

## KPPA DIGITAL IMAGE COMPETITION

The Digital Competition at the KPPA Winter Shutter Expo is KPPA's largest Image Competition and a fantastic place to enter your images to see how they are received in the world of competition. Image competition at the Winter Shutter Expo is also sometimes referred to as the "State (Image) Competition". It is operated close to the higher guidelines set forth by PPA (Professional Photographers of America).

Our State Competition comes at a fantastic time of year. It is considered a precursor to the two larger image competitions by PPA which occur in the following order;

1. PPA's ***Regional Image Competitions*** – Kansas is in the North Central Region for this competition. This competition is considered PPA's precursor to their IPC below. You can find more information here: <https://www.ppa.com/events/photo-competitions/district-photo-competitions>
2. PPA's ***International Photographic Competition (IPC)***. You can find more information here: <https://www.ppa.com/events/photo-competitions/ipc-international-photographic-competition-overview>

Since our KPPA State Digital Competition is held at the start of the year at our Winter Shutter Expo, entrants can see how their images fare when judged by very qualified judges who are, for the most part, PPA Affiliate trained or PPA Affiliate in-training Judges. Judging helps entrants to know how their images stand in competition, what to adjust, tweak or change to help the image do better in the upcoming PPA competitions (see above). The images you enter at our State Winter Shutter Expo can be used for PPA Regional and/or PPA IPC. (See information from links above for PPA rules and registration)

**SO, YOU'VE NEVER ENTERED BEFORE, YOU'RE SCARED TO ENTER OR YOU DON'T THINK YOUR GOOD ENOUGH????** Put those thoughts out of your head! This State Competition is a fantastic way to learn first-hand all about competitions! Listening to the comments and seeing the images is a valuable experience to improve your skills. Hey! It's okay to be there even if you don't enter. Come listen and learn with all of us!

Your entry fee for one category (four images) is included as a part of your conference registration. When you register for the Winter Shutter Expo, there is no additional entry fee for this competition unless you are entering **both** the Image and Artist Categories or are entering additional images for scores only. Anyone having

image files they would like to have judged, but are unable to attend, are encouraged to enter as well.

- Again, all entries for this competition will be in electronic file form.
- Entry into IMAGE or ARTIST Competition is included with full conference registration.
- Entrants may submit up to four (4) images for judging and awards.
- Entrants may also enter up to two (2) additional images in this competition for scores only. Each additional image in the Image or Artist Competition requires an additional entry fee of \$10.00 each.
- For persons wanting to enter **both** the ARTIST Competition and the IMAGE Competition there is an additional entry fee of \$40.00. This can be a valuable opportunity for you to decide which images you want to send on to PPA Regional or PPA International Competition.

Entrants who are KPPA Members and who have a score of 80 points or above are eligible to receive awards at the Annual State Awards Banquet during our Winter Shutter Expo. Categories will include Master's Division and the Non-Master's Division. Additional image awards will be presented to: KS Photographer of the Year (Highest Case Score), Kansas Top Ten, Best of Show Master, Best of Show Non-Master, Novice Award (available only to first time entrants), PPA CPP Award (available only to CPPs), ASP State Elite Award (available only to ASP members) and Judges Ribbons. All entries must be submitted to the print chair by **MIDNIGHT, Sunday FEBRUARY 16, 2019. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

This year's completion rules and submission guidelines/instructions will be coming later so check back here!

**Judging will begin at 2:00 p.m, at J&C Imaging, 404 Poyntz Avenue**

**COME JOIN US! SIT BACK, RELAX AND LET THE LEARNING BEGIN!**