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River City Camera Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message

At the meeting last month, Henry Diederling asked me how long I had been president of River City Camera Club and I had to admit, I didn't know. So I looked back and this is my seventh year. (which explains why I am so tired...)

I joined River City Camera Club because of Beryl VanderLeest, my grandmother-in-law. I was shooting for the Grand Rapids Press and she suggested I come to club and compete. I started competing in 1998.

I learned so much from competition and programming. Over the years I have refined my shooting style and developed a growing wedding and portrait photography business.

I owe a great deal to this club and so when asked to take the office of president in 2002, I happily accepted that office.

It's been relatively smooth sailing, though we made a lot of significant changes such as going from 5 judges to 3 and defining our scoring system. I am very proud of the creation of the WorkShoot programming, which in its infancy is struggling, but promises, I believe, to be a vital part of club.

Henry Diederling retired as president of the club after seven years and I feel I have completed what I can do and it's time to have new input, new leadership and new ideas.

Every organization has its ups and downs in membership and unfortunately, ours is down at this point. I'd like to see the next president focus on rejuvenating and growing this club.

I'm writing this column, not as a resignation letter, but as a notice that come May 2008, I will not accept another term as president.

I strongly believe in self-imposed term limits. I don't feel I can provide the kind of leadership River City Camera Club needs to re-energize and flourish.

Upcoming Events

2008:

October 15 - Digital Competition
Deadline 11:59 PM

October 18 - RCCC meeting,
Assigned: Unusual Camera Angles.

October 19 - WorkShoot @
Gilmore Car Museum

November 8 - Table Top
WorkShoot, Noon- 4 PM

November 15 - SWMCCC
Competition

November 15 - RCCC meeting,
Assigned: Effects of Time

December 20 - RCCC MEETING
LOCATION TBD. Assigned:
Predominantly Blue

2009:

January 17 - RCCC meeting

February 21 - RCCC meeting

March 21 - RCCC meeting

April 18 - RCCC meeting

May 16 - Banquet at location
TBD

Meetings are the third Saturday of each month, September thru May, at West Side Christian School, 955 Westend NW, Grand Rapids, MI (except as noted).

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I appreciate the support and help everyone at River City Camera Club provides and I have no intention of leaving the club. However, I see my role changing to more of a worker than a leader. I learned so much from our members and I'd like to give back more in the form of providing learning opportunities to members through our WorkShoot program.

I put this out there so you can start thinking now of who can take our club to the next level. Maybe it's you; maybe you have someone in mind. Either way, let me know who you'd like to see become president in the 2009-10 club year.

Thanks for the continued support,
Larry

RCCC Meeting October 18, 2008

Our meeting begins at 7 PM at West Side Christian. The competition's Assigned Topic is "Unusual Camera Angles". Our program is entitled "Autumn Splendor" by Jack Carter.

Cookie Brigade

Kelly Walkotten, Bobbie Talsma,
Sharon VanderBoon

Special Program Needs For RCCC's November Meeting

Hi everyone, as discussed in the last meeting we are going to be doing a collaborative program for November. The idea is that we would use the best autumn images from several of our members and assemble a collection that can be shared as the program during the November meeting. This will require a contribution from several of you so please start thinking about the images you can contribute to the project. We will discuss this more at the October meeting. Looking forward to seeing some great fall work!!!

Thanks, Brian

ASSIGNED TOPICS FOR THE 2008-2009 MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

October - Unusual Camera Angles
Here is a call to break from your usual method and way of thinking and experiment with the unique and maybe eccentric shot. Try an angle you have not tried before, or thought would not work. Maybe (or maybe not) forget the rule of thirds and do something out of the ordinary. Shoot from beneath something you have always shot down on, or from an unlikely side of an object. As the saying goes, "unleash your creativity."

November Effects of Time
December Predominantly Blue
2009:

January Holiday Related
February Chrome
March Weather Moods
April Flowering Vines,
Bushes and Trees

A Real Print Competition

Wow, what a response. This year of competition was off to a great start in the print category. We had a "real" competition with many more of you responding and submitting prints for competition. Everyone enjoyed seeing all of the prints and with SWMCCC adding prints to the Fall Competition it looks like you have some beautiful work to enter. Thank you all for responding to the encouragement to enter prints. I hope the October competition has even more of our members participating.

Kelly

WORKSHOOT NEWS

September Nature WorkShoot

The September WorkShoot was hosted by Jack Carter. He covered many topics including photography of animals, birds, butterflies and bugs, floral, and scenic photography. Jack also presented information on cameras and getting the best shots possible. I received great tips on how to get close to my subjects and Jack showed us many examples of his work. Jack ended with a beautiful slide show on nature photography from his own back yard as well as many places here in the United States. A special thanks to Jack for all of the time and effort he put into his nature program. It was appreciated by all who attended.

