

## **Variable Category Topics for 2024-2025**

### **Clinic 1 – Black & White**

As a reminder, this a black & white photo competition not a monochrome photo competition. A black & white image ranges from very dark gray (black) to very light grey (white) with varying shades (darker) and tints (light) of the grayscale.

### **Clinic 2 - Colour**

This competition and its themes invite photographers to showcase their creative skills, using colour as a vibrant medium to capture outstanding and stunning images.

It is an opportunity to explore areas that may stretch your comfort zones, pushing to the boundaries of your creativity.

To keep the focus on the dynamic world of colour, we kindly request that submissions be limited to colour images only, excluding black & white, monochrome and infrared images.

### **Clinic 3 - Photojournalism**

Photojournalism is the art of crafting a 'newsworthy' image that narrates a compelling story. We invite you to delve into the creation of a "newsworthy" image.

For the purposes of this competition, "newsworthy" is defined as:

- Timeliness – a recent occurred event or incident;
- Proximity – a local, national or international topic of interest;
- Conflict and Controversy – situations where people argue or disagree or protest for (or against) actions, events, ideas or policies;
- Human Interest – situations that show people are interested in other people;
- Relevance – images which would attract individuals in forming decision(s) or aiding them to confirm (or changed) their current perspective on an issue.

Each image submitted into this competition should endeavour to answer Who, What, Where and When, which are the foundations of Photojournalism.

Photojournalism is not meant to be pretty, structured or artistic.

### **Clinic 4 – Curves and Lines**

Capture the energy and emotion that lines and curves bring to an image. We invite you to explore these powerful compositional elements and share your creative perspective through photography.

### **Sharpe Tester – Mastering the Light**

Light is the essence of photography, shaping our perception and influencing the mood and narrative of an image. Our competition invites photographers of all backgrounds to reveal the stunning interplay between light and shadow.

Submit an image that conveys your unique perspective. Develop imaginative composition that sculpt shapes with light and shadows. Capture kinetic motion in suspenseful action shots, craft intimate narratives with subtle light cues, or reveal breathtaking landscapes and cityscapes awakened by dawn's glow. Feel free to experiment with techniques like rim lighting and light painting to showcase your technical artistry and unleash your creativity.

### **President's Medal – Waterfalls of Niagara**

The geographic area for the waterfalls is Ancaster to Niagara Falls. Falls the could be photographed are Beamer Falls, Balls Falls, Louth Falls, Rockway Falls, Swayze Falls, Terrace Creek Falls, DeCew Falls and Niagara Falls.

These are some examples other falls not listed can be included if they are in they are located in the area from Ancaster to Niagara Falls.

## ***Members Choice Submissions***

There will not be any variable topics assigned to the Member's Choice this year. Member will be able to enter images of anything they would like to.