



# John's Picture Perfect Contest



"This is a close-up photograph of a dandelion seed pod, taken with a Canon D20 SLR and a Sigma 28-70 MM/2.8f lens. The edges were processed with Corel Pro Photo X2 to give the photograph an artistic look. It's amazing that a simple monochromatic weed can look totally different with a few lighting changes."

— **Carlos E. Ojeda, Transportation**

**John's comments:** Yes, it really is amazing to see simple seeming objects in a different light – it's a good reminder that human eyes see very little of the light spectrum."

**For March, we have four winners!**

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

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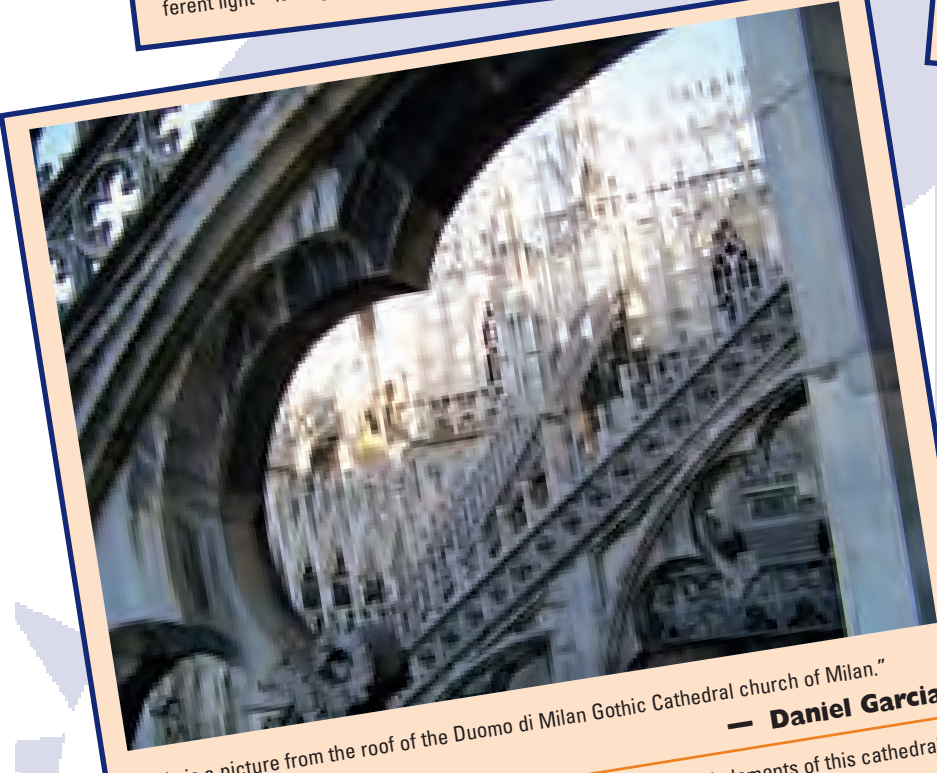
**NEXT DEADLINE: March 15**  
Happy Snapping!



This photo was taken at Mt. Baldy. "We were on our way back down the mountains, after visiting the snow, when I spotted the picture perfect view. I couldn't resist, so I pulled over onto the side of the road and snapped this beautiful shot of the mountains peeking through the clouds."

— **John Sousa**

**John's comments:** Yes, a picture perfect view it is – thanks for sending this in John. It's amazing how beautiful Southern California can be.



"This is a picture from the roof of the Duomo di Milan Gothic Cathedral church of Milan."

— **Daniel Garcia**

**John's comments:** Nice job capturing the amazing architectural elements of this cathedral. Too bad our skyscrapers downtown couldn't be this beautiful!



"A calla lily after the rain."

— **Rick Lowry, Retired, Rec and Parks**

**John's comments:** It doesn't get much better than this Rick! Simply beautiful!

**Runners Up:**

**Robbie Horvath; Jacqui Dreben, LAPD; Renne Gardner; and Bob Hill.**

**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.