

Dear Members

All of you are aware of the novel coronavirus pandemic (COVID19) associated recommendations, and that the library facilities we use are closed to the public. In order to keep Cobb Photographic Society (CPS) functional we are moving to have virtual meetings using one of the commercial on-line meeting platforms.

This means we all have to learn new skills, and change our rules.

The first on-line meeting will be our regularly scheduled meeting for 6:30pm on Monday, 06 April 2020. This is a competition meeting, and the topic remains "Flora and Fauna".

An invite/link to view the competition will be sent to the members prior to the competition.

The number of entries per member remains the same (2 in color and 2 in monochrome, or 2 in Novice category).

The process for judging and awards will remain the same, but the process for entering the competition is amended to accommodate a digital format. The guest judge for the month will judge all of the images. Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and two Honorable Mention placements.

Please follow the rules below to submit your images.

Digital Competition Rules

1. Image Submission:

1.1. Entry form:

Each member must fill out the updated entry form as usual, one for each category. A member entering images in both color and monochrome will need to fill two forms as normal. Novice members will continue to fill out a single form.

We have created a fillable pdf form for this purpose. It is attached to this email and will be / is available on the CPS web site. To fill the form(s) please follow these steps:

- Download the form to your computer
- Save it under a different name (e.g., *burr_color.pdf*, *burr_mono.pdf*, *burr_novice.pdf*) on your computer
- Complete the fields as instructed
- Save the completed form.

When you are ready to submit your images, send the form(s) that you saved along with the images.

1.2. Images:

- Each entry must have a title, and not just an IMG_number. For example, “Blue_Sky” is acceptable; IMG_1234 is not. Do not use spaces or punctuation marks in the file name. Do not use your name in the title.
- The title (e.g. Blue_Sky) on the entry form must match the file name (e.g., Blue_Sky.jpg). Images and files without a proper title, or that do not match will be disqualified.
- Images entered for the competition must be no more than 2500 pixels on the long edge.
- Images must be saved as jpg files.
- Images must be in the sRGB color space.
- Images must not have a border.
- Images must be sent in the correct orientation for viewing.
- Remove your name or any other identifying information from the metadata.
- CPS will not edit, format or rename your files. It is your responsibility, please be diligent.

1.3. Submission deadline

- Entries must be submitted digitally by 3pm on the Monday preceding the competition (for example, for the 06 April competition the deadline is 3pm on 30 March).
- The entries along with the filled form(s) shall be emailed to cpsdigital2020@gmail.com.
- Use this address ONLY for depositing your images and forms; it is not monitored. Please direct your questions to the competition chair or the Officers.

2. Second Chance and best of the year Competitions

At this time it is anyone’s guess when things will return to what we are used to in the past. However, for the purpose of participating in the Second Chance and Best of the Year Competitions in December, the winning images should be printed and mounted according to the rules of the Cobb Photographic Society.