The WMS Shutterists – A New Monthly Challenge

Fellow Shutterists

We join together and enter 2026 with our cameras, charcoal, brushes or clay in hand where we have the chance to enter a fun monthly challenge

Its FUN

Lets experiment and learn

All Challenges are down to your own interpretation



The 2026 Challenge will take place every month for 12 months. Every month you will be able to submit two images... colour or B/W

At each month end, the 2x challenges will be issued to the group. So for the February challenge – you will receive the details at January end But tonight, is an exception, you will receive both Cat A & B Challenges for January 2026

Category A will be a defined challenge based on a photographic composition technique and

Category B will be an open challenge subject to the letter for that month.

Over the year there will be 12x different composition challenges and 12x different letters (I wonder who will guess the word first?)

Any entry can be submitted as long...

You must give each of your entries a title and also label it as Cat A or Cat B

You must of took it / made it yourself, it was taken / made during month of said challenge, and it can be shared, as a picture, by email.

Please resize your entries to no greater than 1600x1600

Closing date for monthly entries will be last day of the month. Entries can be submitted anytime between the 20th and the last day of that month. No chasers will be sent

If for a given month you decide to enter you must enter both Categories but of course you don't have to enter every month

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Each entry will be given a number – ranging from 1-25 for CAT A and 35-60 for CAT B.

Within the first few days of month following – all Shutterists will be sent all entries by email

Judging of all entries will be made by your fellow Shutterists – the closing date for voting will be 9^h of the month following.

For every month you enter you must vote but you cannot vote for your own entries

All Shutterists, whether they enter or not, are entitled to Vote

Each Shutterist has two votes to cast – one for each of the following categories;

Category A – the photograph that best meets the photo composition challenge

Category B – the most creative / appealing entry for letter of the month

In addition, bonus points will be added to monthly scores, where:

Highest combined monthly score will receive 2 bonus points (CAT A + CAT B)
Highest monthly score for CAT A will receive 1 bonus point
Highest monthly score for CAT bA will receive 1 bonus point

All entries will be included in the monthly Shutterists Album that will be issued to all Shed members, with the journal

Throughout the year – a league table will be issued detailing the highest scores across both Categories and their Totals including bonus's. (League will show Top 6).

At end of December 2026, the overall Challenge winner will be the Shutterist with the most points accumulated in the year from both categories and will be awarded **GOLD**.

SILVER will be awarded to the next highest score in either Cat A or Cat B

BRONZE will be awarded to the next highest score in either Cat A or Cat B

The Winners will be three different Shutterists
IE:- The GOLD winner cannot win CAT A or CAT B

The challenges are designed to get you thinking outside the box and to enter photographs that, maybe, you wouldn't normally take. Hopefully learning on the way

Are you up for the 2026 challenge?

Stewart

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The 2026 Challenge

Month	January	
CAT A	Composition	Leading Lines
		Leading Lines: Use roads, fences, or light to guide the eye toward the subject etc
CAT B	Letter	P