



John's Picture Perfect Contest

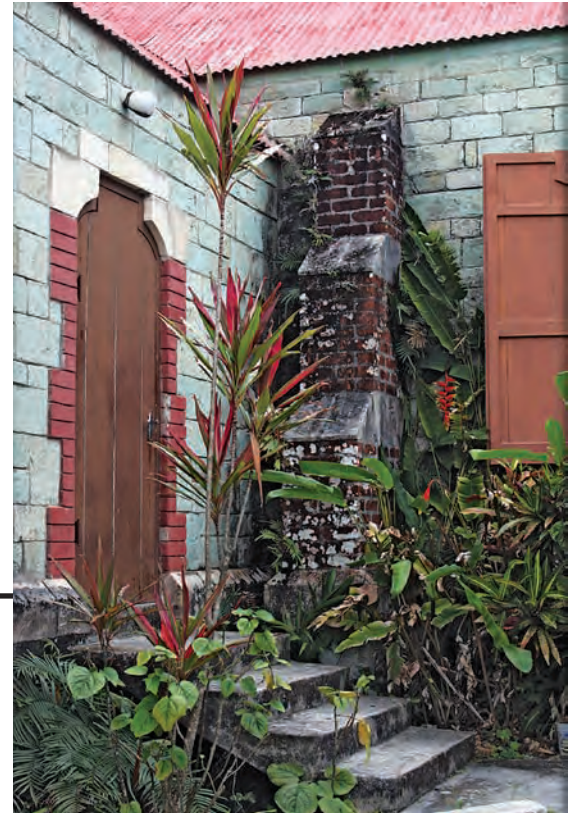
John Hawkins, Club CEO

WIN \$25 Walmart Card
 NEXT DEADLINE: August 15
 Happy Snapping!

"I took this picture on my last trip to Michigan in May. It is the Old Mariners Church on Jefferson Avenue in downtown Detroit. It is an active church with a non denominational parish, and is situated right at the entrance to the Windsor Tunnel, next door to the GM World Headquarters. I took this photo with a .8-second shutter speed and the tungsten lighting setting on my Canon A510. I really liked how the colors and shadows came out in this picture. I hope you agree."

- David Bunjac, General Services

John's comments: Thank you, David, for this fantastic photo! Also, just a bit of trivia, this church is mentioned in the song, *The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald* by Gordon Lightfoot. It's here where the church's bell tolls 29 times every Nov. 10 to mark the anniversary of the sinking of that ship and the 29 lives lost. It's a very touching song and definitely a classic.



"I shot [*Colors of Antigua*] this last April during a cruise I took through the Caribbean. This one in particular is from the island of Antigua. Thanks."

- Jorge De La Cerda, DWP

John's comments: Jorge, a perfect title for a picture perfect! Many would have walked right past this, never thinking of taking a picture. But you saw the photographic potential. Nice work, Jorge!



"The Grand Canyon -- a picture will never do it justice, but that doesn't stop us from taking one. This is a view from the south rim of the Grand Canyon during spring break 2009."

- Carlos Aranda, DWP

John's comments: Carlos, you are absolutely right, a picture will never do the Grand Canyon justice; you really have to see it with your own eyes. But you did the best that can be done with this awesome photo. Thank you for beautifully capturing one of my favorite places in America!



"A view from above Vernal Falls, Yosemite."

- Hector Cardenas, DWP

John's comments: I love the contrast of this shot, Hector -- the green moss, the deep brown rocks and the bubbling white water. Wonderful!

Runners Up:

Glenn Y. Abellanosa, Frank Frias, Brian Doherty, Sally Deveze, Dominique Daito, Juanita Segura-Campos, Silver Fregoso, Renee Ramirez

Those Amazing Animals!

Hello everyone -- for some reason this month, we here at the Picture Perfect feature were flooded with photos of animals. Awesome; we love it! I just couldn't let all these photos go without printing them. Keep 'em coming! - John



"My daughter, Amanda, took the picture. We had a Mommy Morning dove with a nest in our backyard lemon tree."

- Jim Blythe

John's comments: It looks like Amanda has some amazing talent! It's not easy getting so close with such a clear picture...and the depth of field she captured is superb! Nice work, Amanda!



Here is a photo of my best friend, Scout. We were fishing at Lake Crowley north of Bishop last week. As you can tell, he is looking at something. Well, I found out about a second later what it was, when he jumped in the water and went after some ducks. I guess he can't wait till October to go duck hunting."

- Bud Eyerly, Building Repair Supervisor

John's comments: Bud, this is one of photos where the story makes the photo all the better. Everyone needs a best friend; it looks like Scout has you as his best friend, too.



"This photo was taken recently of my dog, Shank, playing outside with his other buddies. He was adopted from the East Valley Animal Shelter in January, and is now a happy little dude, as evident in the picture. We believe that he is a cocker spaniel and beagle mix."

- Ruben Zaragoza

John's comments: First, thank you for adopting from the City Shelter. And yes, you can really see how happy Shank is! Secondly, this is a wonderful photo. It would be a great photo for an advertisement for the shelter...Thank you Ruben!



From Laura Gonzalez Ellis.

John's comments: A great close-up, Laura ... and I've never seen an animal with such a big smile! This is a one in a million shot. Nice work!



"My husband and I recently visited family in Wisconsin. Molly May is the newest member of our family. She is so sweet, but her nickname is Molly Monster due to her rambunctious attitude."

- Gail Sutherland, DWP

John's comments: You really captured Molly May in a classic pose, Gail! She looks so calm in the photo it's hard to believe she's the rambunctious type. But I know looks can be deceiving; we have a six-month-old German Shepherd, and she looks very calm at first, too. But the truth is, she never stops going. Thanks for sharing, Gail!

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, 120 W. Second Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

- 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.