



John Hawkins, Club CEO

John's Picture Perfect Contest

WIN
\$25 Walmart
Gift Card



"This was taken in Utah on my way to Grand Junction, Colo. What's a picture really worth?"

– **John Griffin**

John's comments: John, a perfect marriage of sky, clouds, canyon, trees and shrubs. Nice work!



"My husband, sister, brother-in-law, and I visited Rome this past June, but we were told we absolutely had to go to Cinque Terre. We are extremely glad we did. Our adventure took us on a two-and-a-half-hour hike from one little town to another (there were five). I forgot my tennis shoes, which made the hike much more challenging with regular city walking shoes. However, the views we saw were breathtaking and so worth it. Also, the delicious dinner we rewarded ourselves at the end of the hike was superb."

– **Rose Serrato, LAPD**

John's comments: Rose, I ended up studying this photo for a long time because I kept finding interesting little details, like the boats in the little harbor, the colored awnings on the beach, the tower to the right of the little town... etc. I especially like how the town is framed by trees, bushes, terraced mountains and ocean. Nice work, Rose!

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.

"I snapped this while driving around downtown LA. The artwork on the side is a huge ad for Hyundai."

– **Tim Garrett**

John's comments:

Tim, this is truly one of the most unusual photographs I've received. The juxtaposition of the ad and the building is just simply surreal. Nice work!



– **Sang Ham, Club Member**

John's comments: Sang, what a beautiful photo. You captured the essence of the lotus: pure and peaceful. Thank you for sharing!



"While hiking up to Echo Mountain and Mount Lowe, the sun had just started rising above the mountains behind me. This view to the west shows the Verdugo and San Gabriel Mountains catching the first rays of light, while the receding clouds in the foreground begin to reveal the hills above Altadena."

– **Matt Tobin, DWP**

John's comments: Matt, I've done this particular hike more than 100 times in the last 30 years (we also featured it in our "Angel's Be *Alive!*" column) but have never seen the view quite like this. The early bird certainly catches the worm! Thank you so much for sharing such a beautiful scene that right here in our backyard!