



# Photographic Society of America Photojournalism Division



## 2009 Quarterly Competition For Individuals

The COMPETITION will consist of four sessions conducted during a one year period:  
In **2009** the competition will be held in FEB., MAY, AUG.. & NOV.

1. Images will be received during Feb. Judged in Mar.
2. Images will be received during May Judged in June
3. Images will be received during Aug. Judged in Sept.
4. Images will be received during Nov. Judged in Dec.\*\*

\*\* Also in December or early in 2010, winners from previous quarters will be judged for Best Of 2009

There will be two categories in each session. One category will be: General PJ and the second will be a themed PJ category, announced before each session. Each Entrant can enter Four Different Images in each category for a maximum of eight images per session. This competition is conducted as a fun/learning event and does not have acceptances for star ratings.

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### ENTRY RULES:

#### 1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

The individual competition is open to all PSA members. The entrant must be the full owner of all rights of the submitted works. Entry is not limited to images created and or modified digitally. Images may also be acquired and/or modified traditionally and then scanned. The images must be submitted as Electronic Files by Email.

By virtue of submitting an entry, the entrant certifies the work as his or her own and permits the PSA Organization to reproduce all or part of the entered material free of charge for displaying on the Internet.

#### 2. ENTRY FORM:

The Entry Form will be available by clicking on the desired month on the main website:  
[http://johnlarson.4t.com/PSA\\_PJ\\_Quarterly/index.htm](http://johnlarson.4t.com/PSA_PJ_Quarterly/index.htm)

The following information will be required: Name, Address, PSA membership number, email address, image filenames, and image titles. The image filenames on the Entry Form **MUST MATCH** the actual image filenames. Instructions for filling out the Entry Form are included on the website. The Entry Form must be filled out on the website and sent by using the "Submit" button at the bottom of the Entry Form. Your images must be sent in a separate Email. A Status List of all entries received will be published on the website. Members can check to see if their images have been received in good order. The Status List will be updated at least weekly and will be posted until the judging takes place.

#### 3. DEFINITION OF AN ACCEPTABLE IMAGE

The only digital editing that can be allowed must fit with the PSA definition for acceptable Photojournalism images. "In the interest of credibility, photographs which misrepresent the truth, such as manipulation to alter the subject matter, or situations which are set up for the purpose of photography, are unacceptable." "No elements may be moved, cloned, added, deleted, rearranged, combined or changed in any way that affects the integrity of the image content. No manipulation or modification is permitted except resizing, cropping, selective lightening or darkening, and restoration of original color of the scene. No special effect filters can be added or applied, and any sharpening must appear natural."

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### 4. ENTRY IMAGE FILES:

The images must be sent separately from the Entry Form. The images must be in jpg format. A maximum of 4 images may be submitted per each entrant. The images must be sent on-line by Email. They can be sent one at a time or in groups of four, depending on your Internet Service Provider and Modem Speed. Your Email should include a message stating how many images are attached, and should include your full name. Email your images to:

[pjquarterly@johnlarsen.4t.com](mailto:pjquarterly@johnlarsen.4t.com)

### 5. IMAGE FILE NAMING CONVENTION:

The image filename shall use the following convention:

surname-x-####-yz.jpg

Where surname is your Family name; x is the first initial of your Given name

#### is the last four digits of your phone number; y is the Section and Category Letter (A, B, C or D) **We will use Section A for General PJ, One Star or less; Section B for General PJ Two or more Stars; Section C for Themed PJ, One Star or less and Section D for Themed PJ Two or more Stars** and finally z is the image number (1,2,3,4). This naming convention is necessary to assure that files from different makers will have unique names.

Example: These four images were submitted by John Smith in section-A, phone number 784-1234 smith-j-1234-A1.jpg; smith-j-1234-A2.jpg; smith-j-1234-A3.jpg; smith-j-1234-A4.jpg

**The image filenames MUST MATCH the filenames on the Entry Form.**

A separate line is provided on the Entry Form for the titles. Do not use titles for filename.

### 6. ENTRY FILE DIMENSIONS AND SIZE:

The required maximum horizontal dimension is 1024 pixels and maximum vertical dimension is 768 pixels. Smaller images are acceptable. The maximum file size is 500 KB. (After compression to jpg format).

### 7. JUDGING:

Each session will be judged by a different set of judges.

Judging will be done by projecting images on a screen with an Electronic Projector at a resolution of 1024 X 768 set to 16.7 million colors. In each session the entrant's four images will be distributed throughout four rounds of judging. Three judges will be used with a score from each judge ranging from 2 to 9. Each image will have a minimum score of 6, maximum score 27.

### 8. ENTRY FEE:

In 2009 we are going to try and grow the number of contributors. Therefore I have received the permission of Keith Gillett to waive the fees for this year. My hope is that we can double the number of participants by eliminating the fee and adding the new Themed Category. Tell all Photojournalism enthusiasts.

### 9. AWARDS:

First, Second, and Third place ribbons and HM's given to the winners in each contest and they will have their images posted on the Internet for a period of 60 days. A special award will be given to the entrant that accumulates the most points for the four sessions. As indicated above at the end of the year all of the ribbon winning images will be judged to get First, Second, and Third place ribbons and HM's for the year.