



# Twin City Camera Club

## ViewFinder

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### To encourage and develop an interest in photography.

**Our Competition Season:** continues on November 14<sup>th</sup> with the Select Subject of "Angles or Lines"  
(Please review the Select Subjects definitions)

**Digital Entries:** must be in by **Midnight**, Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. (72 dpi, Not to Exceed 500 kb)

**October 24th Program Night:** Ron Bonczkowski will present his program "Springtime in the Rockies". Ron Bonczkowski and Dick Lyon spent the last week of April and the first week of May, 2011 on a trip to Colorado. The trip, which was originally planned for 2010 and had to be postponed while Ron recovered from a broken foot, included a wide variety of things to see and photograph as they traveled throughout Colorado and to several State and National Parks. See the Announcements page on the TCCC web site for more information.

**Report on the September program:** First of all we would like to thank Jim Lynch for purchasing and providing his copy of Photographer Jim Brandenburg's program on "Chased by the Light" a 90 day experiment in self-discipline, in which he made one single photographic exposure every day from the autumnal equinox to the winter solstice. We were able to see and experience what it was like during a project with one of the world's greatest nature photographers as he immersed himself in a Zen-like exploration of his craft and the untamed landscape of his "backyard" of northern Minnesota, an area he obviously cares a great deal about. The documentary traveled with Jim as he revisited many of the locations of the most memorable photographs in the project. On-camera, Jim revealed the stories behind the decisions to press the shutter at particular moments.

I think all of us that watched the program had thoughts about what it would be like to attempt that kind of project. If you get a chance, ask Jim Lynch about the time that he made the attempt at doing just that. All in all, it was a very enjoyable program and I'm glad we were able to see it.

Jim Brandenburg's work can be seen by visiting his web page: [www.jimbrandenburg.com](http://www.jimbrandenburg.com)

**New Members:** TCCC Welcomes 2 new members this month. Please welcome Gage Elkins of Benton Harbor and Melissa Vanbennekorn of St. Joseph. We are looking forward to seeing you at the meetings and your competition entries.

**New Second Vice President:** President Ken McKeown has announced that Jackie Volker has graciously agreed to accept the appointment by the Board to fill the open position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and to be added to the slate for the upcoming Election of Officers. We appreciate all of Jackie's contributions to the club; she is always willing to help out wherever she can. Along with assisting with the monthly stats and as the Assistant Editor for the ViewFinder, Jackie is also the Digital Competition Chairperson, a position she truly enjoys and says she wants to keep. Thanks, Jackie, for all that you do and welcome to the Board.

**Election of Officers:** President Ken McKeown asked for nominations and then presented the slate of candidates for the election of officers to the membership. The slate as presented: President Ken McKeown, First Vice President Jim Lynch, Secretary Len Anderson, Treasurer Ted Post, Immediate Past President Ron Bonczkowski, Director Ralph Harju, Director Jamie Keffer. The position of Second Vice President, which had been open, will now be filled by Jackie Volker. The Election will be held at the Program Meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**October Stats:** are posted on the TCCC website.

**October Honor Images:** Some of the October Honor Images have been added to a new Album in the Honors for 2011 - 2012 Season Galleries on the TCCC website.

### **October Honors:**

#### **Class B Monochrome Prints**

Gage Elkins – Caliban This is Gage’s first entry and first Honor.

#### **Class A Monochrome Prints**

Sheila Elkins - Wind Blown Outlook

Richard Lyon - The Front Range

Jacquelyn Volker - Silk Falling on Rocks

Jacquelyn Volker - Small Rocky Falls

#### **Class B Color Prints**

Jessica Chabot - Old Fashion Pool Break This is Jessica’s first entry and first Honor.

Gage Elkins - Ariel

Gage Elkins - Picsperc

#### **Class A Color Prints**

Gorson Drake - Full Auto

Gorson Drake - Patriotic Jump

Gorson Drake - Bi-Plane Fly By

Gorson Drake - Table Top Lily

Rod Krieger - Let's Go Thataway

Rod Krieger - Flying Clown

Rod Krieger - Climbing Out

Jim Lynch - Ashtabula Lighthouse

Jim Lynch - Fall Wood Duck

Jim Lynch - Grand Haven Storm

Jim Lynch - Mute Swan

Richard Lyon - Pierce - Arrow

Richard Lyon - Chahuly's Blue Moon

Helen Petlick - Down the Road

Michel M. Rose - Red Rocks of Sedona

Michel M. Rose - Fire Dance

Jacquelyn Volker - The Fountain Blue

Jacquelyn Volker - Defending Her Honor

Jacquelyn Volker - The 765 is Still Alive

### **Class B Digital Slides**

Royce Cole - The frog Sees You This is Royce's first Honor.  
Pat Crean - Flying  
Dave Zizkovsky - Honor

### **Class A Digital Slides**

Juanita Attard - Rollin In  
Juanita Attard - Spidery Fire Cracker  
Juanita Attard - Washing Many Times Over  
Susan Berry - Summer Fun  
Ron Bonczkowski - Just a little Bump in the Road  
Dennis Hafer - Serenity Bridge  
Jim Lynch - Sandhill Cranes  
Ken McKeown - Wet Water  
Ken McKeown - Hanging On  
Mark Parren - Bad Cold Night  
Mark Parren - Motorcycle 2  
Ted Post - Female Kestral  
Michel M. Rose - Bell Rock  
Sherry Saenz - Detroit Princess  
Lauren Strach - Kaleidoscope Blue  
Jacqualyn Volker - Heading In  
Jacqualyn Volker - Hungry Hungry Hummer  
Dave Wheeler - Schwabacher 2011  
Dave Wheeler - Window to the Tetons

**Judges:** Judges: Jim Meister, Meister-Witkowski Photography; Jim Heyn, Heyn Sight Video Productions and Bill Langbehn, Langbehn Communication Services. We appreciate them taking the time to come and judge for us.

