

# JUDGING Guideline

**NOTE:** The Canton Camera Club recognizes that Judging is a very personal and subjective exercise. Therefore the criteria below should only be used as a general aid or guideline to inspire thought for photographic slide and digital image judging.

## **IMAGE MESSAGE - Does this image ...**

have impact or an overall WOW factor?  
bring out feelings, emotions, or mood to you personally?  
make a statement, tell a story, or interpret beauty of the subject?  
convey an idea or show inventiveness or a creative perspective by the photographer?

## **IMAGE CONTENT - Does the photographers choice of ...**

subject or scene add to the success of this image?  
background enhance the image?  
image content fit the category?  
H or V format and crop enhance the content?

## **IMAGE TECHNICAL MERIT - Is the photographers choice of ...**

exposure appropriate for the subject or scene?  
point of focus and general image sharpness appropriate?  
aperture / Depth of Field appropriate to best enhance the subject?  
shutter speed / ISO speed appropriate to best enhance the subject?

### **Points Judging, 100 point system. Score to be filled out on your individual score card**

60 points is below average. Probably having a major technical flaw or something that just doesn't look right. We generally do not score below 60. There is no intention to be unkind, but just to let the maker know that something better is hoped for in the future.

70 points = A good image. Generally technically good. No serious flaws. Many images fall into this group.

80 points = A superior image. Has qualities that make it stand out above the average.

90 points = An outstanding image with very special qualities.

100 points = An image that is just about perfect. Nadia Comaneci. Not just an "A" but an A+ We don't see many of these.

Each judge has a responsibility to mark his score card with a zero if the image being judged is theirs or their spouse's  
When judging is completed for a given slide, the score cards are handed to the score keeper. See section 5 under "Score Keeper"

This process is repeated until all slides have been judged.