

## **PHOTONS May waterfalls contest results**

**Judge: Marvin Neitzert, retired portrait studio business owner, college teacher**

Title: *Root Beer Falls* **FIRST PLACE**

Great photo. Another photographer might have tried to include more of the fall color in the image (if it was available), but in this case the placement of the color in the trees was just enough to make a good color statement. Particularly against a much darker background and the similar color of the water. Good exposure, not overdoing the blur to the water and still keeping detail in the shadows. I wouldn't want to much more of the "foreground" in the image, most everything that is happening in this image is in the upper half of the frame. Not objectionable, your eye easily follows the subject off the bottom of the frame.

Title: *The Mill at Rutter Falls*

I like the fact that the photographer managed to get all of the lines correct in this imager. The deck poles, building corners, the horizontal line at the top of the falls and the bottom of the falls all look normal. This could have been difficult to accomplish. '

They have also included just enough of the mill building to make the image work. No more was needed.

Title: *Cascade River* **THIRD PLACE**

When I first looked at this image I objected to the large block of dark rock right in the middle of the frame, but after studying the image more I started to follow the flow of the river through the fame and it felt comfortable. Plus the exposure seems to be dead on making all areas of the image work together to create a very pleasing photo

Title: *Waterfall mist.*

The pattern of the water motion at the bottom of the falls is very appealing. I might have been inclined to include even more of what is happening there and crop more of the right side of the frame, possibly even eliminating the sky.

Title: *Cascade Falls*

The photographer should be complimented for the good exposure of this shot. It couldn't have been easy as it looks like there is some sun hitting areas of the scene. I do wonder what would happen if the shot had been taken 20 feet to the right rather than straight on

Title: Late Spring Snow **SECOND PLACE**

Great image! Good exposure, white snow, just enough motion in the water, good composition. Possibly a slightly lower camera angle would have gotten more of the water action in the foreground. That diagonal band of water in the lower left corner is making me want to see more.

My pick for places:

- #1. Root Beer Falls
- #2. Late Spring Snow
- #3. Cascade River