

Gaylen Grover's qualifications for judging photo club's competitions

Gaylen has had a passion for photography for most of his life. At the age of 13 he got his first serious camera and the passion has never ended. He was the first member of the Ogden Junior camera club and served as its president during his high school years. By high school graduation he had served as the year book photographer for 3 years and managed the high school darkroom and four assistants. He worked his high school years at a camera store and portrait studio. He was the only clerk at the store, a big responsibility for a teenager. At 6:00pm he would close up the store and retreat to the studio where he processed the film from the days portraits and retouched negatives.

College took Gaylen in quite a different direction with his career, but fifteen years ago he discovered camera clubs and became actively involved . He has served as president of Santa Clara Camera Club and 6C. Not a month goes by that he doesn't compete in photo competitions and in so doing has learned a great deal about the art of photography. He has placed in the winning circle many times over this period. He has authored a book "How to take really bad pictures" a tongue in cheek look at the making great pictures. He also lectures at camera clubs on "how to feel a photograph" and digital image processing.

Gaylen started judging photo competitions two years ago.