

Steyping Camera Club Members Gallery - Web Submission Guide

Introduction

The Steyping Camera Club website is now in a position to accept regular submissions of images from club members for display in the Members Gallery. All club members are entitled to participate.

The work involved in optimizing images and then compiling the gallery pages of thumbnails and enlargements was previously prohibitive. Now it is possible for us to upload a folder of images and for these to be loaded automatically, provided they are optimized in the right way.

This guide explains exactly what you need to do to submit images to your own gallery space.

Using the Gallery

Navigate to the Gallery page on the website www.steyningcc.org.uk/galleries/ and choose the Members Gallery option. The Club Gallery will work in the same way when it is available.

The gallery uses Adobe Flash to display the images. If you do not have Adobe Flash installed on your computer then the web page will warn you. This can be downloaded free from the Adobe website at www.adobe.com/products/flashplayer/.

The gallery is intuitive to use. Please play to see how it works.

Submitting Your Own Work

The gallery allows images to be displayed by simply uploading them. However, to ensure a trouble-free display, please follow the following guidelines carefully.

Limits

You may submit up to 48 images, plus a short personal profile. These may be optionally arranged in up to 3 sub-categories.

Image Sizes

The maximum image size for display is currently **800 pixels wide x 600 pixels high**. Images must not exceed either of these dimensions. You may display smaller images if you wish, but not larger.

Please refer to other club guidelines for resizing images.

Saving Images – JPEG Quality and Colour Space

Images **MUST** be saved in **jpeg** format. **Quality level 8** is recommended. Poor image quality will be very noticeable if you use a level lower than 6, and the file size will be larger than is necessary if you use a quality level higher than 8, thereby slowing processing times.

You should also ensure that your web jpeg is saved in the **sRGB colour space**. Adobe RGB will tend to look washed out in a web browser. Please refer to the Help in your image editor for how to do this.

Titles

In the first release, the title will always display at the foot of the image. Later this will display only if you hover the mouse over the image.

Name and save the files with the title EXACTLY as you want it displayed with a number to tell the program the order in which you want your images to be displayed , e.g. “01_Man with a Dog.jpg”, “02_Shadow on Wall.jpg” ... etc.

Submitting Images

Images may be submitted by email, or CD or memory stick. If you are submitting by email, then please state which sub-categories you wish the images to be displayed in. For example:

- Images 01-05 to be in sub-category 1: Landscapes
- Images 06-10 to be in sub-category 2: Portraits

If submitting by CD or memory stick, please create folders named e.g. “01_Landscapes”, “02_Portraits”, and place the images in the appropriate folders.

Profiles

You may also submit a short text profile if you wish. This should describe you and your photography and your motivations and favourite subjects etc, indeed anything that a viewer might like to know about you. Please prepare this in Word 97-2003 (**.doc**) or text (**.txt**) format and include the file with your images. Call it profile.doc or profile.txt.

Future Releases

The next release will include a slicker display of image titles, and possible size changes. When this happens, an additional text file will be required listing your images in a precise format. This will be supplemented to these notes when required.

Web Safety

The images are presented in such a way as to make them not easily saved onto anyone else’s computer. However, it is not possible to protect them totally, so by placing images on the website, you accept this risk. An image saved as described above will have no commercial value, and all images are explicitly covered by the Copyright statement on the website.

To cover your web images, it is common practice to add a small watermark. Please ask if you wish to know how to do this.

Questions and Support

Please address any questions by email to webmaster Ken Scott at ken.scott@touchingthelight.co.uk