



Canadian Association for Photographic Art

Judging Course Manual Contents

Executive Summary

CAPA has trained judges since its inception for the express purpose of providing a source of well skilled competent individuals to serve as judges, evaluators and commentators at CAPA sponsored competitions, Club events and International salons. CAPA clubs particularly seek the help of well skilled individuals for their own in-house competitions on a regular basis, and look to us to provide a consistent standard of judging across the nation. This course is created to serve that purpose.

Introduction

As a photographic society, one of our most important roles is to nurture and encourage photographers at all levels to increase their knowledge and expertise in the art. Historically, one of the very significant ways we did this was to ensure that members received evaluation through judges with wide experience and knowledge of all aspects of photography.

Originally created in Western Canada, instruction courses have evolved and grown to encompass new technology and techniques, most notably as a result of digital photography. CAPA now recognises the need for a nation-wide course teaching the fundamentals of judging, so that members who enter our competitions across the nation, will be ensured of consistent and well informed evaluation and commentary of their work.

Designed in segments, the course provides individual handbooks for Instructors, and Students. It also contains Certification information and various support material that may be used by clubs when seeking judges for forthcoming events. CAPA thanks the many members across Canada who generously gave us permission to use their digital images for use in this training course.

Certification

People wishing to be certified as a CAPA Judge, now have the opportunity to do so. Certification establishes that the individual CAPA member has achieved the CAPA standard for judging and is authorized to use "CAPA certified "Judge on correspondence or business cards. The process for certification is included in this manual.

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