

CAPA Competitions

In past years Trillium has participated quite successfully in the Canadian Association for Photographic Art (CAPA) slide competitions. This year their competitions will consist of slides and/or digital (electronic) images. The competition rules, submission dates and procedures and selection process are detailed below.

CAPA has 2 three round competitions, Pictorial and Nature (six separate submissions), and a two round Theme competition (two submissions). Each submission consists of 6 images, from 6 different members. The images may be 6 slides or 6 digital images or any mixture of 6 slides or digital images.

The Pictorial category encompasses Trillium's Pictorial clinic category for slides and digital images and Creative Slides. (Some Digital Creative images may be eligible.) The Nature category has the same entry rules as Trillium's Nature category.

Trains and Children are the themes for the two round theme competitions.

Club closing dates for entries:

Three round

	Pictorial	Nature
1 st	October 10	October 10
2 nd	January 8	January 8
3 rd	March 11	March 11

Two round

Trains	Children
October 16	January 22

Due to competition closing dates we must adhere to the above dates.

Submission and Selection

For the three round competitions, a committee will view the entries and select those images to be forwarded to the member club hosting the competition. Those members submitting images will be advised of the selections.

Images submitted for the Theme competitions will be shown at a meeting and the general membership will determine our entry of 6 images by scoring the images (You be the judge.)

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CAPA Submission Rules

Slides

- 1) Only 2”x 2” slides will be accepted. (Do not send glass mounted slides)
- 2) Each slide mount must bear:
 - *Maker’s name and address. (Club entries must also include the name of the club).*
 - *Slide Title*
 - *A “thumb spot” in the lower left corner when the slide is held in viewing position. This must be left blank.*
 - *Number each slide to correspond with the entry form. (Will be added by selection committee.)*
 - *In Nature entries, place a “B” beside the above number, to indicate that the slide is a Botany entry.*

Digital

- *Digital images should be high quality JPEG saved in PC file format (use a quality setting of 90% or better). Images should be in the proper orientation for viewing; Sized to a maximum of 768 pixels on the longest side. Smaller sizes will be allowed. (Note the size difference from Trillium’s clinic guidelines.)*
- *Please limit any modifications to what you could produce in a chemical darkroom (suggestions follow.)*
- *Using Photoshop to manipulate, enhance, and sharpen your re-sized images*
 - You can enhance, sharpen, and take out *unwanted objects. (*not for nature)*
 - (a) Some basic adjustments are:*
 - *Check levels – **Image**/adjustments/levels*
 - *Check brightness & contrast – **Image**/adjustments/brightness/contrast*
 - *Try the shadow/highlights filter – **Image**/adjustments/shadow/highlight*
 - *Sharpen (last) – **Filter**/sharpen/unsharp mask or smart sharpen*
 - Be very careful that you don’t over saturate and over sharpen. The results are magnified when projected*
 - (b) Save your image as a high quality jpeg file.*
 - (c) Projecting your image to ensure that it looks correct is recommended before submitting.*
- *NOTE: Other software can be used with similar procedures.*
- *Please follow Trillium Electronic clinic guidelines for file name conventions. (http://www.trilliumphotoclub.org/electronic_images.htm)*

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Image Sources and Selection Procedure Notes

The CAPA selection committee will send all entries to the host clubs.

Both slides and digital images may come from previous clinics or any images that you have submitted to any other competition or salon and that have scored well. They cannot have been in a previous CAPA competition. (Exception: Previous two round Theme entries can go into three round and visa versa.)

We will be requesting the use of images and slides from last year's awards from their makers and from clinics during the coming season. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

In past years we have sent slides across the country to host clubs by post. This year the committee strongly recommends that we scan all slides selected and send only electronic entries comprised of scanned slides and digital images. This eliminates the need to send your slides anywhere and thus greatly reduces the chances of loss or damage.

Please note: selected slides will only be scanned for submission with the maker's permission.

Also note that clinics this year will allow digital images up to 1024 by 768 pixels in size. Any such images selected will have to be resized to meet CAPA's criteria. Makers will be given the choice to resize their images or allow the committee to resize them.

For the committee,

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