

# **River City Camera Club Assigned Subjects 2012-2013**

## **September 2012: Images That Tell A Story**

This subject asks for a photojournalism image. ("P-J" is one of our monthly categories in which you may enter images for competition.) Unlike some images, this one has to tell the viewer something, portray a phenomenon, demonstrate a concept, or show what is happening. You tell a story with an image.

## **October 2012: Happiness Is...**

You name it. Show what happiness looks like in your own or someone's life, or maybe in the life of an animal. The gamut may range from action to sedation. Some ideas would be watching sports, being active in a sport, running a race, lounging on a beach, going for a walk, the scenes one sees on a walk or drive, taking in a sunset or sunrise, photographing, SCUBA diving, car races, playing with an animal, any hobby, seeing flowers, birding, foods or eating, classic car show, or concerts.

## **November 2012: Odd Shapes**

Best not to submit an image of anyone you know in this! LOL If we leave out people, we are left with such things as sculptures, various forms of art and design, buildings, homes, rocks, stones, food items, animals, bugs, plants, birds, cars, shoes, glasses, pottery, boats, clouds, weathered stumps, ornaments, trees, lichens (they form odd shapes on whatever they are growing on), mushrooms, carnival rides, hats, and much more. What is considered odd, is in the eye of the beholder, so this will be interesting. Good sources for odd shapes can be found at Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, ArtPrize in downtown Grand Rapids in September, and the La Grande Vitesse (red sculpture) at Calder Plaza in Grand Rapids.

## **December 2012: Patterns & Textures**

Most things have a texture, though for some subjects you may have to look close. Texture and pattern gives an image added interest, and for this month, it needs to be the main theme. Some ideas for this would be clouds, animal fur, cloth, tree bark, leaves, wood grain, carpet, moss, lichen, rope, various art forms, grass, shells, rough rock, flowers, feathers, pottery done in a certain way, a car grill or some aspect of a mode of transportation, sponge, fibers of various sorts, animal skins such as alligator or snake, bricks, the keys on your keyboard, or a pile of chains or wire. Feeling creative? See if making the image black and white, or adding an artistic filter would make the image "pop."

### **January 2013: Pink**

Make sure your image has plenty of pink in it. Pink is not hard to find. A few ideas on this are: clothing and accessories, various modes of transportation, toys, signs, glassware, art, a mural, cloth, flowers, mineral rocks, shells, buildings, home & building interiors, clowns, candy, fish and crustaceans, ice cream, drinks, cans, crayons, pencils, paper, paper clips, books, stuffed animals, sunset skies, appliances, and much more.

### **February: Abstracts**

An abstract is a part of something, or something separated/abstracted from its context or original place. It is zeroing in on a part of the whole subject and photographing only a portion of it. Another sense of the word is, that it is something done in a way that was not meant to be an exact representation of the original. An example would be to photograph a portion of a building, person, or object. Quite possibly someone other than the photographer would not know what the image they are looking at, was a part of.

### **March 2013: Golden Glow Of Evening Light**

This is pretty self explanatory. Just take a picture of something or someone in that warm, "sweet light" of evening that occurs before or at sunset. Objects will be side-lighted, shadows longer, and tones warmer.

### **April 2013: Windows & Doors**

Windows and doors are ubiquitous, but the challenge lies in finding interesting ones, or photographing regular ones in an interesting manner. Some ideas for ready made interesting ones would be those found on old buildings, modern buildings, ornate ones, decorated ones, artistically painted ones, odd shaped windows, barns, museums, decrepit buildings, windows with broken glass, stained glass insets in doors and windows, pretty curtains in windows, signs on windows or doors. shop windows, boats, trains, other vehicles, a person standing in a window, or special door knobs or latches.