



June 2021 Monthly Competition Black & White, Unrestricted.

The Incontrovertibility of Nature's Wrath

By Tony D. Lilles

Wrath of Nature always elicits an ambivalent reaction when it comes to photographers composing an entry. But it takes a challenging theme like this one to bring out the artistic inspiration and energy we need to be productive with our craft. To create, to compose and to *Get-The-Juices-Flowing as the idiom* implies is a natural inclination for us. When we stay in the same rut day after day, we may find that we sometimes begin to have difficulty thinking creatively. It's not a coincidence that our common bond in photography brings this natural inclination to express ourselves and, together, we are able to cope with our emotional challenges during these hard times...through our monthly competitions. It's a change of scenery. Themes like this stimulate our senses, gets our blood flowing, increases the oxygen to our brains, and before you know it, you may find the ideas to start to create your entry.

Sometimes this also hot-wires our memory cells and photographers, by their very nature, have a good memory. Just like in the film days, we had to remember where, when and how we shot with film and wait...while the film is still in the camera, undeveloped. We have to have the *recall* to remember what we did with some shots in a roll of film especially if we didn't finish all the frames in the roll in one load! We also have to reach deep down into our archives using our "organic" hard drive! Digging deep into our saved files and putting together more than 2 photos involves merging two or more unrelated images that I cannot imagine an AI (Artificial Intelligence) can conjure. At least, not anytime soon. After all, creativity in art involves "a feeling" and an AI *with feelings* has mainly been only a plot in a sci-fi movie.

As you can see with the winning entries, ideas for these came from deep inside our psyche. The meaning of *Nature's Wrath* or "*wrath of nature*" as it is defined in *Google searches*, is the *angry, stern indignation or violent action* of nature, and maybe *its vengeance or retribution* for man's own abuse of it. As we enjoy the art and the creativity of these entries, let us not forget the message in these works: Let's take care of our environment! And that if we mess with nature, let us beware of what it can give back to us: *its retributory punishment or divine chastisement*.



Chito Viñas,
First Place Photo of the Month
First Place Photographer of the Month



Nature's Wrath competition theme was a real challenge.

One's natural reaction is to move away and take cover in such weather or environmental condition; so, seldom would one have a collection of such situations captured in our cameras unless you are a photojournalist whose favorite subjects are life threatening events. So I started digging into my Bodega and I remember this one time, when I ventured to brave the thunderstorm during our Tacloban OTS while waiting for the fluvial parade to reach the port. While others rushed for cover to save their cameras, I wrapped my big camera, braved the downpour, grabbed my old Sony TX10 underwater pocket camera and captured those beleaguered boatmen riding the turbulent waves! It was all worth it as this photo landed 3rd Top Photo for the theme.

My next predicament was to find another worthwhile entry for this theme but all others in my bodega shots were the usual flood waters, drab rain shots, beach scene, etc, with no drama at all! Given that the theme was unrestricted, it gave me the idea to put all these elements together, and recreated the rain by shooting white sewing threads highlighted by a spotlight. The collection of shots were from my Leica Q and V-Lux4 and Nikon DSLR. This work of art was judged as the Top Photo of the month and, together with my boatmen photo, made me the Top Photographer for the theme NATURE'S WRATH for the month of June.

Thank you CCP for the challenge and the push to be creative.

Adel Samson:

2nd Place Photo of the Month "Mayon Volcano Eruption taken during the CCP Outreach"



Jaime Cumagun:

3rd Place Photo of the Month and 3rd Place Photographer of the Month

"Woman Overboard" is a lifeguard tribute photograph and was subconsciously influenced by the movie "The Guardian" and the song "Never Let Go by Bryan Adams for that same movie. Lyrics saying: Can you lay your life down so a stranger can live? Can you close every day without the glory and fame? Could you hold your head high when no one knows your name? - These are influential phrases that help describe Woman Overboard.

For the technical part, my photo is a composite of three (3) frames and all were taken during a family trip to Dumaguete using an Olympus TG-4 tough camera.

An all-weather camera and shooting in RAW images really allowed me to capture those scenes without having to worry about my camera being soaked. Salt water, hard rain and blowing winds were not an issue! I created the entries in Photoshop with the great advantage and latitude that RAWfiles provide and it was my mind's eye that inspired my work. Mine was subconsciously based on the movie "The Guardian".



3rd Place Jaime Cumagun Entry 1



3rd Jaime Cumagun Entry 2

TOP PHOTOS 5 TO 10 NATURE'S WRATH



5th Place Joey Antonio Entry #1



7th Place Erikk Cruz Entry #1



9th Place Manny Gaite Entry #2



10th Place Joey Montalban Entry #2



6th Place Tony Lilles Entry #2.



