



Twin City Camera Club

ViewFinder

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When people ask what equipment I use - I tell them my eyes.

Competition: will continue on March 8th with the Select Subject of "Any two (2) Colors" and "Circles or Ovals" for Monochrome (Please review the Select Subjects definitions).

Digital Entries: must be in by Monday, March 1st (72 dpi, Not to Exceed 500 kb)

February 22nd Business Meeting: This is **YOUR** time to participate in open discussions on changes and/or improvements to the club. What are your thoughts and ideas on programs, equipment, workshops, fieldtrips or things you would like see TCCC doing. This is your opportunity to discuss what you would like the Membership and Board to know. Send an email to a Board Member with your thoughts and ideas if you are unable to attend. Remember, it's your club and all your ideas are appreciated. Besides open discussions we will have Treasurer Ted Post presenting his Annual Report on the club's finances. Tom McCall will demonstrate and answer questions about the TCCC website. Ted Post will show a short video that was put together by the Special Needs Prom folks with our images and Ron Bonckowski will have a short presentation on the club's Mackinaw fieldtrip. This is a Members Only meeting, No guests Please.

Report on the January Program Night: Kristine Sims and Ted Post demonstrated the High Dynamic Range (HDR) photography process. They demonstrated how you can use the HDR process to open up blocked shadow areas and reveal details in the highlights. They used multiple images that were bracketed for exposure and then combined to reveal areas that were not visible and even demonstrated how the process can be done using only one image. This was a timely program for our competitors as many more HDR images are showing up in competitions. It's like everything else, a technique or program that adds that something special to a competition image that the judges seem to like and everyone wants to know how it's done. Many thanks to Kristine and Ted for sharing their knowledge.

March Program Night: Are you fighting off cabin fever and dreaming of spring? If so, we really have a program for you. 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. Ed's programs are always a real treat, with excellent photography, narration and helpful tips and techniques. With the wildflower season coming soon this is a sure way to see some wonderful examples and become inspired to capture some of your own. You won't want to miss this one.

New Member: TCCC Welcomes Jessica Chabot from Hartford.

Healing thoughts: go out to Rick Keffer who recently underwent surgery. We'll be keeping Rick in our thoughts and prayers and wish him a speedy recovery.

Welcome Home and many thanks: to Jackie Volker who again put together the competition program while she was helping out with her very ill mother in Florida. Jackie has returned to us back here in our cold and frozen land. We missed you and we're glad to have you back even if it is only for the time being. Your mother will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Competition Change: After much thought and deliberations over the past couple of years, the TCCC Board has decided to eliminate Film Slides as one of the competition categories. This wasn't an easy decision for the board and they considered the impact on the members that are still competing in film slides. As a reprieve of sorts, they are establishing a way that film slides can be entered as a Digital Slide entry. This will require that the members drop off the film slides during the month prior to the forth Monday before the competition and the film slides will be scanned and entered as a digital slide. This change will take place for the 2010 – 2011 Competition Season starting in September. All of the details of the change will be in a future ViewFinder and posted on the TCCC website.

From out of the past: With the elimination of Film Slides your editor decided to research the old ViewFinders on that subject and this is what I found.

From the September 1942 ViewFinder: Color Competition: At a meeting of the Executive Committee, it was decided to hold a competition on color slides at the meeting on September 28th. Four or five classifications have been suggested with one ribbon for first place in each class. Final decision as to the various classifications will be made Monday night. It was suggested to allow any member to submit not more than six slides.

Then in the March 1943 ViewFinder it was said they planned to make the Color Competition a semi-annual event.

From the September 1942 ViewFinder: **DON'T FORGET to carry your camera club card when taking pictures. It may be of help if you are stopped for questioning.** What do you think? Sounds like that advice might be valid today.

Orchards Mall Photo Display: Jim Lynch reports that that the display at the mall has ended and all of the photographs have been removed and are at the clubhouse for pickup. The display was a good idea and a great opportunity for the members to show some of their favorite images. Jim said if any member is interested in having their own display they should contact the mall management.

Things to Consider: The MAAC (Michiana Annual Art Competition) at the Box Factory For The Arts. Will be from June 11th to July 25th. <http://www.boxfactoryforthearts.org/> for more information.

SWMCCC Spring 2010 Competition is planned for April. www.swmccc.org

TCCC Wildflower field trip north to Mackinaw City. This will be a topic of discussion at the Annual Business Meeting on the 22nd.

February Stats: are posted on the TCCC website.

February Honor Images: Some of the February Honor Images have been added to a new Album in the Honors for 2009 - 2010 Season Galleries on the TCCC website.

February Honors:

Class B Monochrome Print

Lauren Strach – Colorado Homestead

Class A Monochrome Print

Jim Thompson – White River Light

Class B Color Prints

Don Damron – Outlaw and Cutter

Don Damron – Reflections of Autumn

Sheila Elkins – Mail Pouch Barn

Class A Color Prints

Jim Thompson – Bodie Kitchen

Sherry Saenz – At the Wheel

Judges: Jack Chandler, Photographer; Ray Damaske, Photographer and Lee Browndorf, Photographer
www.leebrowndorfphoto.com

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 30 members submitting 206 entries, 128 in Select, 78 in Open, that received 97 Acceptances, 7 Honors and 102 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 50% and a rejection rate of 50%.

Classifieds: we have plenty of room to list your **FOR SALE and/or WANTED TO BUY items.** Please review the Classifieds page for more information. Contact Tom McCall if you have questions.

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...