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River City Camera Club Newsletter

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www.rivercitycameraclub.org

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For those of you that know me as a photographer, cars are not my thing... unless maybe there's a model posing with it. Yet, low and behold, who was at the Gilmore Car Museum taking part in the River City Camera Club WorkShoot program? Bob and Brian Gudas. Oh, and me too. (And Seth Christrup turned up, unfortunately after we left.)

I could have been disappointed in the turnout. But I was able to watch the Gudas team work the cars and got ideas for how to shoot them myself. Those two guys know how to shoot cars. And they know photography. Brian and I talked so much about photography it's surprising either one of us walked away with images.

We shared ideas and thoughts and I left feeling much more comfortable shooting inanimate objects and I now have two images for the February 09 assigned subject category of Chrome.

Saturday November 8, we're having another WorkShoot at Westside Christian and it's going to be tabletops. Unfortunately for me, there won't be any models on the tabletops. But I'll be there to learn how to shoot flowers and still life images. I'm going to experiment with lighting and composition and I'm going to talk to the other photographers there.

And the whole point of this column is: Get out and do these Work Shoots!!! Club is fun with seeing everyone's work and competing and spending time together. But as photographers, we need to shoot. We need to be creating new images or we quit growing, our creative juices stop flowing and we quit producing interesting images.

We're working hard to create programming for everyone and will continue to do so. To that end, we encourage members to come to the WorkShoots and encourage them to invite non-members; we invite other clubs to join us.

Upcoming Events

2008:

- November 1 – SWMCCC Digital Fall Competition Deadline
- November 8 – Table Top WorkShoot, Noon- 4 PM
- November 15 – RCCC November Digital Competition Deadline
- November 15 – SWMCCC Competition
- November 15 – RCCC meeting, Assigned: Effects of Time
- December 6 – APP Shoot
- December 13 – RCCC MEETING @ Jenison Christian School. Assigned: Predominantly Blue

2009:

- January 17 – RCCC meeting
- February 21 – RCCC meeting
- March 21 – RCCC meeting
- April 18 – RCCC meeting
- May 16 – Banquet

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).

Officers Corner

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Camera club is more than about competition and programs. It's about photography. We can learn so much from each other—and have a great time doing that. However, if you don't come out and participate, we all lose out. So come on out and photo with us!

Larry

RCCC Meeting November 15, 2008

Our meeting begins at 7 PM at West Side Christian. The competition's Assigned Topic is "Effects of Time".

Cookie Brigade

Beryl Vander Leest, Bob Talsma

RCCC November Program Needs Everyone's Input

Hi everyone we are going to be doing a collaborative program for November. The idea is that we would use autumn images from several of our members and assemble a collection that can be shared as the program during the November meeting. Everyone is encouraged to participate - the more images the better! Send your Fall themed images to Brian Gudas at bmg5@yahoo.com by November 13th. Please send 1 image per email and use the same size guidelines as for competition. Each member of RCCC can submit up to 10 images.

Thanks, Brian

Fridays at Sunset

Anyone who has a show they would like to share with residents at Sunset Manor, please contact Lori Wysocki at 616-498-0159 or loriwys@yahoo.com.

ASSIGNED TOPICS FOR THE 2008-2009 MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

November Effects of Time – This subject has a big range of possibilities. Some ideas are old barns or houses, weathered tree or stump, an elderly person, rusted vehicle or piece of equipment, something partly rotted, tattered cloth, a fence in need of repair, or a ghost town. Summer offers outdoor antique shows and markets, and there are always antique stores for indoor shooting. Michigan has a plethora of old barns in it, and you do not need to go far to find one. Check out who the models will be at the Portrait Photographers meetings to see if there are any senior models to photograph. Take pictures of your senior relatives and friends – you don't have to tell them what it is for!

December 2009: Predominantly Blue
January Holiday Related
February Chrome
March Weather Moods
April Flowering Vines, Bushes and Trees

WORKSHOOT NEWS

October WorkShoot at the Gilmore Car Museum

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

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.

HERE ARE TENTATIVE
WORKSHOOT PLANS -

January 09 WORKSHOP to be
Scheduled

February 09 WORKSHOP to be
Scheduled

March 09 Studio Lighting
Workshoot with Larry Heibel

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

May 09 Kalamazoo Nature Center

(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.)

