

JUDGES REPORT

2021 - July – THEME – Bokeh

Description: Nil

Judge: Daryl Fisher
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Grade	ID	Image Title	Comments	Score
A		My Favourite Daisy	Bokeh effect of the two flowers in the background works well and balances the main flower in the image. Check your focus on this one as the tips of the petals are more in focus than the centre of the flower, try adjusting your aperture to gain more depth of field and achieve better focus on the flower. Good lavender colour in the flower and not burnt out. On this image, suggest trying a one or two pixel white border, just a thought.	6
A		Spider and His Dewy Web	AHHH, there is the water droplets on the spider. Seems to change the outcome of the image with a few drops of water lighting up the web and the spider itself. The background has bokeh effect in the greens and yellows and works well with the rest of the image. The slight border colour contrasts with the colour in the spiders' legs.	8
A		Party Night	Matching soft spots of bokeh blend in well with the soft focus on the glass in the foreground, just enough light to show the outline of the glass in the darkness. I like the reflection of the bokeh in the bottom of the glass adds to the image that shows where the bottom of the glass is. Blue dot, top right-hand corner, look at the image and hide the blue dot. Does it make the image better?	8
A		Rainy Night Out	Possibly a sheet of glass and a shower of water to get this image of some party lights. Focus is more on the droplets than the bokeh and works well. The yellow one at the bottom, include it or leave it out.	7
A		Midnight Brew	Looks like ready to catch a cup of magic drops. The cup has been well positioned to catch the drops. Like the lowdown effect towards the cup. Nice coloring in the timber table and the cup being white has not been blown out. Good thinking.	7
A		Yep Still Hot	Don't jump, we will save you!! A good macro of this tiny man, or is it a big coffee mug? Bokeh lighting in the background blends in well with the cup. A good capture for Bokeh effect, but watch your focus, can't really seem to find a sharp point.	6
A		Common Crow	The few bokeh lights in this image are just enough to give the effect of them being in the background without overdoing the image. All the main points are there in this image of colour, lighting and exposure. I feel though that	6

			the focus may be a little bit out on the head of the butterfly. Best to get the focus a little bit sharper, I feel.	
A		Orb Spider	Another spider!! Well positioned in this image. Good bokeh in the background. Darker area in the left-hand corner balances out with the darker spider towards the top of the image. Just watch your point of focus area where the head of the spider is in the middle of a light patch or move your position a bit to minimise that effect.	6
A		Golden Orb Spider	Definitely got bokeh there. A good capture on the spider with the hint of just a touch of flash to highlight it. Caught well. You can see all the legs in this image and the hint of a bit of flash lights up the web as well. How would it look with a spray of water droplets on the web?	6.5
A		Purple Flowers	White dots of bokeh just highlights the background enough to tell that the background is not far away and works well. A little bit of light, top right-hand corner, not worrying me. The whole image of the flowers and the plant, would you suggest a light smattering of a bit of fill flash. Would that change the outcome of the image?	5
A		Feathery Bokeh	What a lovely image!! A very arty type of image and has been well done. Bokeh does not always have to be blurred circles but can be a blurred background, as in this image. The soft feather tends to mix in with the feathery background. The top of the feather is a little overexposed in this image. Good detail in the plant at the bottom where it just excels a bit better. The darker area on the left-hand side, should that be cropped out or lighten it a little?	7
A		Sparkling Water	The drops, are they coming in or going out? Well positioned glass of Champus, maybe. Lighting on the glass is in shadow mode, sometimes light on the glass can overshadow the contents of the image when the outline is lit up. Nice soft muted effect on the bokeh balls and the couple of highlights not worrying.	7
A		Checking My Reflection	Yes, my reflection looks ok. Colour and detail has been well caught in this image. The bokeh reflections from the light spots in the tree has worked well in this image both from the top and the bottom of the image. The tail is dropping out of focus in the depth of field but that is not the important part of the image. Just watch the white spot area around the nose, have a go at dropping down the contrast in this area.	8
A		Waiting and Hoping	Why do they always hang upside down? The green bokeh colours light up the spider well in this image. Exposure and colour on the spider is good. The spider, being centre of the image balances well with the spider being in the centre of the web also. Close up inspection of the spider details has been well caught. The tiny little dot, top left-hand corner, just darken a touch.	7

