



**Definition:** The subject of your picture must be a circle or circles. The circle or circles may be natural or man-made but must feature predominantly in your image.

Your challenge is to look, find and create an image that represents your vision of the theme.

The definition of circles is pretty much wide open for your interpretation. It is important though, that your image somehow proudly or subtly displays this month's theme, Circles.

I have included the Conditions of Entry and Guidelines and the Submission instructions so, if you wish, you may prepare this image for competition in the Fraser Valley Invitational. Further instructions specific to FVI to follow.

### **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND GUIDELINES**

The Fraser Valley Invitational, a digital competition, is open to all photography clubs in the Lower Mainland. Each club may enter a minimum of 4 up to a maximum of 10 images. Only one entry per member is allowed. Individuals belonging to more than one photography club, each of which is submitting an entry, may only participate in one club entry. Failure to comply will result in all of the individual's images being disqualified. Images may be in color, monochromatic, or a combination of both.

Images must reflect the theme "Circles." Images not on theme will be disqualified.

Images that were entered in a previous FVI will not be accepted.

Images may be created with composites. However, the final image must be comprised of photograph(s) created by the image maker. Post processing enhancements are encouraged as long as the integrity of the photograph(s) remain present and originated with the photographer.

All images will be reviewed for compliance when received.

### **SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

Size: To ensure the image's aspect ratio will provide the best viewing, images must be in JPEG format

and sized to meeting the parameters of a maximum height of 1050 vertical and a maximum width of 1400 horizontal pixels. Square format images must be 1050 X 1050 pixels. Langley Camera Club will ask that you resubmit entries that do not comply with the size parameters

Format: All images must be in sRGB color space

Title: Titles of images are to be comprised of 5 words or less and named with the title followed by the maker's name. A space is to be inserted between each word in the title and a hyphen is to be placed between the title and maker's name. A space is to be inserted on either side of the hyphen.

Example: LCC Pretty Picture – John Doe.jpeg

### NOW, ALL ABOUT CIRCLES

I started off by going to one of my favorite sites, the Digital Photography School. There are two web pages I found really intriguing. The first is entitled 27 images around the world of Circles posted by Darlene Hidebrandt. The second by the same author entitled the Weekly Photography Challenge- Circles. These are all example pictures with no "how to" text. These images should get your creative juices running.

<https://digital-photography-school.com/27-images-around-the-world-of-circles/>

<https://digital-photography-school.com/weekly-photography-challenge-circles/>

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Another site I found interesting was on the Linda Murdock Photography Page. I found one image very interesting in which she took 5 bracketed pictures, handheld, and processed them through the NIX HDR program. The result was truly amazing.

<http://gustaviatex.com/blog/2017/12/1/circles-curves-arches>

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Where would any creative photographer be without Bokeh? The following is a real "quick and dirty" way to create Bokeh and really make it work for your photography. The author is "studio9."

<https://snapshot.canon-asia.com/article/en/4-easy-steps-to-capture-those-elusive-bokeh-circles>

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For those that are daring here are some ideas on Fire Circles as found in Pintrest. Be careful if you are going this route!

<https://www.pinterest.ca/dreamingaloudnt/fire-circle/?!p=true>

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Unsplash, Photos for everyone has about a gazillion pictures to peruse

<https://unsplash.com/search/photos/circle>

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Anyone who uses a Lensball or similar product will enjoy this page:

<https://www.pinterest.ca/lensball/mindblowing-lensball-photography/?lp=true>

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Anyway, best of luck with this month's theme. Let's show other clubs how it is done!