

John's Picture Perfect Contest



For April, we have four winners!

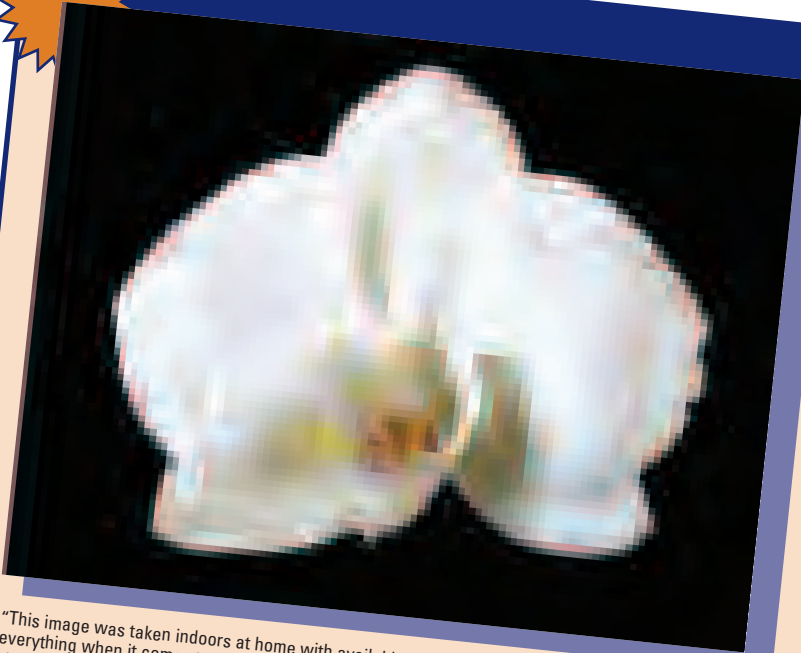
Start snapping today, and send us your best results!
Four winners will receive a \$25 Shell Gas Card.

WIN

FOUR PRIZES

\$25 Walmart Card

NEXT DEADLINE: May 15
Happy Snapping!



"This image was taken indoors at home with available window light and a reflector. Lighting is obviously everything when it comes to photography; the choice of lighting in this image was to create impact and a strong contrast between subject and background. Nature definitely has spectacular subjects!"

- Gonzalo Guerrero, Convention Center, Parking Division

John's comments: Yes, Gonzalo, lighting is just about everything when trying to take a captivating photo. And this is definitely captivating. When I first opened it on my computer it almost jumped off my screen! Nice work, Gonzalo!



"This is a hawksbill turtle; they live in Hawaii at the very south end of the Big Island. There are only 30 nesting turtles left, and I found a beach that had seven on the beach and five in the water."

- Ron Angst, DWP

John's comments: Ron, this brings back memories of when my son and I went to this same beach and saw the hawksbill turtles -- what a sight! Great shot, too; the details of the one turtle's head are so crisp and clear.



"Ezio and Genevieve Briasco (married 58 years), dipping our toes in the Arctic Ocean at Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories, Canada. We drove our Jeep 8,000 miles. While in Tuk, we joined a small group and had lunch in the home of one of the natives (Caribou soup, smoked fish and three parts of whale meat). From Dawson City, Yukon Territory, to Inuvik, Northwest Territories, in one stretch we drove for one hour and 40 minutes before we saw another car. However, we did see a couple of grizzly bears alongside the road (nice to know you are not completely alone). We flew the last 80 miles to Tuk because there is no summer road. We rented a satellite cell phone as a security blanket. This picture was taken with a Casio Exilim."

- Ezio Briasco, Retired.

John's comments: I love a good road trip! I think what makes this picture so amazing is how far north it was taken. I looked Tuktoyaktuk up on the internet and can't believe that the two of you drove so far (it's just about to the top of Canada). It's also nice to see you using my favorite camera, the Casio Exilim!



"This photo was taken at the Peak (Victoria Peak, Hong Kong) Jan. 26. I set up the camera and ran back to take this picture with my friends. I'm the second from the left."

- Leticia Yapana, DWP.

John's comments: Everyone looks so happy! Great shot, Leticia; you really captured the height of the Peak (it almost looks like you are on another skyscraper instead of a mountain). For those who don't know, the Peak is the highest mountain in Hong Kong, and understandably it's also their biggest tourist attraction.

Runners Up:

Andrew Redfield, Animal Services; Maria Elias, LAPD Detention Officer; Victor Landry, DWP Public Affairs; Robbie Horvath

RULES:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.