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River City Camera Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again, we're at the end of another year of camera club. This also marks a milestone. It's our last Saturday night meeting.

A banquet date and location is pending. We hope to do a mid-week banquet in May. We then resume our new year on Wednesday, September 2.

We will be electing a new board at the April meeting. The board candidates are: Kim Heibel-President, Wayne Walkotten-Treasurer and Elaine Christrup-Secretary. We don't have a vice-president yet, though I have agreed to serve as the program coordinator as past president until a VP is found. I'd be happy to assist anyone who would like to become part of the board and ease into the duties.

Elections are held at the beginning of the meeting so make sure you are at the meeting or you may find yourself on the board....)

This is the month to turn in your slides and prints for the year-end competition. You are allowed to submit ALL entries you submitted in the 2008-09 camera club year into year end competition.

This is a true competition with judges from an outside club selecting the top three images in each category and division. Awards will be given at the year end banquet.

Digital images are automatically put into the year end competition, however, you may specify to Kim in what category you want your assigned subject images to be placed. If you don't specify a preference, they will all go into OPEN.

Also, we had a great Workshoot in my studio. I was happy to help my fellow photographers shoot with studio lighting.

Finally, I'm not clear on a date for the downtown Grand Rapids model shoot. I'm running into scheduling conflicts with other events and my own schedule.

Upcoming Events

2009:

April 15 – RCCC Digital Competition Entry Deadline.
Send images to Kim Heibel – kim@heibelmedia.com by **midnight.**

April 18 – RCCC meeting
May 2 – Year End Competition
May ? - Year End Banquet/Social
September 2 – First fall meeting.

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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Stay tuned to the website www.rivercitycameraclub.org for details. I will also send a group email out once we finalize a date for that event.

Larry

**RCCC Meeting
April 18, 2009**

The meeting will begin at 7 PM and will be held at West Side Christian. We will be holding our Competition as usual with a short program to follow. The Assigned Topic is Flowering Vines, Bushes and Trees.

**April
Cookie Brigade**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!
Contact Elaine at 667-2826 or
christrup08@comcast.net

**ASSIGNED TOPICS FOR
MONTHLY COMPETITIONS**

2009:

April Flowering Vines, Bushes and Trees—This will be a beautiful competition! For ideas on what to shoot you may consult a book on flowers from a bookstore or library. Other than that, see what is growing in your yard or a neighbor or friend's yard. Take a walk in nature, visit the Rose Garden by John Ball Zoo, or spend a few hours at Frederick Meijer Gardens. Most commercial properties are landscaped with bushes and trees. Visit a plant nursery or landscape business. Spring is probably the best time to get flowering bushes and trees. So shoot this subject spring of 2008 because April 2009 is a bit early for a lot of the flowers you are looking for.

**Assigned Subjects for
Monthly Competitions
2009-2010 Club Year**

September	Flags
October	Water Drops
November	Yellow
December	Michigan Scenes
January	Creative Manipulation
February	Glass
March	Indoor Photography
April	Night Photography

***A handout with more detail is available at the club meeting or on our website.**

WORKSHOOT NEWS

We have had a great run at WorkShoots this year, however due to scheduling conflicts and other problems we are canceling the April and May WorkShoots.

We hope to put some shoots together over the summer and into the fall so stay tuned to the website and to your email. If any one is planning on doing some shooting, consider sending out a mass email to everyone and we can do an impromptu WorkShoot together.

YEAR END COMPETITION

Year-end competition is a true competition in that a trio of judges from outside camera club will review entries and choose their favorite images. There are no scores—it's an actual best of competition.

As a member of River City Camera Club you are allowed to submit any image that you submitted in this year's monthly competitions into the year-end competition.

Images not submitted this year, may not be entered into the year-end competition.

The Year End competition has the following categories—Portraits, Open, Nature and Photo-journalism—no assigned subject. You must enter the image in the same category you entered it in the monthly competition, however, those images in the Assigned Subject category can be placed in ANY year-end competition category that makes sense.

