

Critiquing for Clinics

How is your Photograph Critiqued?

The purpose of the clinic is to provide instruction through constructive critical comment and evaluation. Remember, it is not a competition. Critiques are done in a general forum with the members providing commentary.

Members comment using 3 categories:

1. Pictorial or Artistic Merit (IMPACT)
2. Technical Skill
3. Interpretation of Subject

Pictorial or Artistic Merit (IMPACT)

This is a measure of the SUCCESS of the COMPOSITION.

Factors include the "RULES OF COMPOSITION":

- Rule of Thirds
- Balance
- Lighting
- Framing
- Tonal Range and Texture
- Pattern and Rhythm
- Lead-in Lines

Technical

Here you measure the skills of:

- Exposure
- Depth of Field
- Focus
- Shutter Speed
- Filters
- Panning
- Mounting, spotting (prints)

Interpretation

Here you evaluate how well the photographer interpreted the topic photographically.

- Is the subject matter appropriate?
- Has it been chosen carefully?
- Has it been captured in an interesting way?
- Does the subject communicate itself clearly without distraction?

Note: a TITLE may or may not assist in this process. It is only one factor to be considered.

(some titles are merely labels, and are therefore neutral).