

June Contest Judge's Comments "Flowers"

Judge 1

- 4 – Excellent all-around image
- 18 – A great image for the wall
- 40 – Needed a darker background

Judge 2

- 1- Beautiful colors of the flower. Tighter crop to eliminate gravel would help significantly.
- 2- If pink flower was the subject, it is out of focus. Background is not terribly interesting.
- 3- Lovely colors of the primary flower. Depth of field is good. Tighter crop to focus in more on subject could help here.
- 4- Beautiful capture. Yellow center part of flower is not in focus.
- 5- Pretty colors and shapes. Lighting is well handled.
- 6- Focus on main flower just missed. Background is more in focus than subject. Tighten up the crop.
- 7- Lovely composition. Cactus is slighter sharper than the flower. Would a vertical crop make this a stronger image?
- 8- Everything that should be in focus is. Flower fills the frame against a solid black background.
- 9- Image is a touch dark. Main flower is captured well. Lots a background could be removed with a square crop.
- 10- While the background is nicely soft, the main parts of the image are not in focus.
- 11- This Passion Flower could stand by itself without the background .A tight vertical crop could improve significantly.
- 12- Lovely mix of colors and flower types. Beautiful bouquet.
- 13- While the Fairy Duster is in sharp focus, there's too much distracting background.
- 14- While technically not a "flower" per se, this statue is captured and framed well. Background is pleasantly soft.
- 15- Color of the flower is well done. A tighter crop would really help focus in on the real subject of this image.
- 16- Image fills the frame well. Some of the lower parts of the flower are a bit blown out.
- 17- What is the subject: The Flowers? The Cemetery? Or the Sunset? While a sunset shot, it's overly dark.
- 18- Lots and lots of flowers to look at. Far right side is distracting and could easily be removed.

- 19- Nice tight capture of flower and its plant. Background is handled well. Most of the flower petals are in focus.
- 20- Excellent morning shot of rose in bloom. Background adds to beauty of this image. Possibly a touch brighter.
- 21- While the moisture on the petals gives a sense of time of day, the flower is not in focus and the background unfortunately is.
- 22- Beautiful colors. This image could be made stronger by filling the frame with the primary subject and only have a bit of background.
- 23- Stunning colors of the poppies. A vertical crop could improve this shot.
- 24- Shooting poppies in the morning before they open can be difficult. While the colors are attractive, nothing of interest is in focus.
- 25- While this image fills the frame nicely, if the flower petals were more in focus, this would be a stronger shot.
- 26- Interesting moody shot. Lots of textures and shapes add to its interesting appearance.
- 27- Nice closeup of pretty flower. Nothing seems to be in focus.
- 28- These red cactus flowers can be difficult to capture in good lighting. It's even more difficult in harsh lighting. Lots of distractions could be cropped away.
- 29- Depth of field handled exceptionally well. Simplicity of only three main colors works well here.
- 30- Lots of flowers to look at. Most of the important elements are in sharp focus. Certain parts of the background are overly bright.
- 31- While the main subject is interesting to view, the rest of the image and reflection is difficult to understand.
- 32- Loads of colorful flowers. Depth of field is a bit of an issue. Focus in on only one flower and allow the rest of the image to go soft.
- 33- Well captured blooms. Colors are accurate and the bugs are a bonus; brighter elements in the background are distracting.
- 34- Purple colors of the flower are well done. Petals are not all in focus. Too many overly bright background elements.
- 35- The mix of colors and textures work well here. What's important is in focus and the "supporting elements" are pleasantly soft.
- 36- The photographer's auto-focus did no favors for this image. The main flower bloom is not in focus and other secondary elements are.
- 37- Pretty colors of the cactus flower, as above, the auto-focus missed the main elements.
- 38- Interesting positioning of the flowers. The uppermost part of the image could be removed. Colors work well together.
- 39- In spite of very difficult lighting conditions, the rose is well captured. Loads of hot spots could be dealt with.
- 40- quite an interesting flower and cactus combination. Flower is not completely in focus. Tighter crop to eliminate a significant part of the RHS could improve this .
- 41- Beautiful colors. Unfortunately, none of the flower is in focus.