8th Place Jun Garrido Entry #2



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Top 10 Photos by Rank - Nature's Wrath

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1	Viñas, Chito	29	4.7691
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5	Antonio, Joey	28	4.5525
6	Lilles, Tony	70	4.4793
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8	Garrido, Jun	44	4.4014
9	Gaite, Manny	61	4.3504
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MASTER CUP JANUARY - JUNE

Alphabetical Name	Viewfinder Name	June		Mastercup January-June		
		# of Member =36		MC	MC Rank	Rank Movement
		Nature's Wrath Scores	Contest Rank			
Grabador, Evan	Evan Grabador	7.9752	13	50.4771	1	0
Cumagun, Jaime	Jaime Cumagun	8.4086	3	48.4001	2	1
Viñas, Chito	Chito Viñas	9.3519	1	48.2819	3	3
Cruz, Erik	Erik Cruz	8.0041	12	47.5823	4	0
Mesuga, Boyet	Boyet Mesuga	8.3499	5	47.3502	5	0
Del Rosario, Fred	Fred Del Rosario	8.1034	8	46.7706	6	1
Sison, Bob	Bob Sison	7.9612	14	46.4563	7	2
Lilles, Tony	Tony Lilles	8.2266	6	45.7974	8	5
Samson, Adel	Adel Samson	4.7054	36	45.7510	9	-7
Ortiz, Rey	Rey Ortiz	6.9981	32	45.5065	10	-2
Yu, Philip	Philip Yu	7.6483	20	45.4442	11	-1
Garbanzas, Gino	Gino Garbanzas	7.9491	15	45.2036	12	2
Serrano, TG	TG Serrano	7.4693	23	45.1865	13	-2
Lagonera, Jake	Jake Lagonera	8.0798	9	45.1114	14	3
Garrido, Jun	Jun Garrido	7.9359	16	45.0157	15	1
Hermogenes, Jimmy	Jimmy Hermogenes	7.3132	26	44.8977	16	-4
Lagrimas, EJ	EJ Lagrimas	7.8517	17	44.7030	17	1
Antonio, Joey	Joey Antonio	8.1510	7	44.6658	18	3
De Leon, Rudy	Rudy De Leon	8.0173	11	44.6470	19	1
Riingen, Leo	Leo Riingen	7.8516	18	44.4889	20	-1
Yuson, Fred	Fred Yuson	8.0214	10	43.9897	21	3
Apuya, Armand	Armand Apuya	7.0288	31	43.4527	22	0
Valera, Stephen	Stephen Valera	7.1745	29	43.4086	23	0
Benitez, Manette	Manette Benitez	7.0978	30	43.0391	24	1
Valmonte, Cha	Cha Valmonte	7.1961	27	43.0086	25	1
Guingona, Jojo	Jojo Guingona	7.4292	24	42.6028	26	1
Uy, Patrick	Patrick Uy	7.7900	19	42.3648	27	2
Roxas, Manolo	Manolo Roxas	7.4836	22	42.2665	28	0
Santos, Tito	Tito Santos	7.4144	25	41.2650	29	3
Tangco, Raul	Raul Tangco	6.4297	34	39.6700	30	3
Burgos, Mark	Mark Burgos	-	37	37.2130	31	-16
Gaite, Manny	Manny Gaite	8.3539	4	36.3071	32	3
Montalban, Joey	Joey Montalban	8.6110	2	35.6268	33	3
Ocampo, Nesty	Nesty Ocampo	6.7332	33	35.1420	34	0
Risma, Vicoy	Vicoy Risma	-	37	34.1576	35	-5
Fidelino, Boyet	Boyet Fidelino	-	37	34.0846	36	-5
Samson, Juni	Juni Samson	7.1932	28	30.0726	37	0
Cruz, Gino	Gino Cruz	6.2605	35	20.5489	38	2
Abejo, Tim	Tim Abejo	-	37	20.1210	39	-1
Gutierrez, Gutch	Gutch Gutierrez	-	37	15.3531	40	-1
Castro, Gerry	Gerry Castro	-	37	13.5262	41	0
Ang, Garrick	Garrick Ang	-	37	13.4959	42	0
Castillo, Quincy	Quincy Castillo	-	37	12.6607	43	0
Campos, Jay	Jay Campos	7.6026	21	7.6026	44	
Bautista, Mark	Mark Bautista	-	37	7.3150	45	-1
Reyno, King	King Reyno	-	37	7.2100	46	-1
Montifar, Raul	Raul Montifar	-	37	7.0299	47	-1
Juat, Necy	Necy Juat	-	37	7.0200	48	-1
Bautista, Emir	Emir Bautista	-	37	6.9970	49	-1
Santos, Raffy	Raffy Santos	-	37	6.9274	50	-1
Montifar, Miko	Miko Montifar	-	37	6.5902	51	-1
Sonora, Jeff	Jeff Sonora	-	37	6.4475	52	-1
Fajardo, Ernie	Ernie Fajardo	-	37	5.9150	53	-1
Buenaventura, Jorge	Jorge Buenaventura	-	37	5.8150	54	-1
Sta. Maria, Felice	Felice Sta. Maria	-	37	5.6875	55	-1

TOP 10 PHOTOS



2nd Place Joey Montalban Entry #1



4th Place M...



6th Place Tony Lilles Entry #1



7th Place Joey...



