**Definitions:**

***Close-up****- an image taken of the subject showing it at large scale*

***Macro****- an extreme closeup of a subject with size projected as 1-1 ratio or larger*

***Color****– “Color****photography****is photography that uses media capable of capturing and reproducing colors. Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Color\_photography*

***Monochromatic -*** *By contrast,*[*black-and-white*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black-and-white)*or gray-*[*monochrome photography*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monochrome_photography)*records only a single channel of*[*luminance*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luminance)*(brightness) and uses media capable only of showing*[*shades of gray*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shades_of_gray)*.”*

***Nature Photography “***Feb 25, 2024 — **Nature photography showcases the beauty and grandeur of our natural world** like landscapes, wildlife, plants, and natural scenes.” [*https://www.studiobinder.com/blog/what-is-nature-photography-definition/*](https://www.studiobinder.com/blog/what-is-nature-photography-definition/) ***Nature photography****- per the rules of Photography Society of America nature and wildlife images must not show the hand of man. As we - the NEGC Photography Group - belong to PSA and compete in the*[*New England Camera Clubs Council’s*](http://www.neccc.org/p/interclub-competition.html)*interclub digital competitions, these*[*PSA Rules*](https://www.bromsgroveps.com/competition-results/common-definition-for-nature-and-wildlife-photography/#:~:text=Techniques%20that%20remove%20elements%20added,be%20converted%20to%20greyscale%20monochrome.)*may apply.*

***“Still Life or Still image****- A still image is a single, static image, while a still life is a work of art that depicts inanimate objects:****Still image****A single, static image that conveys meaning visually. Still images can be in the form of photographs, posters, graphs, diagrams, or documentary architectural drawings.****Still life****A work of art that depicts inanimate objects, such as fruit, flowers, utensils, or other everyday items. {A} Still life can be natural or manmade and can be simple or complex in composition. They are often associated with oil painting, but can also be made in other media, such as watercolor, mosaic, or photography. Still life art can be used to explore the qualities of form, color, texture, and composition. One theme often portrayed in still life paintings is vanitas, which is concerned with the fragility of life. “Ai overview*

***Creative Techniques-****“AI Overview*

*Creative photography techniques are intentional ways to improve a photograph by adding elements outside of the normal photographic process. The goal is to capture a mood or story by manipulating the gear, settings, light, perspective, composition, and processing.”*

*All parts of a creative image must be exclusively your work i.e. use your own skies and other additions and not clip art or the work of another photographer!*

**Awards:**

**Awards will be given at the discretion of the committee.**