

PTCC 2016 - NATURE #2 - “BACKYARD” NATURE GROUP AA

24 images from 8 members

01 - Bee on Yellow Flower.jpg

wonderfully sharp, needs to be a bit brighter, well composed

02 - Bee preparing to land.jpg

sharp flower, nice darkening around the frame, love that the bee is fully loaded with pollen, too bad the bee isn't in focus, might consider replacing him with another focused bee .
could crop a bit tighter, especially if replaced bee were moved closer to landing. fun photo

03 - Bees in hive.jpg

everybody is moving, so focus is blurred. could be a bit brighter. actually too much going on at too great a distance
to get a real impact.

04 - Calla Lily after the Rain.jpg

sharp droplets, darkening the green leaves in the lower left might improve an already good photo

05 - carmel beach rocks.jpg

wonderful light. the HDR is a bit too much for my taste, to me the strongest part of the photo is from the cross down to the lit rocks.
a crop vertically losing 10% from the right and 50% from the left would make a really dramatic photo with the cross at one third from right edge and one third from top.

06 - crashing waves .jpg

great sharpness and good light, needs a focal point to be a better photo. Can't resist taking wave photos though can we?

07 - Dew Drop on Calla Lily.jpg

good photo, great light on Calla and Dew Drop, darkening the background green leaves and cropping left and top would make a stronger photo
and eliminate the out of focus background distraction by making it less apparent.

08 - Feeding Wild Pigs in the Louisiana Bayou.jpg

good sharp focus on the eye and hair

09 - Great White Heron in Flight.jpg

nice serene photo, lightening the shadowed parts of the bird just a bit would make it stronger.

sharpening worked on most of the bird, but left a bright line round the legs and feet. good composition with room for the bird to move to. good detail on feathers.

10 - Hummingbird Feeding.jpg

good documentary photo. great job not scaring the bird.

11 - Iguana.jpg

great color, super sharpness on scales. only suggestion is to darken or desaturate green background to further separate iguana from green. the brick is fine as is..

12 - Me and My Shadow - Snowy Egret and Brandt's Cormorant.jpg

neat idea. Cormorant comes off painted and flat. part of that is the shadow around him. I feel this is a double exposure composite that didn't quite work.

13 - Monastery Garden Raindrops.jpg

macro is tough with so little depth of field to work with. nice sharpness on the main flower. pulling down or weighting down the bud to get it out of the photo would have been worth it. darkening or desaturating green leaf background would further strengthen photo

14 - Mule Dear Bucks.jpg

Great rare scene! unfortunately movement was too much for the shutter speed.

15 - Proud-California Sea Lion Bull and Female.jpg

good composition, excellent sharpness. lightening the pier background might define the bull more and darkening the sleeping sea lion behind the female might define the her more.

16 - Raven.jpg

nice and sharp, good composition, how did he get so saturated blue?

17 - So tired. California Sea Lion at rest.jpg

great pose! good composition, only suggestion is to desaturate the blue pipe. my wife laughed out loud seeing this.

18 - Spreckels Salad Bowl.jpg

well done.

19 - Sunning Turtles.jpg

nice and sharp, good composition, great reflection. need to somehow tone down the background , darker or at least desaturate to make the turtles, log, and reflection more prominent.

20 - sunset Carmel Beach.jpg

sharp but needs a focal point . always difficult with wave photos

21 - Western Gull .jpg

well done

22 - Anemone Queen Charlotte.jpg

nice and sharp, good composition, maybe brighten upper flower petals a bit

23 - Asilomar Ground Squirrel.jpg

love this little fat guy! well composed and exposed. nice and sharp.

24 - Female Mallard.jpg

nice and sharp, colorful (right at the limit) well done. cloning or patching over

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Winners:

HONORABLE MENTION

23 - Asilomar Ground Squirrel : Dominique Gallet

17 - So Tired, California Sea Lion : Carmay Knowles

19 - Sunning Turtles : Bill Shewchuk

THIRD PLACE

24 - Female Mallard : Dominique Gallet

SECOND PLACE

09 - Great White Heron in Flight: Lynn Pigott

FIRST PLACE

11 - Iguana : Bill Shewchuk