This year, we are NOT going to limit the number of entries, so if you submitted it, you can put it into year-end competition.

All print and slide entries must be hand delivered to Tom or Marian Carter no later than the meeting night of April 18.

For digital entries, Kim Heibel already has all of your entries—however, you must send her an email at kim@heibelmedia.com telling her which category to put your assigned category images into. If you don't tell her, they will automatically be put into the Open category.

For any further questions about year-end competition, contact Larry Heibel @ 616-868-6790 or lawrence@heibelmedia.com.

If you wish to attend the year-end competition on May 2, it starts at 9 a.m. and will be held at Tom Carter's home (0-11498 – 8th Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 453-8975). There will be a catered lunch at noon so you must RSVP with Larry Heibel should you wish to attend the competition.

Fridays at Sunset

The Friday evening programs for the residents of Sunset Manor are the major fundraisers for RCCC. As the year ends, please keep program possibilities in mind as you go through your images and as you go on outings and vacations. Talk with Lori if you have questions or ideas for programs for next year.

Lori Wysocki at 616-498-0159 or loriwys@yahoo.com.

RESULTS FROM March 09 COMPETITION

JUDGES: Marian Carter, Cal Dyk and Larry Heibel

SUMMARY and HIGHLIGHTS

- 13 members submitted a total of 118 images in the three divisions.
- This month saw the greatest number of prints entered in competition since February 2007.
- Five Perfect 24 Scores were awarded in the three competitions, 1 in prints, 1 in slides and 3 in digital. The perfect scores accounted for 4.2% of all entries.

PRINT COMPETITION

6 Members Submitted 28 Prints
1 TOP HONOR (24 points) (3.6%)
22 HONORS (21 to 23 points) (78.5%)
5 ACCEPTANCE (18 to 20 points) (17.9%)
Average of all Print Scores 21.61 points

The One-Twenty Club

1. Kelly Walkotten, 137
2. Cal Dyk, 130
3. Bob Talsma, 123

Honor Prints

Cal Dyk: (Rainbows Over Denali, 23; Lighting Strikes, 23; Cheetah, 21; Mt. McKinley, 21; Upper Twin Lake, 21; Miners Beach, 21)

Larry Heydenburg: (Nyla, 23; Clypso Beauty, 22)

Rosemary VanHouten: (Letter Man, 21; Red Tailed Hawk, 21)

Kelly Walkotten: (Baby It's Cold Outside, 23; 1st Winter Snow, 23; Moray Eel Profile, 22; Green Iguana, 22; Desert Ground Squirrel, 24; Big Horn Sheep Profile, 23)

Lori Wysocki: (Pictured Rocks in Fall, 21; Sable Dunes in Winter, 21; Storm Clouds Over Lake Michigan, 21; Clouds Over Sable Dunes, 22)

Kudos

Kelly Walkotten received honors on 6 of 6 entries including 1 perfect 24 score; Cal Dyk received 6 honors on 6 entries; Lori Wysocki received 4 honors on 5 entries; Larry Heydenburg received honors of 3 of 3 entries; and Rosemary VanHouten received 2 honors on 2 entries.

SLIDE COMPETITION

5 Members Submitted 28 Slides
1 TOP HONORS (24 points) (3.6%)
20 HONORS (21 to 23 points) (71.4%)
7 ACCEPTANCES (20 points) (25%)
Average of all Slide Scores 21.29 points

The One-Twenty Club

1. Tom Carter, 132
2. Cal Dyk, 131
3. Marian Carter, 128
4. Sharon VanderBoon, 122

Honor Slides

Marian Carter: (Friendly Dove, 23; Hairy Slipper, 21; Joggin in the Fog, 21; Morpho on Fern, 23)

Tom Carter: (Stripes, 23; Ice Storm of 1979, 21; Springtime Attire, 24; Sassy, 23; Up In Flames, 22)

Cal Dyk: (Nature's Light Show, 23; Mt. McKinley, 21; Pink Slipper, 23; Show Girls, 23; Mushroom Trio, 21)

Sharon Vander Boon: (Storm Clouds Over Atlantic, 22; Snowing and Blowing, 21; A Seaquarium Fly-In, 21; Nicobar Pigeon, 21)

Rosemary VanHouten: (Variegated Trillium, 21; Brown Hat, 21; Pearls, 21)

Kudos

Tom Carter received honors on 5 of 6 including one perfect 24 score; Cal Dyk received honors on 5 of 6 entries; Marian Carter and Sharon VanderBoon received honors on 4 of 6 entries; and Rosemary VanHouten received honors on 3 of 4 entries.