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AB		Beautiful Trumpet-Like Flowers	Trumpet flowers are beautifully bright in the oranges. A little bit of bokeh there to keep the theme in the image. Change your position to get rid of the white flower behind as it is certainly bright in this image. Compositionally, take a step back or widen your lens to include more of the flower in the image as there has been some flowers cut off. The light on the orange flowers is really nice.	5
AB		Bottle Brush on Bokeh	Looking at the tendrils on the bottle brush, there is some of them that are sharp in the image. The size of the bokeh in this image does not worry me, and the spots gives it a much-highlighted effect. I like the result that this image has given.	7.5
AB		Flower on Bokeh	Well captured bokeh icons in this image, leading to a good exposure on the colours. Not so sure about the item in the foreground, it has some movement in it causing blurring. The subject of bokeh has been caught well.	7
AB		Hanging Bell	Beautifully captured little chiming bell, Exposure and lighting and focus is good on the bell. The bokeh in the background being on the soft side pushes the bell forward in the image. Being in the centre of the image is not a worry and feel being on the side would unbalance the whole image, I feel.	8.5
AB		Rainy Day	Bokeh effects in the lower right of this image is the only part that I can see holds any form of bokeh. The capture of water droplets on the flower has been well caught. The branch in the background would be better being removed or a different position taken to eliminate the branch.	5
AB		Skittled 'em	Wow, a dish of lollies to nibble on. Good capture of bokeh in this image. Colours are bright and cheerful and caught well in focus in this image. The capture of lollies adds to the effect of bokeh in this image and works well. Just a thought, the dish at the top of the image or the bottom?	7.5
AB		Beautiful Bird	Green bokeh in the background tells you that the bird is in its natural habitat. Good image on the bird in colouring and light and sharp focus has been done well. Would suggest that this image may have been blown up to a larger size as the background looks fairly noisy once you study the image a bit more. Good detail with a highlight spot in the bird's eye.	6
AB		Celebration	A good capture of the bokeh icons in this image. Guessing that the ring is suggesting there is some sort of celebration in the air. The bright bokeh leads to a happy situation. The ring is soft in focus which is not the subject of the image.	6

AB		In the Forest	Backlighting on the leaves highlights the outline of this plant. The blurred bokeh in the background balances the image and stops the red plant from falling back. Nice image, this one, try removing the branches in the background and see how the image looks then.	7
AB		Rainbow Bee-Eater	Well caught muted colours in the background and of the bee-eater and detail in the feathers. Again, suggesting the bokeh is in the background. The small stick would be better removed and would make a good image for addition into a bird book.	8
AB		Resting Butterfly	The bokeh has come up in this image being fairly well spread out, just watch the highlights on the left-hand side, would be better if they could be darkened a little. Colouring on the butterfly is good and also the position, just watch the left-hand antenna and include it in your image. Apart from that, good capture of the butterfly.	7
AB		Bauhinia Blakeana	How pink is pink? I like the colour on the flower and it has good detail in the petals. The bokeh background just seems to lighten up the background in this image. If this image is/was to be mounted, watch the petal at the bottom of the image that it is not cut off when mounting. Almost central in this image is well done.	6
AB		Heliconia	Contrasting bokeh colors in this image work well to highlight the shape of the flower. Thinking maybe just a hint more of exposure in this image would work well here. The red petal is almost out of the image on the top, just be careful if this is to be mounted, could be getting too close to the edge.	6.5
AB		Curl	New life is emerging in this image. Focus is almost sharp in this image, maybe just a touch more. Good bokeh in the background, would be even better with position change to have the tendril between the three dots by stepping back and to the left a little. That would surround the tendril with having three icons in the image.	5
AB		On the Fence	Good dominating effect of bokeh in this image, but the poor little bird is almost lost in the image. The dark area of the bird, maybe just a tiny touch of flash would bring out a bit more detail and would also drop a hint of a highlight in the bird's eye. Barb wire not a worry, obviously in the bushy area somewhere.	6
AB		Red-Winged Parrot	A good capture of the parrot with the colours looking really good. Pity the bird wasn't looking at the camera. Again, only bokeh would be in the background and would suggest that this should be more prominent in the image, apart from that, good image of the parrot.	7.5
AB		Spinifex Pigeons	Hello, have we got twins here? Good capture of both birds, focus is on the spot in this one. Good composition in this image of attaining the thirds, the ground, the birds and then the negative space at the top of the image. Bokeh is seen in the background of this image and does not overpower but in a muted state. Focus on the birds' eyes is good, just watch that little bit of stick between them.	8.5

AB		Apostle Bird	A good capture here of the details in the birds' feathers. The darkened bokeh background effects blend in well with the colours of the bird. The image needs lifting in the levels to brighten the image, Overall brightness is a bit on the dark side. I feel another f stop of light on the bird would really bring the bird up. Apart from that, this image has been well caught.	6
AB		Dusky Honeyeater	Good image of the bird seemingly looking for lunch maybe. Detail in the feathers of the bird show up well with the tail feathers dropping off a bit. The bokeh in this image, suggest it is in the blurred background but there is a lack of hexagonal type shapes of bokeh in this image.	6.5
AB		Flower	Beautiful bright colours in this image. Guessing the bokeh effects are the ones on the lower left side of the image. Would be better with more icons in the image as this has the flower dominating the image more so than the theme. Focus and exposure is done very well in this one.	7.5
AB		Young Fungi	Almost a good pair. Good lighting on one side, the other is soft.	5
AB		Bokeh and Red Wine	Bokeh lights into your glass of red. The lights are well done in this image with some soft focusing happening with the spots of light. The lavender and white spots blending in well with the few in the glass. I wouldn't put too many more in this image though, feel like just enough now.	8
AB		Bokeh Behind Spider	Judging by the number of spiders, you must have quite a few in Nth Qld. This image almost like a silhouette with a bit of debris around the spider. The background accentuates the spider with the brighter colours and sharpens the final outcome of the spider.	5

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AB		Spinifex Pigeons	The whole image is a pleasing one. (Annette Sutton)