

## NTAPA Judging May 2018

### Beginners

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Image	Title	Score	Place	
1	Foggy Reflection Great Egret in Flight	13	3rd	Would be better without the tree in upper left. Nice reflection.
2	Jump High	7		Not sharp
3	Red Wild Flower in Spring Season	7		Not sharp
4	April Flower Blooming	8		Too dark
5	New Lives	12		Would be better without the small bloom on the bottom. Nice image.
6	Expectation	10		Whole bloom needs to be in focus. Leaf in background is distracting Not sure if the wall or the people are the subject. Wall's high contrast draws the viewer's eye.
7	Years	11		
8	Color	11		Be better without the people. Crop severely to make it a vertical with small amount of space on both sides of the building. Crop from the left up to the end of the twig. Nice color but light squares across the bottom are a big distraction.
9	The Joy of Spring	11		
10	Sunset Time	12		Nice idea but the people are too far from the sun.
11	Hometown Stroll	10		Good idea but the person gets lost in the mass of buildings. Not simple.
12	Alone	12		People in background are a distraction. Good idea for simplicity.
13	Burn Into the Sky	12		Too much sky. It competes with the flame. Crop down from the top and on both sides to make a vertical and a bigger flame in the image.
14	Winter Birches	13		Nice image. Make the trees a little darker.

15	Morning Light	11		Bright strip of snow on left is a big distraction.
16	Trees in Snow Field	11		Snow bank on right gets in the way. Trees are good.
17	Silent Winter	14	2nd	Very good image. Trees are very good and not too much sky
18	Misty Morning	12		Tree need to be a little darker.
19	Feather Towne Lake	14	1st	Very good image. Crop all around to make the feathers a little larger in the frame, and darken the dark areas a little.

### Advanced

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Image	Title	Score	Place	
1	KC6A9094-C	9		Interesting image but cluttered. Not "Simplicity".
			1st & Best in	
2	Saturday Night	15	Show	Wow! Great image. Fills the frame with nothing but lights and darks. I like this but crop a little off both sides and down from the top to get rid of the dark areas. Then it is much better.
3	Inundation	14	3rd	Really good image. Meets the theme and tells a story with nothing to distract.
4	Destiny	15	2nd	Would be a great image if you crop out the top bright area and have nothing but the hiker and the dune he is on.
5	Determined	13		Meets the theme but not very artistic. Flat light. Needs a sunset or sunrise.
6	The Sail Boat	10		Birds are very nicely synchronized. Bright area in sky too much. Crop to make the birds bigger in frame.
7	Morning Flying Over	10		Meets the theme but not very interesting. Subject is fuzzy for no reason.
8	Tulip-2	9		
9	Tulips	8		Meets the theme but not very interesting. Second tulip is distracting.
10	Margret Hunt Bridge	10		Bridge too small in frame. Red line on the bottom left distracts.

11	Egret Going Home	11	Bird is at a nice angle but too small in the frame. A little too simple. The buildings are disconnected and don't relate to each other. The moon and top building are good.
12	Full Moon in Dallas	9	Nice color and wonderful clouds but no subject. Needs a center of interest in the wake of the boat.
13	The Ocean	11	Nice color on the water, but too simple. Needs a subject other than the sun. What is the black dot in the center of the sun? Alien space ship?
14	Sunset	11	Not simple, and I don't understand it. Not artistic.
15	KC6A7385	7	Nice B&W. Interesting building and sky but the building is leaning. Straighten it.
16	KC6A8539	11	Great idea but too much clutter on both sides. Crop it out and make a tall, skinny image.
17	KC6A7511	12	Train has nice curve. Train is lost in the bright areas. Tone them down and tone down the steam to make it more interesting.
18	Train	10	Doesn't meet theme too well. Use Dehaze slider in Lightroom to improve contrast. Also lighten shadows on rocks in foreground.
19	South Lake7437	11	Bright areas too bright. Needs subject in gap between rock cliffs.
20	South Lake7394	11	Composition leads eye to middle but nothing there.
21	No Where	12	A little dull. Use Dehaze in Lightroom to improve contrast. Everything in image is sharp.
22	Salute	7	Flower and words are too far apart and are disconnected. Not sure how they are supposed to relate.
23	The Blue	11	Good try. Boat is a little small, and haze in the distance can be made a little pink, but not enough to help much.
24	Twisted	6	Simple but confusing and not artistic or interesting.
25	Swimming Lesson	9	Good subjects and good size in frame but bad angle. If you were on the same level, it would be very good. Looking down on them isn't good.

26 Come with Me  
27 KC6A9027-C

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Good subject and good time of day so light is nice. 14mm lens causes distortion on the edges so furniture looks like it will fall down the cliff. Very distracting.

