

River City Camera Club Assigned Subjects 2009-2010

September 2009: Flags

Flags are ubiquitous-everywhere. It does not have to be a U. S. flag. Any flag qualifies. They can be found on stamps, stitching projects, in murals, on clothes, jewelry, on top of flag poles by many companies and government buildings, and at car races. They are put out by private homes, on airplanes, on bumper stickers, carried by people in parades and at sporting events, hanging in buildings, and stores sometimes have a flag out front that says "open" or something else they want to convey. Alticor (Amway) has flags of many nations in its front yard, and if you get to Windmill Island they have the flags of the provinces of The Netherlands on flag poles there. Even some camping vehicles put out flags at their sites.

October 2009: Water Drops

This is Michigan so these are easy to come by. You can go out and shoot in the rain or maybe preferably right after and get stunning images that contain water drops in them, such as flowers, mushrooms, grasses, leaves, insects, fences, and fruits. Whole rivers, lakes and streams do not count for this. We want to see actual drops. Take your own mister and add drops if nature doesn't cooperate when you need it to. In summer dew is on nearly anything outdoors. Nearly anything that is taken out of the cold (such as a refrigerator) and put in a warmer temperature will form water on it. Tears, rain drops on a window, water droplets on a car, or a dripping faucet are more possibilities. Find something you would like to shoot and just add water.

November 2009: Yellow

This subject should be easy to find if you do not already have it. Portrait shooters can try to find a subject wearing some yellow. Yellow is in nature as well as inanimate objects. So look for yellow flowers, fall leaves, butterflies, animals, straw, egg yolks, birds, parts of birds such as the legs or bill, lemons, squashes, butter, insect, and some sunsets. Other than nature there is clothing, buildings, cars, flags, jewelry, ornaments, pottery, glasses, purses, shoes, artwork/murals, ribbons, candles, signs, toys, gold, brass, and fire. Those are just a few ideas.

December 2009: Familiar Michigan Scenes

I am not able to think of as many of these as there are, but a few suggestions are: lighthouses, Mackinac Bridge, covered bridges, other prominent Michigan bridges, Tahquamenon Falls, or other renowned Michigan falls, sports stadiums, museums, Grand Hotel or other Mackinac Island scenery, Pictured Rocks, SS Badger Car Ferry, Lake Express Ferry, Meijer Gardens building or the big horse statue, orchards, vineyards, DeZwaan Windmill on Windmill Island, and the capital building in Lansing.

January 2010: Creative/Manipulation

Slide photographers can sandwich slides, be real creative in how they shoot an image, or create something out of the ordinary to film. For digital photography the options are nearly endless in Photoshop or a similar software. Use filters, text, frames, composites images, distort an image, color shifts, black & white with or without some color left in the image, art effects, and the list goes on. This will be fun and the results very interesting. And you do not need to even leave your house!

February 2010: Glass

Any use of glass will do here such as eye glasses, drinking glasses, mirrors, Tiffany lamps, other glass lamps such as chandeliers (Amway Grand Plaza has big ones) windows, doors, bottles, vases, glass flowers and any other glass art, light bulbs, clocks, camera lenses, marbles, stained glass, magnifying glasses, fish tanks, and buildings. Glass buildings are often an opportunity to get a good reflection in glass. Still life set ups that include glass and black light photography objects that are glass would fit in here.

March 2010: Indoor Photography

It is the latter part of winter and most of us have spent much time indoors one place or another. Since this subject includes anything indoors, portrait photographers have an extra subject to enter their images in. Some ideas here would be family events, still life set ups, household plants, pets, or ornaments. Outside of home there are always greenhouses, car shows, indoor sports events, and something inside a store, museum, or nice hotel.

April 2010: Night Photography

This is photography that is done when it is dark outside. I put this one in April so that you had several month when we have more darkness, to obtain any needed images. There are neon signs, holiday lights, the moon, Grand Haven Musical Fountain or any other lighted fountain, lighted buildings, lighted bridges, lighted store windows, lighted streets, and lighted catwalks and lighthouses on piers. One can film people outside in the dark either as a model, beside a campfire, or in a parade or other event. Grab your flash attachment, or cable release if you are planning a timed shot, and go out and see what you can find.