

The Bird Competition Dallas Camera Club versus Fort Worth Camera Club



The Bird Competition began in 1964 when Fort Worth Camera Club member [Emily Guthrie Smith](#) proposed an annual competition to be fun for both clubs. Despite the name, the contest is not about bird photography.

Smith was a Fort Worth native and nationally known artist and teacher active in the Fort Worth arts community. Smith donated the trophy, a wood sculpture of a bird with the winning club's name engraved on the base.

The Bird Competition is held each fall alternating between Dallas and Fort Worth.

The host club provides three (3) judges to review 15 prints, when included, and 15 digital/projected images. (No print competition in 2020 or 2021, due to COVID-19 concerns.)

Images are judged in real-time at the meeting. Judges may not be current or recent members of the host club. The club with the most points wins and keeps The Bird trophy for the next year.

The Fort Worth Camera Club Competition Committee selects club entries from those submitted to [monthly competitions](#) during the year.

Entry Submission

- Each club will submit 15 prints (monochrome or color) and 15 digital or projected images. (Thirty (30) digital images total in Covid-19 years 2020 and 2021.)
- No more than one print and one projected image may be entered by a single maker.
- No image may have been entered in prior interclub competitions.
- The host club's regular intraclub competition rules govern size, preparation and presentation of digital images. Print entries may be prepared in either club's size limits.
- Each print will be labeled on the back in the upper left corner identifying the club, order to be shown, maker and image title. For example: FWCC-3, Name, Image Title.
- Each projected jpg file name will include the club, order to be shown, maker and image title. For example, DCC-7_Name_Image Title.jpg.
- Lists, for both prints and projected images, with maker's names, image titles and presentation order will be provided to the host club prior to the meeting.

- The visiting club will bring their prints to the competition.
- The visiting club's projected images will be provided to the host club several days prior to the meeting.
- The host club's images will be randomly interspersed with the visiting club's entries while maintaining the presentation order for each club.
- The host club will prepare score sheets with all images listed in the order to be shown. At least four copies will be provided to the visiting club.

Judging

- Competition will be judged real time. The host club will provide three judges who are not current or recent members of the host club.
- Images will be introduced by title as they are presented to the judges.
- Judge's scores will be totaled to determine the final score of each image. Judges may re-score images at their discretion prior to the end the competition.
- The host club will provide the scoring system. Each club will provide one official scorekeeper.
- The club with the highest combined score for prints and projected images will be the winner of The Bird for the year.
- The judges will select 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention winners for both prints and projected images. The host club will provide awards for all winners.

Previous Winners

2020 Fort Worth
 2019 Fort Worth
 2018 Fort Worth
 2017 Fort Worth
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 2015 Fort Worth
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