



# SHENANDOAH PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN  
JUDGING...



# Impact and Interest

- Is there a clear center of interest?
- Does the subject dominate the image?
- Does image tell a story?
- Does image show emotion, mood, or feeling?
- Is the viewpoint pleasing?

# Composition (continued)

- Has subject been framed?
- Do lines move to or from the subject?
- Is the background non- distracting?
- Are there forms and patterns?
- Does image contain any textures?

# Technique

- Has depth of field been used?
- Are the exposure & color balance correct?
- Is there sufficient contrast?
- Is image free of noise, dust, etc.
- Is image's sharpening appropriate?

# Black & White Images

- Sufficient dynamic range (white whites & black blacks)?
- Detail in highlights and shadows?

# Enhanced Images

- Images where the computer manipulation or other processing significantly changes the original image
- Enhanced images do not represent the reality of the photograph at the time of capture

# Miscellaneous

- Does image reflect the entered category?
- Are eyes in portraits the sharpest point?
- Is the horizon level in landscapes?
- Are colors natural or overused?
- Would removing all color help the image?