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Twin City Camera Club 75th Anniversary Season.

Spring is around the corner - Keep looking

February 23rd TCCC Annual Business Meeting Report: President Ken McKeown reported that the Saint Joseph Library has asked if TCCC can provide a program on Digital Photography for their Summer Reading Program in June or July. With a theme of Amazing Michigan they felt that a program about the basics of “How To” digital photography would be a good thing for the adults in the program. Ken also reported that Jim Lynch and he checked out a request at the Orchards Mall about TCCC displaying photographs at the mall. Several options were discussed and the consensus of the group was the one where matted and framed photographs would be displayed inside the storefront window display area of a now empty store. There are still some logistics to be worked out but it was decided that the interested members should have their photographs ready by April 1st. If you are interested in presenting the program for the Library or would like more information on either of the requests please contact Ken McKeown.

Treasurer Ted Post presented a clear and informative financial report which was, unfortunately, consistent with the state of the economy. Because of what has been happening with the stock market, TCCC has had similar affects financially. That brought up discussion on how we might have to consider some belt tightening when it comes to things other than the normally expected expenses. Some ideas were discussed about other ways to possibly generate some more income. With the economy being an unknown commodity and without a clear understanding of what the future will bring, it appeared the consensus was to hold off on major expenditures that weren't absolutely needed until we have a better handle on it. This discussion also brought up the Annual Awards Banquet in November. The TCCC Board will be discussing the financial aspects of the banquet along with finding a new location where it can be held. Ken reported that due to the pending sale of the Elk's building we have to find another location for the Banquet this year. More than likely this will bring about an additional cost to the members. If you have comments, ideas or suggestions please let Ken or one of the Board Members know.

February 23rd TCCC Annual Business Meeting Report continued:

Spring wildflower field trips were discussed and Ken McKeown said he would check with Kevin Reed about visiting his property most likely near the end of April. Ken said Kevin usually keeps him informed on what flowers are up. Dowagiac Woods was discussed and Ken said he would check on it and have some recommendations.

Tom McCall briefly reviewed some of the TCCC website and reminded the members to use the refresh button on your browsers so that you can see the updates and changes.

The naming of the Gorilla (explained below) was discussed and several names were thrown into the ring for consideration. It seems that some of the Nikon shooters wanted a name something like NiKong (sp) and the Canon shooters wanted something with Canon in it. Your editor suggested Camarilla. What do you think, send in your ideas and comments.

New Members: TCCC welcomes three new members: Mandy Jo Greenwood from St Joseph, Barry Nelson from Hartford and Don Damron from Stevensville.

Competition Night Monday April 13th.

April Select Subject is "**Graveyards**" The object that is the focus of attention in the image must be Graveyards. Example: Head Stones, markers, statuary, ornaments, signs, etc.

Reminder: Digital entries must be submitted by Monday April 6th.

Equipment Additions: TCCC has added a Delkin 19 in 1 card reader to the computer so that no matter what kind of flashcard your camera uses you will be able to transfer files to the clubs computer. Also added was a Belkin USB2 4 port hub.

Digital Workshop Classes: There will be an all day Digital Workshop Class on Saturday March 14th. The class will start at 10:00 am. with classroom demonstrations upstairs and then continue downstairs with hands on assistance while you work on your own projects. Bring your laptop computers and a few images to work on. Original images work best and it is recommended that you put them in a working folder named March Workshop so that you can find them easily. There will be a few extra computers available for members to share if you don't have one. The door will be open around 9:30 am. Please come early to set up so we can start on time. We will take a break for lunch and continue into the afternoon. Dan Brant and Dennis Hafer have graciously agreed to assist again in presenting the workshop. We are going to ask the participants to share information about techniques, filters, and/or software they are using that might be of interest to the other members.

Meet the Gorilla: What's its Name? Camarilla, NiKong, or _____, you decide.



