

**Group Name:** How to Compete & Win!

**Facilitator:** Cynthia Keith

**Group Size:** Maximum 6

**Skill Level/Other Requirements:** Novice

**Location(s):** Cynthia Keith's home, 8805 Honeybee Lane, Bethesda, MD

**Days/Dates/Time(s):** Saturdays 2 – 4:30 PM, 1/13, 2/3 and 2/24

**Number of Sessions/Frequency:** 3 Sessions

**Equipment Needed/To Be Used:** Cynthia Keith will supply TV screen, laptop

**Brief Description of Content/Approach:**

Do you ever wonder what competition judges are looking for? Are you interested in competing at NBCC but don't know if your images are good enough? Are you already competing in the Novice category but not winning as often as you would like? Are you interested in moving up to the Intermediate level of competition?

This will be a critique group focused on preparing your images to win. We will discuss four aspects of "winning" images – craftsmanship, composition, creativity and communication. At each session, participants will bring 3-5 electronic images that they consider competition-worthy. We will discuss the strengths of each image and then demonstrate in Lightroom and/or Photoshop how they might be edited to better meet all four aspects. Basic knowledge of Lightroom and/or Photoshop is a plus but not necessary to get the most out of these sessions.

The objective is for participants to learn to self-critique their images and apply simple adjustments to make them winners!