



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

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



"The Grand Canyon."
 - Hector Cardenas

John's comments: Hector, to me the Grand Canyon is really difficult to photograph, mainly because you can never do it justice. However, what struck me with this photo is how you were able to get so much of its beauty in one picture – the Colorado River, the intensity of the sky, the towering cliffs and immense valley. Not to mention the color variations that are so prevalent.



"Elephant seals on a beach south of Big Sur over the Labor Day weekend. Male elephant seals can weigh 5,000 pounds."
 - Mike Aubin, Airports

John's comments: Thank you, Mike, for bringing us something that's pretty remarkable and not too far up the coast from Los Angeles. The first time I saw them, I was amazed to see such big sea/land creatures out in the open on the beach. Very nice depiction, Mike!



"This is a picture of a juvenile antelope inside his pen, peeking through the foliage. He's kind of shy but curious. This was taken at the L.A. Zoo, in the early summer of this year."
 - Glenn Abellanosa

John's comments: Glenn, you really took the depth of field to a new level with this shot. No only did you get the background but the foreground as well. That's not easy when you are trying to focus on such a small object. Nice work!



"Here's a view of the New York skyline from New Jersey. This statue is a monument in honor of the Polish people in remembrance of those who were killed in 1939, with the backdrop of the noticeably missing World Trade Center. We were very moved by this scene."
 - Tonja Bellard

John's comments: Thank you, Tonja; this is a powerful statue, especially for me since I'm half Polish. For those who have never seen this, this is Andrzej Pitynski's Katyn Memorial and honors the victims of the Katyn Massacre. A few weeks after Nazi Germany invaded Poland in 1939, the Soviets rounded up 22,000 Polish officers, intellectual leaders and prisoners of war for a mass execution in Russia's Katyn Forest. For years, the Soviets blamed the Nazis for the execution, and it wasn't until 1989 that the Kremlin finally acknowledged Soviet responsibility. The statue is at Exchange Place in Jersey City.

RUNNERS-UP:

- Thanks, **Cheryl Garcia**, for some really cool pictures of your son, Jonah, getting his jersey signed by Dodger Jonathan Broxton, and his hat signed by Matt Kemp!

- **Dominique Daito:**

Thank you, Dominique, for your great shot of the flower at Solvang!

- Thank you, **Grace Scarlett**, for your awesome Yosemite photos. I'll have them re-entered for the next month's contest.

- And thank you, **Rose Serrato**, for the great shot of Mt. Shasta!

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 West 2nd 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.