

Columbia Montour Photographic Society

Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda

6:00 to 8:00 P.M. – Bloomsburg Public Library 2nd Floor Meeting Room

6:00 to 6:30	Living room chat	Members discuss solving problem photos, new equipment or technologies and club business. Present photos for contest.
6:30 to 7:30	Program	Presentations on imaging topics to vary each month.
7:30 to 7:45	Monthly Contest	Each member presents one photo for judging by the group, see criteria below.
7:45 to 8:00	Wrap up	Pack up and clean up, the library closes promptly at 8:00 P.M.
8:00 to ?	After Glow	Members may meet for coffee or drinks

Photo Judging Criteria

1. Composition – Are the items of interest placed well? Is your eye led to the subject? Are there elements that distract? Are horizons level and not centered? Is movement into the photo? If rule of thirds is violated, is it appropriate? Is there clutter? Cropping appropriate? Appropriate format? Background is simple and uncluttered? Avoids mergers? Landscapes have adequate foreground interest?
2. Creativity and Originality – Is the subject viewed in a unique way or interesting point of view? Is the lighting interesting? Is the image or idea powerful? Is there a central theme or idea? Is there an obvious story?
3. Technical – Is the photo sharply focused, unless deliberately blurred? Lighting balanced? Was depth of field considered? Shutter speed appropriate for the subject? Color Balance? Contrast? Clipped shadows or highlights? Use of flash?
4. Overall Impression – Does the photo grab your attention? Wow factor? Special effects? Presentation?

Each area is awarded points from 1 to 5, 5 being the best, 3 being average, 1 being poor. This would make a perfect photo worth 20 points.