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Twin City Camera Club 75th Anniversary Season.

Winter is here - Think Spring

TCCC Images on St Joseph City website:

Check out the St Joseph City website at www.sjcity.com and on the Home page you'll see winter images provided by TCCC Members Ron Bonczkowski, Ken McKeown and Tom McCall. These are the first of several seasonal sets of images that we are going to provide for their website. We will be putting together a set for spring so look at your images and see what you have that might fit. The image size shown on the website is 761 pixels wide by 245 pixels high. If you have images in the spring, summer, fall or winter seasons that will fit the criteria and were taken within the St Joseph city limits we would be interested in seeing them.

We are also looking for full size images taken within the City of St Joseph that we can use for a new Photo page on their website. Photographs of locations and activities in St Joseph that will show residents and visitors alike what the city has to offer. Any subject is acceptable, but pleasing scenes would most likely be selected. If recognizable persons appear in your images, a photo release might be required. Contact Tom McCall if you have questions.

January 26, 2009 Program Night: Ed Post will present "Michigan Wildflowers"

This program features photographs of Michigan wildflowers. The program explores different wildflower groups such as early spring ephemerals, roadside favorites, bog inhabitants and wild native orchids. The wildflower images are grouped by the habitat in which they occur and each wildflower is identified. The photographs are accompanied by soothing music to create a relaxing "wildflower concert." Ed's programs are always terrific and this is another one you don't want to miss.

Competition Night Monday February 9th

February Select Subject is "**In Flight**" The object that is the focus of attention in the image must be In Flight. Example: Aircraft, birds, balloons, bats, etc.

Reminder: Digital entries must be submitted by Monday February 2nd.

Member Exhibits:

Jim Lynch has an exhibit of about 20 of his images in the "Eleanor & Mowitt Drew Gallery" located in the rotunda of the Niles Library. It is scheduled for January 7th thru February 24th, 2009 Niles District Library 620 E. Main in Niles, MI 49120 (269) 683-8545 Entrance located on Cedar Street

Website View News:

In 2008 we had 6,348 unique visitors visit our website a total of 10,373 times and view 57,147 pages. A unique visitor is anyone that visits the website and is only counted once each month.

Healing thoughts go out to TCCC Member Joe Littleton who has undergone surgery recently. Get well soon Joe, we miss your smiles.

From the Editor's Keyboard:

I am grateful to Ken McKeown for handling the Non-electronic process of the monthly ViewFinder. Ken gets a copy of it printed and mailed to the Members that do not have internet access. Thanks Ken...

I'm also very grateful to Dennis Hafer and Dan Brant for all of their assistance before and during January 17th for the all day hands-on Digital Workshop that was held at the clubhouse. We had a total of 16 participants, including the instructors that learned about getting rid of a color cast, preparing an image for competition, using the clone tool and how to solve some individual problems in Photoshop Elements. From the emails, letter and speaking with members that attended the class, it seems everyone had a good time, learned a few things and are wondering when we might have another one. All I can say is, let me know what you would like to learn how to do and I'll see what we can figure out.

Put on your thinking caps:

It's not too early to start thinking about suggestions and ideas to discuss at the February Business Meeting on the 23rd. Treasurer Ted Post will be presenting his report and Tom McCall will demonstrate and answer questions about the TCCC website.

Make a list of suggestions for Select Subjects to be considered for the 2009 – 10 competition season.

Points to Ponder:

The Judges saw Red, lots and lots of Red. The January Competition Select Subject was “RED” and since it was a color, we also had “Door Hardware” for Mono Prints. Out of 191 total entries, 129 were in select and 114 of those were “RED” entries. The Judges liked the images so much they voted to award 64 Honors, 49 of which were “RED”.

Now this isn't a record for Honors in a single competition, since there were 74 Honors out of a total 133 entries back in the January 2007 competition. However it is a nice way to end the first half of this competition season and kick off the 2009 New Year.

Here is a break down of the Select vs. Open entries: Mono Prints were split 15 select and 14 open; Color Prints were 41 select and 18 open, Film Slides were 11 select and 17 open; Digital Slides were 62 select and 13 open.

The Judges: Cindy Young, Brick School Gallery Owner; Bob Williams, Box Factory Artist; and TCCC Member Ken Zimmerman.

