

Greater New Braunfels Photography Club (GNBPC) Score Sheet for April 2025

Judge: Pamela Liu

Assignment Theme Photos - " *Nature* " Scoring System: 3-9 pts

Image Title	Score	Comments
A Gentle Giant-Jackies Wise	8	The image showcases impressive shooting skills, with well-balanced composition and striking use of depth. The lighting enhances the gorilla's presence, creating a dramatic effect that highlights its features. A skillfully executed wildlife photograph.
Angry Birds-Suzanne Daunt	8	The image demonstrates excellent shooting skills, with precise composition and sharp focus enhancing its visual appeal. The storytelling is compelling, drawing the viewer into the scene and evoking a strong sense of atmosphere. A well-executed and engaging photograph.
Carolina Wren-David Wilson	6	Your composition and depth of field work well, isolating the bird beautifully against the softly blended background. The detail in the bird's feathers and markings adds to the image's natural charm. However, as you noted, the file size and resolution are limiting factors—when scaled up, the loss of sharpness reduces impact. To preserve clarity at larger sizes, consider capturing at a higher resolution or exporting with minimal compression. A slight adjustment in sharpening could also help mitigate blur at increased dimensions. Overall, a strong image with potential for refinement in file handling!
Cypress Trees-Horst Schoninger	7	The image showcases impressive shooting skills, with strong composition and well-managed lighting. However, zooming in on the bird would enhance the storytelling by capturing more detail and emphasizing its presence, making the narrative more impactful. A well-executed shot with room for refinement.
Deserted-David Love	6	The image captures a scenic and atmospheric landscape, showcasing natural beauty with strong composition. However, without camera settings, it's difficult to provide detailed technical feedback. To enhance storytelling, the photographer could seek a more engaging focal point—such as unique lighting, an interesting natural element, or compelling movement—to deepen the narrative within the frame.

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Fight!-Sharlana Dillard	9	This photograph, titled " <i>Fight!</i> " by Sharlana Dillard, exemplifies exceptional timing and technical mastery. The moment captures a dynamic mid-air confrontation between two hummingbirds, frozen in perfect clarity against a beautifully diffused background. The composition is striking—balanced by the vibrant cluster of orange flowers on the right, which provides both visual contrast and narrative context. The upward thrust of one bird and the downward arc of the other add a sense of drama and kinetic energy. It tells a compelling story of nature's intensity, rivalry, and grace—all within a single frame. A truly impressive image, both artistically and technically.
Green Honeycreeper-Sandy Gilbert	8	The image captures excellent shooting skills, particularly in freezing the bird in mid-flight with impressive sharpness and detail. The vibrant colors and dynamic motion enhance the visual impact, while the blurred background effectively isolates the subject. A well-executed photograph demonstrating technical precision and artistic composition.
McKinney Falls State Park Bluebonnets-Barry Armer	7	The image beautifully captures the delicate details of the flower, showcasing excellent shooting skills with sharp focus and vibrant colors. However, to strengthen storytelling, incorporating additional points of interest—such as a unique perspective, complementary elements, or dynamic lighting—could enhance engagement and provide deeper narrative context.
Northern Cardinal-Sergina M Flaherty	8	The image demonstrates excellent shooting skills, capturing the cardinal with impressive sharpness and clarity. The vibrant red feathers contrast beautifully with the lush green background, creating a visually striking composition. Zooming in could further enhance the intricate details of the bird, making its features even more prominent and deepening the overall impact of the photograph.

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Old Willow-Cindy Korzekwa	6	The composition is strong—the tree’s presence commands attention, and its shadows add depth and contrast to the scene. The bench encircling the trunk creates a natural focal point, making the environment feel inviting. However, as noted, the image lacks a clear narrative or emotional connection. To enhance storytelling, consider incorporating elements such as human interaction, seasonal effects, or a dynamic perspective that suggests movement or passage of time. Even a small detail—like fallen leaves or a personal object left on the bench—could add layers of meaning. A well-executed shot with room for deeper engagement!
Planet Allergies-Eric Bowden	9	The image demonstrates excellent shooting skills in micro photography, capturing intricate details with sharp focus and precision. The delicate textures and structure are well-highlighted, creating a visually engaging and well-executed composition. A fine example of technical mastery in close-up photography.
Red Shouldered Hawk in Repose-James Moseley	8	The image showcases exceptional shooting skills, capturing the eagle with outstanding clarity and detail. The sharp focus and well-balanced composition highlight the bird's presence beautifully. However, the lighting is quite direct and strong, which slightly overshadows some finer details. Softening it in post-production would enhance the overall balance and bring out more texture and depth in the image.

