



John's Picture Perfect Contest



"I took this last month while I was on vacation in New York. I was playing around with my camera's settings and decided to take a few pictures in Central Park with sepia effects. This is a picture from within the park looking out to the old buildings that surround it. I love the 'old look' feel that the sepia had on the photo."
— **Maria Ramos, Office of the City Administrative Officer**

John's comments: The sepia tone really adds to your brilliant composition...the lamp post is set perfectly amongst the path, trees and the tops of the buildings. Very nice work, Maria!

For January, we have four winners!

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

WIN FOUR PRIZES

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NEXT DEADLINE: January 15 Happy Snapping!



"Cooning the bells."

— **Ron Angst, DWP.**

John's comments: I am still amazed by what the DWP workers have to do to get electricity to us here in L.A. I'm also still trying to figure out how this picture was taken! Amazing, Ron!



"At this time there are many cactus plants in the Reclamation Plant that are blooming now. This is one of them. Hope you like it."
— **Mike Kutas, Construction Helper, Public Works Contract Administration (Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant)**

John's comments: Yes, Mike, I like the picture very much. It's amazing to think of all the unique vegetation that is being maintained by the City, especially water-saving plants like cacti. Thanks, Mike, for sharing a little part of your world!



Taken in "September at the north end of Elk Heart Lake, in Elk Heart, Wis."
— **Russell T. Harris, Truck Driver, Public Works Sanitation, 20 years of service.**

John's comments: This almost looks like a watercolor painting...it's an emotional image too, telling me that summer is gone and winter is on its way. Good eye, Russell!

Runners Up:

Cephas Sund, Elbert Hughes Jr., Michelle Gross and Leticia Fuentes.

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
- When you send digital photos through the Internet, please send the full, original digital file yourself, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print.
- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- 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.