

January 2022, Snow and Ice

Judge: Gayle Tangen, former DCTC photo student, North Shore Photo Workshop participant

With the subject of snow and ice, I considered what the subject was when I judged these pictures. That drove my evaluations and score.

A Frosted Forest – 5/10

The idea is good but I think that the picture is dull because of the light coloring. The subject matter, trees, is not a crisp focus. This would be a great idea with a blue sky. You have a good location, the lighting was difficult.

A Cold Tree – 7/10

Love the tree with the frost. Since the tree is the subject, crop in a little closer to the tree to eliminate the noise in the background. You could crop off a little of the branch on the right. Make this a vertical pano.

Trail Ghost - 4/10

The idea is a neat concept and he is in red, good move. The subject is snow and ice and the only thing in the picture is the snow on the ground. When I look at the picture the only thing I see is your ghost and the trees. So the snow is irrelevant to the scene.

Mushing Along - 6.5/10

The dogs, the pines and the front of the sled are really inviting to look at. Just a couple of things, your subject, the dogs and the sled need to be in sharper focus. It was a great idea putting the tip of the sled at the bottom of the scene. It leads you right out to the dogs.

Frosted Berry – 7.5/10

Love the setup of the scene. The branch comes out of the bottom corner and nice on splitting the spread of the branch at the top of the picture. I would like to see both berries in focus and the frost on the branches. It appears a little soft on the left side of the picture. Great job on the background.

Snowy Pines – 8/10

Beautiful sky and trees they are bright and crisp. I would have loved to see the top of the first pine tree. Great setup with 3 larger pine trees on the main part of the picture and then the 3 smaller pine trees in the background on the right. Really nice.

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First Frost Sunrise – 8.5/10

Love the horizontal feel of this picture. The placement of the log with the frost is in the best place to make it the subject of the picture. The position of the rising sun lights the picture perfectly. Very well done.

Frosty Draft Horse - 9/10

Great feel with the frost on the hair of the horse. Here the frost and icy morning is the subject. The horse is the secondary subject. Love the addition of a little bit of the tail. You did a great job on the positioning of the horse. The darker color on the right prevents me from leaving the picture.

This would look great as a vertical panel on canvas with no frame.

Snow Storm in the Mountains – 4/10

I had a difficult time looking for a strong subject matter of snow and ice in this picture. Yes it is in a snowstorm but the only thing I see is the frozen person standing in a very rigid position. You did a good job having the snow line and edge of the road coming out of the corner and curving to the third way up from the bottom on the right.

Winter Night - 4/10

I struggled with this picture trying to find any subject matter. There are so many objects in the picture that I continue to look around to find the reason for taking the picture and where is this at. This location is interesting and making sure that the brick structure comes out of the left corner and curves to the center was an excellent idea.

Frozen Berries – 8/10

The colors are so great for decorating. I love how the ice crystals come off the side of the branch. The berries are in focus and the branches coming out of the corners. The subject of snow and ice is limited in the picture. Well done.

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Chickadee – 9.5/10

This picture is beautiful. The only reason you got a 9.5 is because the subject was to be snow and ice and this Chickadee is so perfect that it eliminates any thought of snow and ice. Even though there is a snow barrier behind the bird it is not the subject. The setting for this bird and the positioning is beautiful. The angle and the colors of the branch sets the color of the bird. Excellent job. Please enlarge this onto a canvas or board back.

Northern Ice – 7/10

Love the blues and the brightness of the picture. It definitely is the subject of ice. When I look at the picture, it is very soft at the bottom of the picture. It would have been nice to see the top of the ice shard. Plus set the focus up so you could get sun points. Love the perspective of the picture.

Enchanted Winter - 6/10

The scene definitely gives you the feel of being in a enchanted woods. All the color lights make it seem so much like a fairy land. The subject is the colored trees so I really don't see the snow and ice. Good job on creating interest with the curved walkway. That helps a lot to pull you into the forest.