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Terlingua Days-Becky Love	6	This image effectively conveys a sense of journey and discovery—the rustic wooden cross, the small stone shrine, and the mountainous backdrop all contribute to a narrative that evokes spirituality, history, or remembrance. The composition is well-balanced, with the cross as a strong focal point, and the surrounding landscape adding depth and atmosphere. While the setting does incorporate natural elements, its emphasis on human-made structures and storytelling aligns more with the <i>photo travel</i> category rather than <i>Nature</i> , which typically highlights untouched environments. Reframing it under <i>photo travel</i> would better suit its thematic direction!
The Hunter-Ralph Nordenhold	8	This photograph showcases impressive shooting skills, particularly in its precise composition and sharp details. The bird's striking features and its perfectly mirrored reflection create a sense of symmetry and balance, making the image visually compelling. The natural setting, with green vegetation and rocks, complements the subject and adds depth to the storytelling. The photographer skillfully captures the intricate beauty of the bird and its environment, resulting in an engaging and well-executed wildlife shot. A fantastic example of patience and technical mastery in photography.

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Vast and Magestic-Christiane Menelas	8	This panoramic landscape, " <i>Vast and Majestic</i> " by Christiane Menelas, beautifully captures the serene grandeur of a snow-capped mountain range mirrored flawlessly in a glasslike lake. The reflection is nearly symmetrical, evoking a powerful sense of calm and balance. The warm foreground tones contrast gracefully with the cool blues and whites of the mountains, enhancing the emotional depth of the scene. While the photographer's eye for composition and lighting is commendable, a minor adjustment to straighten the horizon would elevate the technical precision of the image. Nonetheless, it eloquently conveys a compelling narrative of tranquility and the sublime scale of nature.
Whooping Crane Foraging for Crabs-Barbara Beversdorf	9	This image, " <i>Whooping Crane Foraging for Crabs</i> " by Barbara Beversdorf, is a fine example of wildlife storytelling through photography. The composition is clean and natural, drawing focus to the elegant posture of the endangered crane mid-action, just as it captures its prey. The muted tones of the marshland serve as a complementary backdrop, allowing the bird's white plumage and red crown to stand out with striking contrast. The moment is intimate yet powerful, encapsulating the essence of survival in the wild. An excellent demonstration of patience, timing, and an eye for narrative in nature.

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Backyard Beauty-Barbara Beversdorf	8	The image captures a vibrant close-up of a yellow butterfly perched on bright orange flowers, showcasing excellent detail and sharp focus. The intricate textures of the butterfly's wings and the rich color contrast enhance visual appeal. The blurred background effectively isolates the subject, emphasizing its delicate features. A well-executed macro shot that highlights the beauty of nature.
Daniel-Cindy Korzekwa	6	The image captures the subject effectively, but photographing animals or young children from their eye level could enhance engagement. This perspective fosters a stronger connection between the subject, photographer, and viewers, making the image more interactive and relatable. Adjusting the angle could elevate the storytelling and emotional impact.
Down by the Lake-Becky Love	7	The image captures a serene and balanced outdoor scene, with the bridge serving as a strong focal point. The reflections in the water add depth and visual interest, while the leafless trees and muted tones enhance the peaceful, seasonal atmosphere. The composition is well-structured, but adjusting the contrast or refining the lighting could further elevate the image's impact. Overall, a well-executed landscape shot that effectively conveys tranquility.
Exploring Fossils-David Love	6	The image effectively showcases the fossil with strong detail, but the depth could be enhanced to better direct focus toward the subject. A more refined depth of field would improve separation from the background, making the fossil stand out more prominently. Without camera settings, further technical suggestions are limited, but adjusting composition or lighting could also refine the visual impact.

