

2022 Competition Topics

- **February: Black & White** – Regardless of the subject, the absence of color puts even more focus on capturing the essence of the scene. Keep in mind that strong composition and good use of contrast, tones, shadows, shape, and texture are crucial. Shoot any subject you choose, but make sure the finished image is black and white and contains no color. (3-year limit)
- **April: Faces** (Critters, Statues. People)- The focus of this competition is the capturing of a subject in which the face, facial features, as well as facial expressions, are predominant. Focus on a human face, an animal's or insect's face, or a statue's face. Try to highlight what drew you in or what caught your attention. (3-year limit)
- **June: Abandoned/Decay**-Capture the decline of a built environment or a natural object. Urban decay photography is defined as photographing dilapidated architecture, ie abandoned and rundown buildings. The dilapidated architecture may be in a town or in the countryside. Abandoned or dilapidated objects may also be photographed. Organic decay is the decomposition or rotting away of biological matter, such as plants or leaves. Photographs of urban decay or biological decay are acceptable. (3-year limit)
- **August: Arches**- An arch is defined as a usually curved structure forming the upper edge of an open space and supporting the weight above it, as in a bridge or doorway; a structure, such as a freestanding monument, shaped like an inverted U or a 3 or a curve with the ends down and the middle up. Photograph an arch whether it is inside or outside. (3-year limit)
- **October: Long Exposure** involves using a long-duration shutter speed to sharply capture the stationary elements of images while blurring, smearing, or obscuring the moving elements. Capture the path of a brightly lit object or stop rushing water using a slow shutter speed. Any movement of any object can be captured with a long exposure. (3- year limit)
- **December: Round Things** – Photograph something such as a circle, disk, globe, or ring. The definition of “round” is having every part of the surface or circumference equidistant from the center. (3-year limit)