Kelly

Our next WorkShoot will be October 19th - Plan on meeting at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners Michigan on Sunday, October 19th. I am planning on arriving between 11 and 12 and will shoot until the end of day (4-5 pm). This is an amazing collection of antique and rare cars that are on display and easily accessible for photography. This collection is consistently rated one of the top 10 in the world and is well worth the \$9 price of admission. I have been in contact with the folks at the museum and they are happy to accommodate us on the 19th. In addition to the amazing car collection this facility resembles a traditional farm setting with large red barns and rolling hills. I am hopeful that this day in the 3rd week of October will present some great fall color opportunities as well. Hoping to see lots of members on October 19th. Please see <http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/> for directions and more information on the facility.

Brian

For more information on future WorkShots stay tuned to the website. Here is what we have scheduled so far.

(If you're interested in putting together a workshop or shoot, please let Larry Heibel know. We have no programming scheduled for January and February.)

HERE ARE TENTATIVE WORKSHOOT PLANS -

Reserve Saturday, November 8th for our Table Top Shoot
12:00 to 4:00 P.M.

@

West Side Christian School
955 Westend Dr NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan
49504

\$10.00 for RCCC Members -
\$15.00 for Non Members

We have arranged several tabletop displays to include:

1. Black Light Set Up
2. Glassware
3. Floral
4. Broken Window Display

You may also bring props with you to photograph.

In case you missed the March tabletop event this is a great opportunity to photo for competition and to work with studio lighting .

January 09 WORKSHOP to be Scheduled

February 09 WORKSHOP to be Scheduled

March 09 Studio Lighting Workshop with Larry Heibel

April 09 Evening downtown G.R. model shoot with Larry Heibel and Kelly Walkotten

May 09 Kalamazoo Nature Center

SWMCCC FALL COMPETITION – November 15, 2008

The SWMCCC Fall Competition will be held on November 15, 2008 in Grand Rapids at West Side Christian School. It will be a **Digital and Print** competition. Categories will be – **Portrait, Open, Nature, and Select Subject "Fall Color."** Limit is 4 per category and the charge is \$1 per image.

DIGITAL entries and payment must be emailed to Randy Wegener wegphoto@charter.net - deadline for entries is October 31.

PRINTS entries can be brought to the October club meeting and Kelly Walkotten will deliver them to the competition. Entries can also be brought by you the morning of the competition, or, Jeanne will accept them at her home prior to the competition and will see that they get entered. Please be sure to include payment (checks made out to SWMCCC) at that time. You or a club representative will need to make arrangements to pick up the prints after the competition.

Contact Jeanne Quillan
photobug49@comcast.net
(616) 531-8253.

Check out SWMCCC's website at www.swmccc.org

Review of Competition Deadlines:

Digital entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. on the Wednesday immediately preceding the competition. The digital competition coordinator WILL NOT accept any entries after that time and date.

Slide and print entries will not be accepted past 7:00 p.m.

For Sale
Adobe Photoshop CS-3
upgrade for Windows.
\$150.00

Monaco EZcolor w/spider
Color Calibration System
\$150.00

Call Larry Heydenburg @
534-5577

RESULTS FROM September 2008 COMPETITION

Results from the September 2008 Monthly Competition

JUDGES: Tom Carter, Elaine Christrup, and Jeff Swets

SUMMARY and HIGHLIGHTS

- 16 members submitted a total of 129 images in the three divisions.
- The overall competition was the highest participation since November of last year.
- For the first time ever there were more people competing in prints than in slides, although slides had more entries total than prints.
- Digital entries was the highest participation since November of last year.

PRINT COMPETITION

5 Members Submitted 23 Prints
14 HONORS (21 to 24 points) (60.9%)
9 ACCEPTANCES (19 to 20 points) (39.1%)
Average of all Print Scores 21.48 points

The One-Twenty Club

1. **Kelly Walkotten, 136**
2. **Cal Dyk, 123**
3. **Bob Talsma, 123**

Honor Prints

Cal Dyk: (Kestral Portrait, 23; Morning Light on Tetons, 21)

Bob Talsma: (Holly #2, 21; Fall Splendor, 21; Eagle, 23)

Sharon Vander Boon: (Monarch on Zinnia, 24; Sailing into Frankfort, 22;)

Kelly Walkotten: (Mating Common Rose Butterflies, 23; White Mouth Moray Eel, 22; Hawaiian Spotted Toby, 24; Merlin #2, 24; Bright Eyes, 23)

Lori Wysocki: (Hawk on Prey, 23; Red Tailed Hawk, 23)

Kudos

Kelly Walkotten received honors on 5 of 6 entries, two of which were perfect 24s; Bob Talsma received honors on 3 of 6 entries; Lori Wysocki received honors on 2 of 3 entries; and Sharon VanderBoon received 2 honors on 2 entries, one of which was a perfect 24.