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Gifting Behavior-David Wilson	7	The image demonstrates great shooting skills, capturing a compelling story with strong composition and sharp focus. The natural interaction between the birds adds depth and emotion to the scene. However, the resolution is quite small, and the file size of 78kb may limit clarity and detail when viewed at larger sizes. Enhancing the resolution could further elevate the impact and storytelling of this well-executed shot.
Love in Lavender-Jackies Wise	9	The image captures a serene and elegant moment, with the lavender dress and floral details creating a harmonious and dreamy aesthetic. The lady's direct gaze toward the camera conveys a strong sense of passion and engagement, drawing the viewer into the portrait. The soft lighting enhances her delicate features, while the flowing fabric adds to the ethereal quality of the composition. A well-executed and visually compelling portrait.
Nature_s Glory-Craig Pellerin	7	The image captures a picturesque valley town under a dramatic sky, with lush greenery and distant mountains creating depth. While the scene is visually compelling, incorporating more foreground elements could enhance balance and engagement. Adding a prominent subject, such as a tree or an object in the foreground, would create a stronger sense of depth and guide the viewer's eye more effectively into the image.
Nose Dive-Suzanne Daunt	9	The image presents a compelling story with a beautifully composed background that enhances its narrative depth. The dynamic interaction between the birds adds a sense of liveliness, while the rich green surroundings create a natural and immersive atmosphere. The well-balanced composition and sharp details further elevate the visual appeal, making it a striking and engaging wildlife photograph.

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Orchid- James Moseley	8	The close-up image of the orchids showcases vibrant colors and intricate details, highlighting the delicate textures and patterns of the petals. The contrast between the vivid flowers and the dark background enhances their visual impact, making them stand out beautifully. The composition effectively draws attention to the central details, though adjusting the lighting or depth of field could further refine the focus on the orchids' unique structures. A well-executed macro shot that captures the elegance and complexity of these flowers.
Rain Flowers-Ralph Nordenhold	7	The image beautifully captures the rain flowers in full bloom, showcasing their delicate petals with soft pink accents. The composition effectively highlights the cluster of blossoms, creating a visually engaging scene. The contrast between the flowers and the earthy background enhances their vibrancy. To further refine the storytelling, adjusting the depth of field to emphasize the foreground could make the flowers stand out even more. A well-executed botanical photograph with strong natural appeal.
Shout it from the Tree Tops- Christiane Menelas	9	The image exhibits outstanding shooting skills, with the eagle captured in superb clarity and detail. The composition effectively highlights the bird's presence, and the open beak adds a dynamic storytelling element, suggesting a call or interaction with its surroundings. The contrast against the clear sky enhances the subject, making it stand out powerfully. A well-executed and engaging photograph that successfully conveys a strong narrative.

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Tulips in Waiting-Eric Bowden	8	The image demonstrates excellent shooting skills with well-balanced colors that create a strong mood. The composition effectively captures the subject with clarity and depth. Considering the title "Waiting," shifting to a horizontal orientation could enhance the storytelling by providing more spatial context, reinforcing the theme of anticipation or stillness. A thoughtful adjustment could further strengthen the narrative impact.
Water Lily-Sandy Gilbert	8	The image showcases a stunning water lily with delicate light blue petals transitioning to white at the edges, beautifully contrasted by its vibrant yellow center. The intricate details and soft gradients highlight the flower's elegance, while the surrounding green lily pads provide a natural frame. The composition effectively draws attention to the water lily's intricate beauty, though adjusting the depth of field or contrast could further enhance its visual impact. A well-captured botanical photograph that conveys serenity and refinement.
Waterfall New York State-Horst Schoninger	8	The image beautifully showcases a waterfall cascading down a rocky gorge, framed by lush greenery and an elegant stone arch bridge. The contrast between the rushing water and the stillness of its surroundings adds to the serene atmosphere. Given the title "Waterfall," capturing the lower portion from a greater distance could enhance the storytelling, providing a fuller perspective of its flow and impact on the landscape. A well-balanced composition with strong natural elements.

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Who Invited You!!!-Sharlana Dillard	8	The image captures a dynamic scene of four birds gathered around a shared food source, effectively conveying a compelling story. The interaction among the birds adds an engaging narrative, with the vocalizing red bird providing a focal point. The composition is well-balanced, and the color contrast enhances the visual appeal. However, the rightmost bird appears slightly over-exposed, which could be adjusted in post-production to bring out more detail and harmonize the overall lighting. A well-executed wildlife photograph with a strong storytelling element.



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Current Positions:

CEO, PSC International Exhibit

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CEO, Metis BioMedicals Inc. Cincinnati, Ohio

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Awards

2021 PSA Gold Medal, Photo Travel, Sri Lanka International Exhibit

2021 PSA Gold Medal, PID, Serbia and Montenegro International Exhibit

2021 PSA Gold Medal, PID. China International Exhibit

2020 PSA Gold Medal, Photo Travel, Taiwan Circuit Exhibit

2020 FIAP Gold Medal, PID. Photographic Society of China International Exhibit

2019 PSA Gold Medal, ND, Yuanlin International Exhibit

2019 Canon Gold Medal, Professional Session, Canon International Surfing
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