**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 (make checks out to SWMCCC).

DIGITAL entries and payment must be emailed to Randy Wegener wegphoto@charter.net - deadline for entries is November 1.

PRINTS entries can be brought by you the morning of the competition (beginning at 9 AM), judging begins at 10:30 AM. Jeanne will also accept them at her home prior to the competition and will see that they get entered. 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

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

The Association of Portrait Photographers

You're invited to attend a portraiture photo session on Saturday, December 6, 2008, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, presented by the Association of Portrait Photographers. Many of the top scoring portraits in club and SWMCCC competition have been taken at the APP's meets, and they are open to all photographers.

There will be several professional studio quality lighting setups and plenty of photogenic models waiting to pose for you. The APP's knowledgeable and experienced personnel will be available to help you and answer your questions.

The cost is \$10.00 for advance registration or \$15.00 at the door. It will be held at the Calvin Christian School Gymnasium, 601 36th Street SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The school is located just west of the US 131 expressway on the north side of 36th street. Send advance registration to:

Marian Carter
2707 Garfield NW
Grand Rapids MI 49544

Bring a camera capable of accepting a PC cable for the electronic strobes (or an adapter). A lens in the 80 to 125mm range is best for portrait photography, and a tripod is optional. For more information call Tom Carter at 616-453-8975.

RESULTS FROM October 2008 COMPETITION

JUDGES: Marian Carter, Kim Heibel, and Bob Talsma

SUMMARY and HIGHLIGHTS

- 18 members submitted a total of 140 images in the three divisions.
- More people entered prints this month than in any other month since October of last year
- 18 Perfect Scores were awarded or 13% of all entries. Three prints, four slides and 11 digital entries were considered Exceptional Images.

PRINT COMPETITION

5 Members Submitted 20 Prints
17 HONORS (21 to 24 points) (85%)
3 ACCEPTANCES (20 points) (15%)
Average of all Print Scores 22 points

The One-Twenty Club

1. **Kelly Walkotten, 138**
2. **Cal Dyk, 133**
3. **Bob Talsma, 126**

Honor Prints

Cal Dyk: (Morning Light on the Matterhorn, 22; Along for the Ride, 24; Too Wet Too Fly, 22; Dragonfly Closeup, 23; Munising Falls, 21; Morning Light Magic, 21)
Jeff Swets: (Hill Fire, 23)
Bob Talsma: (Landing, 23; Cape Breton Shoreline, 21; Miner's Falls #2, 21; Shoetop Perspective, 21)
Kelly Walkotten: (Little Kitty, 23; Bell Flower, 23; Hunting Heron, 24; Merlin #1, 24; rock Beauty, 23; Lindsay, 21)

Kudos

Kelly Walkotten received honors on 6 of 6 entries, two of which were perfect 24s; Cal Dyk received honors on 6 of 6 entries, one of which was a perfect 24 score; Bob Talsma received honors on 4 of 6 entries; and Jeff Swets received 1 honor on 1 entry.

SLIDE COMPETITION

5 Members Submitted 30 Slides
21 HONORS (21 to 24 points) (70%)
9 ACCEPTANCES (18 to 20 points)
(30%)
Average of all Slide Scores 21.63 points

The One-Twenty Club

1. **Tom Carter, 139**
2. **Marian Carter, 134**
3. **Cal Dyk, 133**
4. **Sharon VanderBoon, 129**

Honor Slides

Marian Carter: (Bubbly Pussy Willow, 24; Oreo, 23; Little Friend, 23; Hairy Spider, 23; Snoopy, 21)

Tom Carter: (Colorful Pose, 24; The Coast is Clear, 23; Brilliant Bird, 24; Watching Like a Hawk, 24; Through the Fence, 23; Upward Slant, 21)

Cal Dyk: (Grace, 22; Dewey Dragonfly, 22; Upper Twin Lake, 22; White Egret, 23; Resting Moth, 22; Resting Yellow Swallowtail, 22)

Sharon Vander Boon: (River Bank Run, 22; Early Morning Hunter, 23; Executive Dining Room, 22; Looking Down on Clouds, 22)

Kudos

Tom Carter received 6 honors on 6 entries, 3 of which were perfect 24 scores; Cal Dyk received honors on 6 of 6 entries; Marian Carter received honors on 5 of 6 entries; and Sharon VanderBoon received honors on 4 of 6 entries.