DIGITAL COMPETITION

12 Members Submitted 62 Digital Images
3 TOP HONORS (24 points) (4.8%)
48 HONORS (21 to 24 points) (77.4%)
11 ACCEPTANCES (18 to 20 points) (17.8%)
Average of all Digital Scores 21.4 points

The One-Twenty Club

1. Bob Talsma, 135
2. Cal Dyk, 133
3. Sharon VanderBoon, 132
4. Kelly Walkotten, 131
5. Marian Carter, 130
6. Lori Wysocki, 128
7. Larry Heibel, 127

Honor Digital Images

Marian Carter: (Foggy Morning, 21; Storm Finale, 21; Many Snow Geese, 23; Sentinel, 23; Flamingo Couple, 21; Trixie, 21)

Elaine Christrup: (Fall Farm, 21; Misty Morn on Moskey Basin, 22; Cold Call, 21; Ye Olde Barn, 21)

Seth Christrup: (Tahquamenon in Winter, 22)

Cal Dyk: (A Wild Night, 23; Lighting the Sky, 23; Firefighters, 24; Bond Falls, 21; Mushroom and Acorn, 21; Resting Moth, 21)

Larry Heibel: (Brewing Storm, 21; Stormy, 21; Temptress, 21; Angie in Fur, 23; East European Beauty, 21)

Larry Heydenburg: (Hazy Day, 22; Pacific Coast Fog, 21; Clypso Beauty, 21; Mountain Magisty, 23; Nyle, 22)

Bob Talsma: (Boisterous Waves, 22; Foggy Morning, 23; Lily, 24; America's Symbol, 23; Black Light Splendor, 21; Pretty Smile, 22)

Sharon Vander Boon: (Charleston Downpour, 22; Snowing at Tahquamenon, 21; Ready for Take-Off, 24; Red Morph Screech Owl, 21; Lighthouse Reflections, 21; Lime Butterfly, 23)

Kelly Walkotten: (Coyote Pair in Fog, 21; Winter Blizzard, 22; Barn Owl 2, 23; Taking a Break, 21; Banded Butterfly Fish, 23; Tree Nymph, 21)

Lori Wysocki: (Fall Shore, 21; Lake Michigan Storm, 22; Pictured Rocks in Winter, 22; Whitefish Bay, 22; Whitefish Bay 2, 21)

Kudos

Cal Dyk, Bob Talsma and Sharon VanderBoon received honors on 6 of 6 entries including one perfect 24 score; Marian Carter and Kelly Walkotten received honors on 6 of 6 entries; Larry Heibel and Lori Wysocki received honors on 5 of 6 entries; Larry Heydenburg received honors on 5 of 5 entries; Elaine Christrup received honors on 4 of 4 entries; and Seth Christrup received 1 honor on 2 entries.

Did You Know...

That the National Portrait Gallery in the Smithsonian Institute in D.C. has a new exhibit – “One Life: The Mask of Lincoln?” To celebrate the 200th anniversary of our 16th President’s birth this exhibit runs through July 5, 2009.

Lincoln realized photography’s possibilities as a political tool. He was also fascinated with all technology and photography was the newest and greatest. He had his image taken frequently by the area photographers. They in turn sold his picture resulting in his image getting into the public eye.

The exhibit has 30 images showing the changing face of Lincoln from a young Illinois congressman to that of a much worn president. It includes the original cracked-plate portrait by Alexander Gardner.