

Announcement

7th Annual OLE' Photography SIG Photo Contest

13 August 2025

For the entire month of December 2025, Jitters in Eagle River is featuring the winning entries from our upcoming 7th Annual Photo Contest. The exhibit will be comprised of approximately 32 images.

The contest is **open to ALL OLE' members and participants in the Alaska Photo Chat**. Entries will be posted on <https://qfam.org/OlePhotoSIG/PhotoContest/index.htm>. Ole Photography SIG and Alaska Photo Chat members will vote on the submitted images to determine which will be selected for the show at Jitters in December and will vote again to determine the best three images in each category.

Competition Categories:

- Celebrating Motion: Images of things in motion (cars, trains, water, wildlife, sports races/events, etc) or that involved camera motion (Intentional Camera Motion, ICM). The image should convey a feeling of motion to the viewer.
- Leading Lines: Position your lines to direct attention to a focal point, like a person, building, or natural feature.
- Light Play: The idea is to create an image in which some interesting aspect of light is the/a major element of the image. This challenge could involve high contrast, soft light molding a subject, a reflection, multiple tones in the images, shadows, or even a sunset.
- Nature: Nature photography depicts the natural world. Subjects include living animals, birds, insects, botanical, landscapes, seascapes, geologic formations or weather phenomena. There should be minimal "hand of man" in the image.

Contest Rules and Overview:

- A. Each entrant may submit a maximum of 3 entries per category for a total of 12 images.
- B. There are no time restrictions for when or where the photos were taken. Images do not have to be taken in Alaska.
- C. Images may be taken with any photographic device (i.e. cell phone, point-and-shoot, DSLR, mirrorless, drone, etc.) Composition tends to be the most important aspect of an image, not the tool used to capture it.
- D. Postprocessing editing is permitted, however all submitted images, and the components thereof, must be the original work of the submitting photographer. AI generated, or partially generated, images are not allowed (i.e. sky replacement, adding things that aren't there, compositing, removing major photo elements, etc.), acknowledging that the use of AI assisted tools while editing an original image is generally acceptable.

- E. Images submitted for first round judging must not have watermarks or other features intended to identify the photographer. Final images printed for the show may have watermarks.
- F. Entry Cost: free
- G. Non-winning images from prior non-OLE' competitions are permitted.

Contest Schedule:

The competition will be managed through a website at qfam.org/OlePhotoSIG/PhotoContest

Today through October 11 – Select your best images, or take new images, for each category.

Today through October 11 (midnight Alaska time) – submit images electronically for judging. File names should include the name of the photographer. The links for image submittal are found on the above website. Note that the Photography SIG steering committee reserves the right to not accept images deemed by the committee to be in poor taste and/or objectionable to a general audience.

October 13-25 (Round 1 Membership Voting) – View the images at the above link. Voting will be done by email as explained on the above website.

October 27 – Results of Round 1 voting are announced, and finalists notified. The show will consist of approximately 32 images. The Steering Committee will decide the cutoff in each category with an eye towards balance in the categories.

November - Selected photos need to be printed and framed (metal and canvas prints are also allowed) by the photographers whose images are chosen for the show. All images in the show MUST have wire hangers.

Sunday, November 30, 2025 – 4 PM – We hang Exhibit at Jitters – volunteers needed.

Monday, December 1 – Exhibit Opens

Round 2 Final Voting: This round of Photo SIG membership voting determines the best 3 images in each category and occurs while the exhibit is on display. Voting will close at midnight on December 20th. See the above-referenced website for details.

Wednesday, December 31 – 4 PM – We take down Exhibit at Jitters – volunteers needed.

Photo Editing and Framing Assistance:

Feel free to drop in on the Photo Chat Wednesdays at 10am if you would like help with editing your photos prior to contest submission or prior to printing for exhibition. See qfam.org/PhotoChat for a link to the Photo Chat.