DIGITAL COMPETITION

16 Members Submitted 90 Digital Images
73 HONORS (21 to 24 points) (81.1%)
17 ACCEPTANCES (18 to 20 points)
(18.9%)
Average of all Digital Scores 21.63 points

The One-Twenty Club

1. **Lori Huff, 137**
2. **Marian Carter, 136**
3. **Tom Carter, 135**
4. **Larry Heibel, 135**
5. **Brian Gudas, 133**
6. **Kelly Walkotten, 132**
7. **Cal Dyk, 130**
8. **Bob Talsma, 129**
9. **Elaine Christrup, 127**
10. **Robert Gudas, 127**
11. **Kim Heibel, 127**
12. **Sharon VanderBoon, 127**
13. **Lori Wysocki, 123**

Honor Digital Images

Jack Carter: (Little Blue Profile, 24; Abstract, 23; The Arch, 24)

Marian Carter: (Palm Tree, 21; Scalloped Roof, 23; Little One, 23; Zebra, 24; Gone Country, 21; Orchids and Bud, 24)

Tom Carter: (Distorted, 21; Gargoyle in the Moonlight, 22; Eagle Profile, 23; Ready to Strike, 23; Classy Chick, 24; Pretty Reflection, 22)

Elaine Christrup: (Study in Grey and Red, 21; The Arch, 21; Home Sweet Home, 22; Black Swan, 21; Violet Toothed Polyspore, 21; Haven in the City, 21)

Seth Christrup: (Orange Jelly Fungi #1, 21; Yellow-Red Gill Polyspore, 21)

Cal Dyk: (Dragonfly, 21; Posing Pretty, 21; Along for the Ride, 24; Great Horned Owl, 23; Point Betsie, 21)

Brian Gudas: (Big Red, 23; Big Mac, 22; Dragonfly, 22; Acadia NP, 22; Jenne Farm, 22; 10 Today, 22)

Robert Gudas: (London Eye, 23; Pirate, 21; Gator, 22; Hawk, 21)

Kim Heibel: (Flower Exterior, 21; Face Only Mother Can Love, 21; Lily, 21; Peacock Feather, 24)

Larry Heibel: (New Portrait View, 23; Unusual Portrait Angle, 23; Girl With Hat, 22; Too Sexy for my Shirt, 21; Hooded Girl, 22; Mariah, 24)

Lori Huff: (From the Air, 23; Upside Down, 21; Big Horn Sheep, 22; Cactus Wren #2, 24; Gathering Food, 24; Lone Tree, 23)

Bob Talsma: (Boston Harbor View of Crow's nest, 21; Missouri Capital Ceiling, 21; Graceful Pair, 23; Left Behind, 21; Siblings, 23)

Sharon Vander Boon: (Shooting From Beneath, 23; Intently Fishing, 21; Deep Pink Water Lily, 22; Flower Basket Family, 23)

Kelly Walkotten: (Kiteboarding, 22; Black Cappe Chickadee, 22; Screech Owl, 24; Red Tulip, 21; Seed Pods, 23)

Lori Wysocki: (Chicago Peanut, 21; Flat River Bridge, 21; Laying Down, 21; Painted Daisy, 21; Trumpeter Swan, 21)

Kudos

Lori Huff and Marian Carter received honors on 6 of 6 entries, two of which were a perfect 24; Tom Carter and Larry Heibel received honors on 6 of 6 entries, one of which was a perfect 24; Brian Gudas and Elaine Christrup received honors on 6 of 6 entries; Cal Dyk and Kelly Walkotten received honors on 5 of 6 entries, one of which was a perfect 24; Bob Talsma and Lori Wysocki received honors on 5 of 6 entries; Kim Heibel received honors on 4 of 6 entries, one of which was a perfect 24; Robert Gudas and Sharon VanderBoon received honors on 4 of 6 entries; Jack Carter received honors on 3 of 4 entries, two of which were perfect 24 scores; and Seth Christrup received 2 honors on 2 entries.