SLIDE COMPETITION

4 Members Submitted 24 Slides

18 HONORS (21 to 24 points) (75.0%)

6 ACCEPTANCES (18 to 20 points) (25.0%)

Average of all Slide Scores 21.71 points

The One-Twenty Club

1. **Tom Carter, 134**
2. **Cal Dyk, 132**
3. **Marian Carter, 130**
4. **Sharon VanderBoon, 125**

Honor Slides

Marian Carter: (Cynthia Moth, 24; Mini Mushroom, 23; Antelope Quartet, 22; Silver Fox, 21; Delicate Columbine, 22)

Tom Carter: (Dressed in Turquoise, 21; Historical Moment, 23; Over the River, 23; Macaw Profile, 23; Young Koala, 23; Pretty Pup, 21)

Cal Dyk: (Sunrise at Bosque, 22; Double O Arch, 23; Catching Dinner, 23; Fishing, 24)

Sharon Vander Boon: (Coast Guard Fireworks Finale, 24; Black Vulture, 21; African Elephants, 23)

Kudos

Tom Carter received 6 honors on 6 entries; Cal Marian Carter received honors on 5 of 6 entries, one of which was a perfect 24 score; Cal Dyk received honors on 4 of 6 entries, one of which was a perfect 24 score; and Sharon VanderBoon received honors on 3 of 6 entries.

DIGITAL COMPETITION

16 Members Submitted 82 Digital Images

63 HONORS (21 to 24 points) (76.8%)

19 ACCEPTANCES (18 to 20 points) (23.2%)

Average of all Digital Scores 21.54 points

The One-Twenty Club

1. **Marian Carter, 135**
2. **Lori Huff, 132**
3. **Bob Talsma, 131**
4. **Sharon VanderBoon, 131**
5. **Kelly Walkotten, 131**
6. **Kim Heibel, 129**
7. **Larry Heibel, 129**
8. **Cal Dyk, 128**
9. **Tom Carter, 127**
10. **Elaine Christrup, 127**
11. **Lori Wysocki, 123**

Honor Digital Images

Jack Carter: (Escalante, 22; Ibis, 24; The Redhead, 21; Model, 21)

Marian Carter: (Abby, 23; Ellie May, 21; Anhinga with Fish, 23; Striking Pose, 23; Day Lily and Buds, 22; Wood'n Cabin, 23)

Tom Carter: (Meet Mr. Elk, 23; One Kook Kat, 21; Stern Expression, 21; Blonde in Blue, 21; Tranquil Moment, 21)

Elaine Christrup: (The Nose Knows, 23; Sign of Spring, 21; Arches, 22; Windy City Calder, 21)

Cal Dyk: (Cape Buffalo, 22; Red Jack Reflections, 21; Posing Kestrel, 24; Tetons Splendor, 21)

Brian Gudas: (Sadie Nose Hole, 21; Dragonfly, 21; Dragonfly 2, 23; Ball Player, 22)

Kim Heibel: (Intent, 23; Color Tinted Egret, 23; Fine Art Lily, 24)

Larry Heibel: (Kaylee, 22; Pooped Pup, 22; Bright Eyes, 23; Chelsea, 23)

Howard Hendrickson: (Black Throated Green 2; In Your Face, 21; Boulders and Snow, 23; Fall Sumac, 22)

Lori Huff: (Cat Nap, 22; I See You, 23; Arizona Woodpecker, 21; Good Meal, 23; Bugle Boy, 22; Verdin, 24)

Bob Talsma: (At the Beach, 21; Blue Heron Preening, 23; Columbine, 23; Cadillac Sunset, 21; This Old House, 21; All Dressed Up, 22)

Sharon Vander Boon: (Grazin in the Wild, 22; Thirsty Cats, 23; Mating Butterflies, 22; On the Lookout, 22; Argiope Spider, 22)

Kelly Walkotten: (Red Tailed Hawk with Snake, 23; Snow Leopard, 21; Black Capped Chickadee, 22; Bell Flower, 23; Pretty Eyes, 22)

Lori Wysocki: (Puppies, 21; Superior in Winter, 21; Red Tailed Hawk, 22)

Kudos

Lori Huff received honors on 6 of 6 entries, one of which was a perfect 24; Marian Carter and Bob Talsma received honors on 6 of 6 entries; Tom Carter, Sharon VanderBoon and Kelly Walkotten received honors on 5 of 6 entries; Cal Dyk received honors on 4 of 6 entries, one of which was a perfect 24; Elaine Christrup and Larry Heibel received honors on 4 of 6 entries; Kim Heibel received honors on 3 of 6 entries, one of which was a perfect 24; Lori Wysocki received honors on 3 of 6 entries; Brian Gudas received honors on 4 of 5 entries; Jack Carter received honors on 4 of 4 entries, including one of which was a perfect 24; and Howard Hendrickson received honors on 4 of 4 entries.