

## DCTC Dec 2020 Holiday Lights

### 1. Snowman Field

Rating 6

I like that it is very colorful and high contrast but it was a bit confusing as to what it was supposed to represent. Without the title I would never have known those were supposed to be snowmen. I see that there's something on top of the trees but cannot figure out what. My suggestion would be getting a little closer and having at least one dominant object in your photo.

### 2. Ice Flower

Rating - 6

Love the angle of this photo. The blue lights form an S curve in my mind even if it's not complete in the photo. The lighting on your flower and the surrounding snow is good. My suggestion is to always be aware that your main subject is in focus, I feel that the lights in the background are a little sharper than your main subject.

### 3. 2021 is Looking Good

Rating 7

You captured the tree perfectly and with the tree being so bright it illuminated everything around it. My suggestion is to darken the bottom left corner to remove the clutter.

### 4. Holiday Ornament

Rating 10 - 1st Place

I felt that this photo captured the true meaning of Holiday lights. Bright beautiful colors of all kinds, nice main subject totally placing me in a holiday mood. My suggestion would be to take your hotspot on the left edge and convert it to a color, or just remove it.

### 5. Holiday Fireworks

Rating - 7

This image would have rated higher if it fit the topic more clearly, your photo is extremely sharp, your exposure is great. I see all the details in the fireworks and also shows a base where they came from. My only suggestion would be to crop in a little tighter so they don't get lost in the big picture.

### 6. Snow with Lights

Rating - 9 - 2nd Place

I have always loved Bokeh, it will always give you a holiday feeling and these do just that. My suggestion would be to lighten just a few of the branches to bring the tree a bit more into the scene.

### 7. Ornament 2

Rating - 8 3rd Place

Definitely get the holiday feeling with the Christmas bulb and the bokeh in the photo. Nice moody lighting. My suggestion is to crop in to remove the lights on the very top and bottom that merges with

your frame, I would also like the very top of the bulb to be in focus and always remember the more Bokeh the better.

8. Ornament 1

Rating 7

Good attempt, good composition. My suggestion is to clean up the wires and remove the branch that is out of focus before you take your photo. More depth of field to get the top of the bulb in focus. Tone down hotspot. Another suggestion is never compete against yourself, unless you want the opinion of the judge on both your photos.

9. Forest of Lights

Rating 6

Very creative, good exposure. It reminds me of the old double exposures we could get in film. My suggestion would be to block the reflection a bit more on the bottom and center of your glass so your viewer doesn't spend time trying to figure out the reflection more than your main subject.

10. Angels We Have Heard On High

Rating 6

Good exposure, I can see both the lights and some of the surrounding area. Good job on the sharpness. My suggestion is to have more than just two areas lit up in your photo. I look to one then the other and then out of the picture. If you had another area that was lit it would bring me back around and keep my eye within the photo. Or just crop in tight on the wagon and the angel. That alone would make a good photo.

11. Split Rock Moon

Rating 7

This photo would have rated much higher if it would fit the category of Holiday lights. The color is magnificent, the exposure is perfect, the composition is how the lighthouse should be captured. My only suggestion would be that you should have imaged a lit Christmas tree up on the cliff or even at the bottom of the cliff to bring in the holiday light topic. It just needed lights, it will do good in the right topic.

Well done everyone, it's a hard topic to photograph and I think you all did well. Keep trying and you'll come across the one photo that will knock your socks off.

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