9th Place Jake Lagonera Entry #1



9th Place



10th Place Fred Yuson entry #1



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GRAPHERS NATURE'S WRATH



Manny Gaite Entry #1



5th Place Boyet Mesuga Entry #1



5th Place Mesuga Entry #2



Antonio Entry #2



8th Place Fred Del Rosario Entry #1



8th Place Fred Del Rosario Entry #2



Jake Lagonera Entry #1



Entry #2

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1	Viñas, Chito	29	4.7691	65	4.5828	9.3519
2	Montalban, Joey	10	4.2710	46	4.3400	8.6110
3	Cumagun, Jaime	7	4.6412	43	3.7674	8.4086
4	Gaite, Manny	25	4.0035	61	4.3504	8.3539
5	Mesuga, Boyet	5	4.0700	41	4.2799	8.3499
6	Lilles, Tony	34	3.7473	70	4.4793	8.2266
7	Antonio, Joey	28	4.5525	64	3.5985	8.1510
8	Del Rosario, Fred	21	4.1690	57	3.9344	8.1034
9	Lagonera, Jake	32	3.7425	68	4.3373	8.0798
10	Yuson, Fred	31	3.8011	67	4.2203	8.0214



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13	Grabador, Evan	9	4.2815
14	Mesuga, Boyet	41	4.2799
15	Montalban, Joey	10	4.2710
16	Garbanzos, Gino	56	4.2405
17	Yuson, Fred	67	4.2203
18	Riingen, Leo	40	4.1971
19	Del Rosario, Fred	21	4.1690
20	De Leon, Rudy	22	4.1605
21	Uy, Patrick	69	4.1305
22	Campos, Jay	13	4.1044
23	Sison, Bob	63	4.0936
24	Mesuga, Boyet	5	4.0700
25	Serrano, TG	48	4.0639
26	Gaite, Manny	25	4.0035
27	Samson, Juni	37	3.9774
28	Del Rosario, Fred	57	3.9344
29	Yu, Philip	38	3.8967
30	Sison, Bob	27	3.8676
31	Guingona, Jojo	36	3.8632
32	De Leon, Rudy	58	3.8568
33	Roxas, Manolo	16	3.8160
34	Yuson, Fred	31	3.8011
35	Cumagun, Jaime	43	3.7674
36	Yu, Philip	2	3.7516
37	Lilles, Tony	34	3.7473
38	Lagonera, Jake	32	3.7425
39	Santos, Tito	35	3.7419
40	Garbanzos, Gino	20	3.7086
41	Grabador, Evan	45	3.6937
42	Hermogenes, Jimmy	19	3.6871
43	Santos, Tito	71	3.6725
44	Roxas, Manolo	52	3.6676
45	Uy, Patrick	33	3.6595
46	Riingen, Leo	4	3.6545
47	Valmonte, Cha	53	3.6510
48	Ortiz, Rey	54	3.6371
49	Hermogenes, Jimmy	55	3.6261
50	Valera, Stephen	11	3.6177
51	Antonio, Joey	64	3.5985
52	Benitez, Manette	23	3.5664
53	Cruz, Erikk	42	3.5660
54	Guingona, Jojo	72	3.5660
55	Valera, Stephen	47	3.5568
56	Apuya, Armand	66	3.5550
57	Valmonte, Cha	17	3.5451
58	Lagrimas, EJ	39	3.5385
59	Garrido, Jun	8	3.5345
60	Benitez, Manette	59	3.5314
61	Campos, Jay	49	3.4982
62	Apuya, Armand	30	3.4738
63	Serrano, TG	12	3.4054
64	Ocampo, Nesty	60	3.3898
65	Ortiz, Rey	18	3.3610
66	Ocampo, Nesty	24	3.3434
67	Tangco, Raul	26	3.2160
68	Samson, Juni	1	3.2158
69	Tangco, Raul	62	3.2137
70	Cruz, Gino	15	3.1522
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20	Yu, Philip	2	3.7516	38	3.8967	7.6483
21	Campos, Jay	13	4.1044	49	3.4982	7.6026
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23	Serrano, TG	12	3.4054	48	4.0639	7.4693
24	Guingona, Jojo	36	3.8632	72	3.5660	7.4292
25	Santos, Tito	35	3.7419	71	3.6725	7.4144
26	Hermogenes, Jimmy	19	3.6871	55	3.6261	7.3132
27	Valmonte, Cha	17	3.5451	53	3.6510	7.1961
28	Samson, Juni	1	3.2158	37	3.9774	7.1932
29	Valera, Stephen	11	3.6177	47	3.5568	7.1745
30	Benitez, Manette	23	3.5664	59	3.5314	7.0978
31	Apuya, Armand	30	3.4738	66	3.5550	7.0288
32	Ortiz, Rey	18	3.3610	54	3.6371	6.9981
33	Ocampo, Nesty	24	3.3434	60	3.3898	6.7332
34	Tangco, Raul	26	3.2160	62	3.2137	6.4297
35	Cruz, Gino	15	3.1522	51	3.1083	6.2605
36	Samson, Adel	14	4.7054	50	0.0000	4.7054