

SPNC Photography Club Image Sizing and Naming Rules

- Your images are due one day prior to competition.
- Use the rules below to size and name your files.
- Images must be 768 pixels on the longest side.
- All entries must be entered at our website **3079724.photoclubservices.com** See separate procedure on how to upload images.

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Competition Rules and Guidelines

Definition

A “Digital Projection image” is a computer file that was created via capture through a digital camera; or film based camera where the negative or transparency was scanned. The initial image must have been captured by the photographer as well as any subsequent images that may be added to the composition.

The competition schedule is as follows:

- Your images are due one day prior to the competition
- Third Friday of each month is the scheduled competition
- All third Friday competitions are subject to change when necessary with proper notification to the membership via email.

Number of Entries Allowed:

- A maximum of **two** entries per division:
 - Monochrome General (MG) (*including nature or creative*)
 - Color General (CG) (non-manipulated to casual viewer)
 - Nature (NA) (non-manipulated images excluding monochrome)
 - Color Creative (CC) (manipulated images to the casual viewer)
 - Assignment (AS)

Classes: All new competitors are classified as Beginner (BE). Those with a large number of wins are moved to the Advanced (AD) classification. You will be notified when your classification changes.

Size of image: 100 dpi resolution and maximum length of the image’s longest side is 768 pixels.

Naming your images (files): All images must have the following information in the correct order separated with spaces.

Division Class Club YourLastName YourFirstName title of image

Example: NA BE SPC Gorney Sandy my best photo

Division - MG Monochrome General
CG Color General
NA Nature
CC Color Creative
AS Assignment

Class - BE Beginner
AD Advanced

Club - SPC Seven Ponds Photo Club

Last Name -

First Name - (Please don't use middle initials, and be consistent. Don't use "Joe" one time and "Joseph" the next.)

Title of Image –

Submitting

All entries must be entered at our website 3079724.photoclubservices.com no later than one day before each competition. See separate procedure on how to upload images.

Division Rules

Monochrome General (MG)

- Images that are black and white with shades of gray and up to 1 additional color are acceptable.
- Images that are "toned" (1 color) with up to 1 additional color are acceptable.

Color General (CG)

- Any color digital image except those images in which a wild animal, bird or insect fills more than one-third (1/3) of the frame and there are no factors that prevent that image from being accepted in the Nature Digital Projection Division. Those color digital images that are NOT acceptable in the Nature Digital Projection Division may be acceptable as Color General Digital Projection images. Any modification to an image that results in an image that still appears to a casual viewer to be un-manipulated is acceptable.

Examples of acceptable modifications include:

- Cropping and horizontal flipping (equivalent to reversing a slide), straightening, keystone, noise removal, dodging and burning, exposure adjustment, color balance, color correction, white balance, saturation, and sharpening, "HDR" (High Dynamic Range).

Nature (NA)

- Any color digital image that contains "Nature", where "Nature" is defined as, Nature in all its forms, including the many facets of Botany, Geology, and Zoology. Human elements, if present, should be

unobtrusive and enhance the nature story. Those depicting cultivated plants, domestic animals or pets, still-life studies, mounted specimens, museum pieces or groupings, or similar subjects are NOT eligible. The presence of scientific bands on wild animals is acceptable. Zoo shots and Game Farm shots are eligible provided the artificial habitat is not apparent in the image. Photographs of artificially produced hybrid plants or animals, mounted specimens, or obviously set arrangements, are ineligible, as are some forms of manipulation manual or digital (see below) that alters the truth of the photographic statement.

- The photographer may perform enhancements and modifications that improve the presentation of the image that could have been done at the time the image was taken but that does not change the truth of the original nature story.
- Cropping and horizontal flipping (equivalent to reversing a slide), straightening, keystone, noise removal, dodging and burning, exposure adjustment, color balance, color correction, white balance, saturation, and sharpening, "HDR" (High Dynamic Range), are examples of acceptable modifications.
- Adding elements to your images, combining separate images or rearranging and/or cloning elements in your image, removing major elements from your image other than by cropping, are not acceptable and will lead to disqualification of your image.

Color Creative (CC) [Altered Reality]

- (Anything Goes). Any color/nature digital image that contains "Any Subject", that is not eligible in another category. This includes images where all or part of the image is manipulated, created, edited, fixed, duplicated, or imported from another image (see below). All the components of the image must be original work created by the maker. The photographer must have performed all manipulation. The image should appear to be a manipulated image to a casual viewer.
- Cropping and horizontal flipping (equivalent to reversing a slide), straightening, keystone, noise removal, dodging and burning, exposure adjustment, color removal, adding one color, white balance, saturation, and sharpening, "HDR" (High Dynamic Range), are examples of acceptable modifications. Images are not limited to only these modifications.
- Adding elements to your images combining separate images or rearranging and/or cloning elements in your image, removing major elements from your image, are examples of acceptable modifications.