Special Congratulations to Gorson Drake and Jim Lynch for Four (4) Honors in Class A Color Prints.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to all of the competitors. Thanks for all of your effort in preparing your entries and submitting them into competition. We had a good turnout with 32 members submitting 182 entries, 103 in Select, 79 in Open, that received 105 Acceptances, 49 Honors and 28 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 85% and a rejection rate of 15%.

**Annual Competition prints:** The new selections for our print displays, at both the annual banquet and the clubhouse walls, will be selected from the Annual Competition prints very soon. You should be able to pick up your prints that are not going to be used after the November Program Night.

**Corrections:** The title of Jim Thompson's Color Print Honor is Mt. Moran. It was incorrectly listed as Mt Morrow in the September ViewFinder.

**Spiders are not insects.** I was informed that in the description for May's Select Subject of "Insects" has spiders incorrectly listed as one of the examples. Research revealed that Spiders are not insects, they are arachnids. Insects have an exoskeleton, a three-part body (head, thorax, and abdomen), three pairs of jointed legs, compound eyes, and two antennae. Spiders have eight legs, soft bodies and created the original web sites. I think they are all **BUGS... :O)** They might do okay in "Nature".

**In Sympathy:** We recently learned of the death of Kathleen Mendel's mother. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Kathleen, Jim and family.

**Annual Banquet:** We are firming everything up for this year's banquet which will be on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Vineland Center. Preparation activities are in the works; Dennis Hafer and his assistant have the Annual Slideshow in production. The display prints will be selected and labeled. Chef Don Damron and staff are visualizing the perfect display layouts for the room and shopping for groceries. Treasurer Ted Post is patiently waiting and watching for all of your reservations to arrive, so he can alert Chef Don as to just how many groceries to buy. Word is that it should be about the same cost and menu as last year. Get your reservations in to Ted by phone: 429-9581 or email: [Theodorepost@yahoo.com](mailto:Theodorepost@yahoo.com) Thanks.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY & CONGRATULATIONS:** Go out to Richard Lyon, who just recently celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with family and friends. Let me tell you a little something about Dick. He is one of the nicest people you will ever have the opportunity to know. He has a real passion for photography and the Twin City Camera Club. Dick joined TCCC back in 1954. He is the second longest serving member of the club and has been an active contributor to this day. Dick is currently our Visitation Chairman and has held numerous positions throughout his 57 years with TCCC, how's that for longevity. Dick was the on the Board for several years, including as President in 1963 and he was the Travel & Adventure Series Chairman from 1970 to 1983. For those of you that joined the club after 2002, the Travel & Adventure Series was the money making arm of TCCC for 53 years. So you can imagine a lot of time and effort went into it. Dick is still active in the Monochrome and Color Print Competitions and has some outstanding images. Happy Birthday Dick, we wish you all the best.

**New Roster:** With the deadline for Dues over, Ted Post said he is working on the revised Membership Roster and it will be posted in the Member's Only section on the website soon.

**SWMCCC NEWS:** The SWMCCC Fall Competition will be hosted by the Muskegon Camera Club on Saturday, November 12, 2011. Print Check-in will start at 9:00 am and judging will start at 10:00 am. Digital images must be in to Randy Wegener by November 6th. The entry fee has been increased to \$2.00 per entry. Check the SWMCCC website for more information and Category Descriptions.

**Turkey Run Wildflower Field Trip:** Ted Post is working with the staff at Turkey Run State Park, located in the West Central part of Indiana, for the last weekend in April, 2012. Arrive on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, leave Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. Ted says they are reserving 14 single queen bed rooms for us and we have 90 days to sign up for the rooms or loose them. You'll find lots of wildflowers, covered bridges, an old town and many other photo opportunities in the area. Members that have been there include Ted, Dennis, Gorson, Jackie and Juanita. Everyone speaks very highly of their time there, so talk to Ted if you are interested. Check out the web site: <http://www.turkeyrunstatepark.com>

**FOR SALE:** Ken McKeown has a Canon 15mm 2.8 fisheye lens for sale. Excellent condition \$600 Call Ken at 429-0608 or email [Kennethmckeown@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kennethmckeown@sbcglobal.net) Photo on the TCCC Classifieds page.

**Shared Recommendations:** Several new recommendations from Ted Post can be found in the Featured Section of the Webmaster's Corner page on the TCCC web site.

**Happiness is not having what you want, but wanting what you have.** ~Author Unknown

**Keep those shutters clicking...**