

Boyle Camera Club 24/12 Photo Challenge Rules 2018

The New 24/12 Photo Challenge was announced at the November Club Meeting with a view to first submission being made on or before midnight 31st January 2018 ... and subsequently, on or before midnight of the last day, of every month, for the next year!

Basically, a 24/12 challenge requires participating members to take TWO PHOTO'S PER MONTH for all 12 months of the year and post them on Flickr. **Photos need to be compiled into two albums, one in the Club's Flickr account and the second in an 'Album' on the member's personal Flickr site** and the completed portfolio of 24 photos will be reviewed at the end of the challenge.

The aim of the challenge is to encourage members to make a conscious effort to take more photos and develop a habit of posting them regularly. Members can decide to follow a definite theme over the course of the challenge or simply compile a visual diary; the choice is up to the individual photographer. Should anyone wish to consider a thematic approach, here are some examples; Bridges of Ireland, Macros, Water Pumps of Ireland, Landscapes, The Royal Canal, Portraits, Reflections, Irish Forged Gates, Churches, The Shannon Waterway, the variety is endless. Remember, a theme is NOT necessary but it can be helpful if motivation or inspiration is flagging.

Participants should attempt to present their images appropriately, not just random snap-shots but effectively framed, edited (colour-corrected and composed) and titled.

Interested members need to have their own Flickr account and have a link to it on the Boyle Camera Club website.

Should you decide to participate, your first submission must be posted by mid-night on 31st January 2018... and, the last day for every month after that, for the following 12 months!

Here is a summary of the rules:

- The challenge is open to ALL members, Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced.
- Club members must register their name with the club secretary at the next club meeting and pay the €5.00 entry fee. The collected fees will go towards a prize awarded to the best and most complete portfolio at the end of the challenge. There is also a prize awarded to the runner-up.
- All photos must be taken during the month of submission, archive photos are **NOT** permitted.
- Photos must be in jpeg format and resized to 72dpi and 1024 pixels longest edge rectangular crop or 900x900 pixels for square crop.
- The titles of photos must begin with an entry number, eg; 1/12, 2/12, 3/12, 4/12,....24/12. Each month has two different entry numbers. If an entry for any month is missed, then the next entry must be titled as per "month number" and not per number of entries, e.g. 1/12, 2/12 (Jan). 3/12, 4/12(Feb).Missed month.7/12, 8/12(Mar).etc.

- Participating members must have their own Flickr site and the link to it visible on the Boyle Camera Club website. If it is not already there, please send it to Boyle Camera Club at boylecameraclubinfo@gmail.com. Participating members must open an 'ALBUM' on their Flickr site titled **24/12 2017-2018**.
- It is important to note that members must post all their images to the **24/12 Challenge Group Pool 2017/18** on The Boyle Camera Club website and to the album on their Flickr site titled **24/12 2017-2018** before mid-night on the last day of each Month.
- **Exif Data must be visible on your Flickr account.**
- This year the committee have decided to discontinue the two 'Jokers' late images per entrant. All images **must** to be posted on time.
- This is a 'good-will' challenge; members should adhere to the rules. The challenge will be overseen by a designated committee member who will review participant's submissions each month. A record will be kept and punctual posting will have a bearing on the winning portfolio at the end of the challenge.

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