image Expressions Zenfolio website <https://comoxvalleycameraclub.zenfolio.com/>.

Photographer of the Year

Members who submit images for *competitions* will accumulate points throughout the year (from September to June).

One point will be allocated for each entry submitted. Additional points will be based on the following:

- For Image Expressions 1.0, one point for each vote received
- For Image Expressions 2.0, points will be equal to the judge's score

The Image Expressions Coordinator will maintain a record of each member's points. The member who has accumulated the most points throughout the year will be the Photographer of the Year.

The Photographer of the Year will be announced at the June Image Expressions meeting, and will receive a prize.