



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins,
Club CEO



"A canoe on Little Lava Lake in the Cascade Lakes region of central Oregon."

– James VanGerpen

John's comment: Big blue sky, serene lake, silent pines and the lone canoe... a very relaxing shot, James!



"Here's sunset at Emma Wood State Beach in Ventura."

– Linda Wang, Airports

John's comment: Wow! The crispy contrast of this shot is, well, photographically delicious! I love how the sun is bursting through the clouds like that. Nice work!



"During a road trip to Montana, my daughter and I decided to take a slight detour and visit Mount Rushmore in South Dakota. It was all worth it! While walking along the trails, I looked up between these two large rocks, and there was George Washington."

– Chris Rose, LAPD

John's comment: I've been to Rushmore twice, but never have I seen it at this angle. I love the perspective, Chris!



"BFF: My two inseparable nieces during our family trip to Kern River. I literally had to spider-walk along the river rocks while chomping on my camera neck strap (to keep the camera afloat) for the perfect spot in the middle of the river, with the E-M5 mere centimeters above water for the snap. It was scary, but worth it."

– Dominique Daito, LAPD

John's comment: Dominique, I've been in similar situations, but as Angel Gomez, the Club's Director of Member Services can tell you, I haven't had your luck. But this was definitely worth the risk! Sharp, clear and almost three dimensional... nice job!



"The attached photo of the L.A. skyline to the east, overlooking the lake at MacArthur Park, was taken by my granddaughter, Carleigh Rendon, 11, from an office building window on the west side of the park. She has an avid interest in photography, and I am submitting it on her behalf. If you look carefully at the photo, you can see the historic Westlake Theater just above left center.

I don't live in Los Angeles anymore, but I do enjoy your feature very much, as it brings back many fond memories of my growing up and living in Los Angeles for nearly 50 years."

– Burt Nemcher, DWP, Retired

John's comment: Thank you, Carleigh (and Burt) for this wonderful photo of such a prominent Los Angeles icon, MacArthur Park. You have a good eye for photography and it shows – the skyline is perfectly positioned and the colors are amazing. Keep up the good work, Carleigh!

RUNNERS-UP:

EDGAR MERCADO, DEBORA FORE,
JOHN OTOSHI, CESAR HERNANDEZ

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@cityemployees-club.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.