Thanks for all of your effort in preparing your entries and submitting them into competition. We had a good turnout with 33 members submitting 191 entries, 129 in Select, 62 in Open, that overall received 111 Acceptances, 64 Honors and 16 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 92% and a rejection rate of 8%. You'll see some really good images when you check out the January Honor gallery on the website.

January Stats: are posted on the TCCC website.

January Honor Images: Most of the January Honor Images have been added to a new Album in the Honors for 2008 - 2009 Season Galleries on the TCCC website.

January Honors:

Class A Mono Prints

Curtis Drake - Serenty

Class B Color Prints

Rod Krieger - On Watch

Kristine Sims - Fire in the Sky

Kristine Sims - Through the Fence

Kristine Sims - Frozen Summer

Kristine Sims - Storm Warning

Class A Color Prints

Barbara Creech - Spotlight on Saugatuk
Gorson Drake - Who's Watching Who
Gorson Drake - Red Classic
Elaine Harju - Big Red Door
Ralph Harju - Former Palace
Ralph Harju - Tardus
Jim Lynch - Red Door and Lock
Jim Lynch - Precarious Perch
Jim Lynch - Pointe AlaRenommee Light
Jim Lynch - Locked Door
Richard Lyon - October Blush
Michel M. Rose - Ready for a Swim
Dave Wheeler - Grand Haven Light
Dave Wheeler - Silhouette

Class A Film Slides

Ralph Harju - Sitting
Herbert Hein - Incrusted In Ice
Jim Lynch - Red Swirls
Jim Lynch - Red Tailed Hawk
Jim Lynch - Long Eared Owl
Sylvia Schlender - Big Red
Dave Wheeler - The Wave
Dave Wheeler - The Pond 2
Dave Wheeler - Gales of November

Class B Digital Slides

Juanita Attard - Winter Berries
Jeff Binder - Snow Creek
Carrie Halliburton - Dodge Tough
Carrie Halliburton - HockeyTown
Carrie Halliburton - Watching Close
John Knecht - Floating Snake Eye
John Knecht - Winter Magic
John Knecht - Roll with It
John Knecht - Morning Shine
Kristine Sims - Lava Sunset
Kristine Sims - Red Rock Canyon 1

Class A Digital Slides

Len Anderson - Pepper

Len Anderson - Bridge to Somewhere

Ron Bonczkowski - Red Parrot

Ron Bonczkowski - Yes We have Prince Albert in the Can

Ron Bonczkowski - Choo Choo Twain

Bill Denton - NHRA

Dennis Hafer - Crabby Dicks

Dennis Hafer - Heart of a Rose

Dennis Hafer - Hot Wheels Retired

Jim Lynch - Hook on Red

Jim Lynch - Ford Red

Jim Lynch - Red Leaf

Jim Lynch - Red White and Blue

Tom McCall - A Ripple in Time

Tom McCall - Sailors Delight

Ken Mckeown - Shades of Color

Ken Mckeown - Pattern on Pattern

Ken Mckeown - Red Spinnaker

John Opie - Kaleidoscope 2

Sherry Saenz - Little Red Pagoda

Sherry Saenz - Fire at Dusk

Don VanderMolen - Canal Station Light

Jacquelyn Volker - A Timeless Beauty

Jacquelyn Volker - The Red Dahlia

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the competitors. A Special Congratulations to Jim Lynch for (2) perfect scores of twenty two (22) points for Four (4) Honors in Class A Color Prints Select and Four (4) Honors in Class A Digital Slides Select. Jim entered 12 images, 4 each in Color Prints, Film Slides and Digital Slides. Jim also received three (3) Honors in Film Slides and missed the fourth by one point getting a 12 on one of his slides. Way to go Jim, sorry about that last one...

Congratulations to John Knecht - Four (4) Honors in B Digital Slides, John's first Honors. Congratulations also to Kristine Sims for Four (4) Honors in B Color Prints.

Reminder: When preparing digital images remember to title them correctly. Digital Slides must be labeled like this example: Ted Sample - Full Moon.jpg and on the email please list the images with Open or Select and the Class:

1. Open A Ted Sample-Full Moon.jpg

Don't forget the entry card.

Keep those shutters clicking...