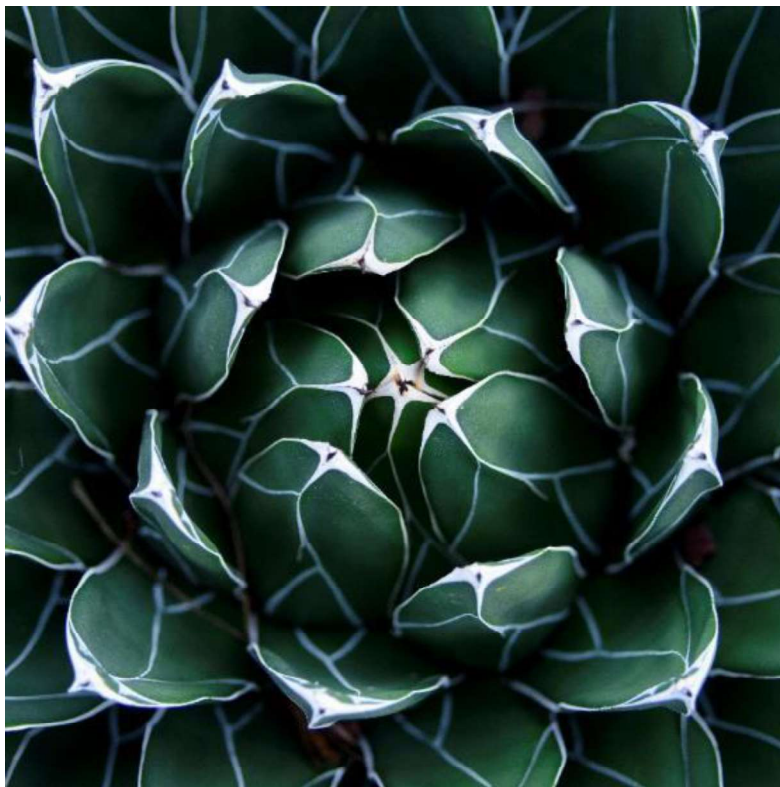


Image Categories



Category	Definition	Title Rules
Open	Open is a general category. Any type of subject matter and photographic technique or style is allowed. If an image does not fit the definition of any other category, it belongs in Open. <i>Nature images that do not qualify in the Nature category, including domestic animals, pets, backyard gardens, etc., are included in the Open Category.</i>	▶ No restrictions on titles ▶ Must adhere to PCPC file name syntax rules.
Creative	Creative photography expresses an artistic and imaginative vision, feeling, and message. Images must start with a photograph taken by the club member. Examples include: ▶ Surreal Photography: dreamlike, illogical, or fantastical ▶ Enhanced Reality: subtle transformation, not complete fabrication ▶ Conceptual Photography: an artistic vision ▶ Augmented Photography: digital or AI enhancements ▶ Abstract Photography: subject matter is secondary; elements such as line, shape, texture, shadow, color, form and pattern become the primary concern. ▶ Intentional Camera Movement: a photographic technique where the camera is moved during exposure to create motion blur and abstract effects.	▶ No restrictions on titles ▶ Must adhere to PCPC file name syntax rules.
Travel	Travel photography captures the essence of a location, its people, culture, landscapes, and history. It combines elements of landscape, portrait, street, and documentary photography.	▶ If possible, the title should convey information about the location. ▶ Must adhere to PCPC file name syntax rules.

Nature	A Nature image captures an animal, bird, plant, organism or natural process from all branches of natural history in its natural environment. Human elements should not be a main focal point and should be kept to an absolute minimum. The presence of scientific bands or tags on a wild animal are acceptable. Images of animals and plants in zoos, wildlife sanctuaries, aquariums, botanical gardens and the like are allowed. <i>Domesticated animals are not acceptable. Any form of manipulation that alters the truth of the natural photographic image are not allowed.</i>	▶ If possible, the title should include the name of the animal, plant, or location ▶ Must adhere to PCPC file name syntax rules.
People	People photography focuses on capturing human subjects in various contexts including: ▶ Portrait Photography: posed and candid photography ▶ Street photography: people in public places ▶ Fashion photography ▶ Event photography: weddings, parties, concerts ▶ Lifestyle photography: for advertising, social media, influencers ▶ Family photography	▶ The title should include information about the person, situation or event when possible. ▶ Must adhere to PCPC file name syntax rules.
Landscape	Landscape Photography captures the natural world and conveys the essence of the outdoors, encompassing a wide range of subjects from vast vistas to intimate details. It showcases the beauty of outdoor environments including cityscapes. It focuses on scenic views that convey a sense of place, scale, and atmosphere. Landscape photography uses light for dramatic effect, uses leading lines and foreground interest to create depth, and capture moods with clouds, fog, clear skies, moonlight, sunrises, sunsets, etc.	▶ The title should contain a short, descriptive name that identifies the subject, location, time of day, mood, etc., if possible. ▶ Must adhere to PCPC file name syntax rules.
Photojournalism	Photojournalism is a form of photography that captures and tells real-life stories through powerful, truthful, unaltered images used to document current events, social issues, and historical moments. Although photographic excellence can be a challenge, every effort should be made to ensure that photojournalism images are inspiring, captivating, insightful, enlightening, unforgettable or powerful. Photojournalism images: ▶ Tell a story ▶ Are candid and unposed ▶ Capture sporting events ▶ Capture breaking news ▶ Capture social, cultural, and environmental issues	▶ The title should describe the story of the image as in a newspaper headline or caption ▶ Must adhere to PCPC file name syntax rules.
Assigned Subject	Assigned Subject is a specific theme assigned for an upcoming meeting. The category is designed to help club members develop the ability to see photographic opportunities and make a personal interpretation on a given subject.	▶ There are no restrictions on titles ▶ Must adhere to PCPC file name syntax rules.
Recent	Any image taken any time after the date of the previous PCPC meeting qualifies for the Recent category. Images should adhere to the rules of the specific category they could also be submitted to. For example, an image that could also qualify for the Landscape category must follow the rules of that category	▶ There are no restrictions on titles ▶ Must adhere to PCPC file name syntax rules.