



Twin City Camera Club

ViewFinder

Member: Photographic Society of America
and The Southwestern Michigan Council of Camera Clubs

August 2011 Roll 75, Exposure 8

Editor Tom McCall editor@twincitycameraclub.com Assistant Editor Jackie Volker jacqualyn@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.twincitycameraclub.com>

To encourage and develop an interest in photography.

Twin City Camera Club Welcomes you to our 78th Competition Season

Welcome back: A sure sign that summer is entering its final stretch is the announcement that our 2011 – 2012 Competition Season begins in two (2) weeks. Digital Slide entries need to be in no later than Monday at **midnight**, September 5th. The competition night will be on September 12th with the Select Subject of “Churches” (exterior). Make sure you review the Select Subject Descriptions and all of the new Competition Rules including how to prepare your images for competition so that it will be a little easier for the Competition Chairpersons and scorers.

TCCC Picnic was held on August 1st at Riverview Park: It was almost a full house of members and guests. For those of you that couldn't make it, you missed some scrumptious and delicious good food and lots of fellowship and fun. It was yet another wonderful annual picnic and a great time was had by all. President Ken McKeown, with his wit and wisdom, called the BINGO games making them lots of fun. Sheila Elkins handled the distribution of the prizes and made sure that everyone went home with at least one, quite a few were wearing large smiles as they carried out several prizes. Our thanks go to Sheila Elkins who took over the task of organizing and obtaining the Bingo prizes and did a wonderful job and had lots and lots of prizes. Thanks again Sheila, I'm sure everyone is looking forward to next year and hoping you'll help out again.

Annual Banquet: Make note and mark your calendars for this year's banquet which will be on Friday, November 18th at the Vineland Center. We are very fortunate to have this kind of resource available to us and to be hosted by Chef Don Damron and his wonderful staff. It's a great location, accessible, super rooms that work really well for our banquet programs and to top it off we get to enjoy such a wonderful meal in a lovely setting. Social hour will start at 6:00 pm. and dinner will be at 7:00 pm. We'll provide more information about reservations and costs in a future ViewFinder.

SWMCCC NEWS: The SWMCCC website indicates the 2011 Fall Competition will be late October or early November and they have announced that some changes are now in affect. The entry fee has been increased to \$2.00 per image in an effort to cover the expenses of putting on the competitions. Also an equipment change (the use of the Grand Rapids CC projection equipment) has brought about a sizing change. The sizing of digital images will now allow for vertical images to be 1024 pixels high. So a new size of 1024 H x 1024 W is now permitted. This also means that both horizontal and vertical images can project at equal sizes. Check the SWMCCC website for more information and Category Descriptions.

Reminder: TCCC Membership Dues should be paid by August 31st. The new Dues schedule takes affect with 2011 – 2012 Membership year; it is now \$30 for an Individual or \$45 for two (2) adults in the same household. The 2011 Dues Renewal Forms are on the website on the Get Involved, ViewFinder, or SiteMap pages. Please print clearly and include all the information so we can update the roster. We are asking for your Cell phone number so that we can include it in the roster. Life Members that normally wouldn't have to submit a form unless there were changes please submit your Cell phone number. You can pay Ted Post at the meeting with cash or check but please provide him with a completed renewal form at the same time. Take a few minutes to check the roster (on the website or bulletin board) to make sure your information is correct. Thanks.

Reminder: The Annual Competition Prints need to stay at the clubhouse. The new selections for our print displays, at both the annual banquet and the clubhouse wall, will be selected from the Annual Competition prints. Please **Do Not** pick up your prints at this time.

Reminder: Competition Rules have been changed. Everyone should read the changes to the Competition Rules that take affect with 2011 – 2012 Competition Season. There is a link near the bottom of the Competition Information page on the website to print out the page. It is recommended that everyone print it out and keep it for reference while preparing images for competition. If you have questions or something needs further clarification, please call Tom McCall at 983-5986.

Competition hints: Remember that the Judges are instructed to consider Composition, Interest and Impact, Technique and Technical quality, when they judge our images. They expect the image to stand on its own irregardless of the Select Subject and they will be looking for the exceptional and outstanding images, NOT just the Good Enough's, so keep that in mind when selecting and preparing your images for competition.

Shared Recommendations: This one is from Tom McCall. TipSquirrel.com TipSquirrel | Nuts About Photoshop is a website dedicated to learning and using Photoshop, Lightroom and Photoshop Elements. Every weekday they produce a new tutorial, article, quiz or product review with a connection to Adobe Photoshop. Great stuff, check it out and try it, you'll like it. For those of you that use it, you can also find Greyson TipSquirrel on Twitter; Facebook; Google+; Vimeo; and Flickr.

Fall Photography Tour: "Exploring Michigan's Upper Peninsula" with John Dykstra, October 3 - 7, 2011. This will be a small group photo tour for no more than 12 people visiting several outstanding Upper Peninsula locations. For more information see the SWMCCC website or contact John at 616-669-1755 or 616-366-2936 or email johndykstra@yahoo.com.

Hope you had a great summer and are ready to WOW us with some fantastic photos. See you in a couple of weeks...

Happiness is:

Not having what you want, but wanting what you have.

~Author Unknown

Keep those shutters clicking...