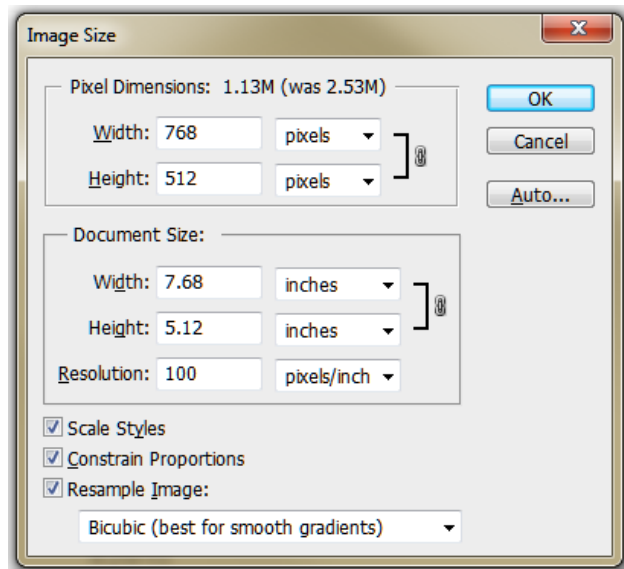
Assignment (AS)

- Any image that conforms to the monthly assignment. If this image is chosen for the GDCCC competition the image will be entered into the corresponding NA, CG, MG, or CC category.

Adobe Photoshop and Elements

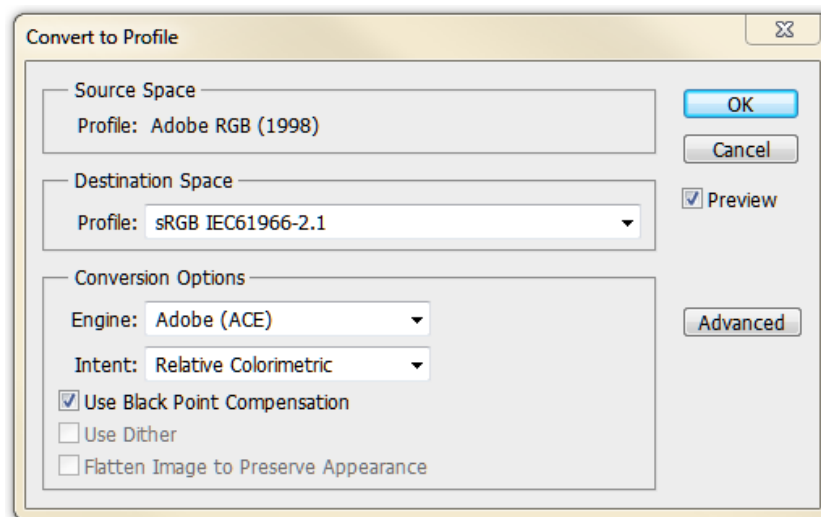
1. Load the image into Elements or Photoshop.

2. Click on *Image > Resize > Image Size*. This will bring up something similar to the window shown below.



- Make sure the Constrain Proportions box at the bottom is checked.
- Change the Resolution to 100, then change the pixel dimension of the largest side to 768.

3. Changing to the sRGB color space is recommended. Click on *Edit > Convert to Profile*. This will bring up something similar to the window shown below. Change the Destination Space Profile to sRGB.



4. Do a *File > Save As* and save the file as a JPEG at a quality level of 10. Rename the file as described in the “Naming your images” section.

Picasa

Use the Export tool in Picasa to resize your photos or to create copies of your photos with all edits applied. When you export a photo in Picasa, you are creating a new copy of that photo with control over both the image resolution (the height and width of the image measured in pixels) and the image quality (JPEG compression). The original photo on your hard drive is not changed. Follow these steps to export copies of your photos:

1. Select the photos you want to export.
2. Click the **Export** button in the Photo Tray or *File > Export Picture to Folder*
3. In the 'Export to Folder' window, select your export settings:
 - Choose an export location and enter a name for the exported folder.
 - Customize your exported image size and quality:
 - **Image size:** Click the **Resize to:** button, then type 768 in the number of pixels box. The longest side of your image will change to 768 pixels. The shortest side is determined automatically to maintain the aspect ratio of the photo.
 - **Image quality:** Select the **Automatic** image quality using the drop-down menu.
4. Click **OK**.

Your exported images are saved on your hard drive in the location you specified. In Picasa, you can find these photos in the 'Exported Pictures' collection. Rename the file as described in the “Naming your images” section.