Twin City Camera Club is the sponsor of one of the St Joseph 2009 Surf 'n Safari wild sculptures: The January ViewFinder reported that TCCC has, and will be providing photos for the City of St Joseph. Contributing civic services is one of the goals of TCCC. Some of our members will also be providing photos of city employees working and providing services, to be used in the city's 2010 calendar. We were notified recently that the City of St Joseph would provide a sponsorship to TCCC, at No Cost, of one of the City's Public Art Display Surf 'n Safari sculptures. They have selected a Gorilla sculpture for us and that was what the naming of the Gorilla during the business meeting was all about. Susan Solon, Community Development Director for the City of St Joseph, said the Gorilla, along with the other animal sculptures, will have their own Facebook pages and need to be named. Googling Facebook revealed: Facebook helps you connect and share with the people in your life. Facebook is a social-networking utility that connects people with friends and others who work, study and live around them. The service just celebrated its fifth birthday, with membership exceeding 175 million. I wonder, do we have any members with Facebook accounts?

Our very own multi-talented member, Amber Robinson, is the artist that will transform the gorilla into a work of art. Amber has a wonderful artistic talent and we have been fortunate to see some of her really imaginative creations in several of the previous St Joseph Public Art Sculptures displays. We've also been treated to some wonderful work in her "Chalk the Block" entries. We have been told that when the sculptures are ready to be installed, the Gorilla will most likely be placed on State Street near Elm Street, in the vicinity of the TCCC building.

Email your suggestions for naming the Gorilla to: email@twincitycameraclub.com

March Program Night: TCCC Members Ron Bonczkowski and Ted Post have been honing their skills with ProShow Gold and are going to present two shows. Ron Bonczkowski's will be about Da Yooper Country. (That's Michigan's Upper Peninsula) Ron says you'll see Michigan's secret places up north, with Fall color, Water Falls and the Pictured Rocks. Ron also alluded to TCCC Member Dick Lyon starring in the production. Maybe you can get his autograph before he goes to Hollywood.

Ted Post's program will be about Montana, in and around Glacier National Park. It will feature photography by Ted, his lovely wife Diana and TCCC Member Rick Freridge. Come and cheer them on... Guests are welcome and this should be a fun and enjoyable evening.

Reminder: The Select Subjects for the 2009 – 2010 competition season will be decided at the April 2nd Board meeting. Give it some thought, make a list of suggestions for Select Subjects to be considered and send it to email@twincitycameraclub.com or write a note and leave it on the back scoring table, the board welcomes your ideas.

March Stats: are posted on the TCCC website.

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

March Honors:

Class B Monochrome Prints

Jeff Binder – Watch 1 This is Jeff's first Monochrome entry and Honor.

Class A Monochrome Prints

Jacquelyn Volker – Three, Two, One

Class A Color Prints

Jim Lynch – New Use

Jim Lynch – Lunch Time

Jacquelyn Volker – The Time is Right

Jacquelyn Volker – Whooo, Whooo

Class B Digital Slides

Juanita Attard – The Only One

Jeff Binder – Pier Gulls

Jeff Binder – Watch 2

Barry Nelson – Frog Pond 3 This is Barry's first Digital entry and first Honor.

John Knecht – Dawn Patrol II

John Knecht – Watch your Step

Class B Digital Slides (Continued)

Kristine Sims – Mad Rush

Kristine Sims – Red Rock Canyon

Class A Digital Slides

Len Anderson – Feel the Breese

Len Anderson – Snake Bite

Ron Bonczkowski – Yooper Country

William Denton – Springfield

Bud Friesen – Morning Glow

Bud Friesen – The Hinge

Dennis Hafer – Genuine Swiss

Jamie Keffer – GM

Jim Lynch – Grand Island

Jim Lynch – Seney Sunrise

Tom McCall – Spartus

Ken Zimmerman – Big Wave

Ken Zimmerman – Daughters Eye

The Judges: Jennifer Mayo, Photographer <http://www.jmstudios.com/>

Cheryl Thomas, Photographer, <http://photoclub.berrienspringsmi.us/>

Rob Shellhamer, Photographer, <http://www.Shellhamerphotography.com>

Jennifer owns a studio in Coloma, Cheryl and Rob are in the Berrien Springs Photo Club. We appreciate them taking the time to come and judge for us.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the competitors. Thanks for your effort in preparing your entries and submitting them into competition. We had a good turnout with 34 members submitting 193 entries, 66 in Select, 127 in Open, receiving 96 Acceptances, 27 Honors and 70 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 64% and a rejection rate of 36%. All images that were rejected in the monthly competitions can be re-entered in a future competition.

For Sale:

Kirk BL-20DG Compact L-Bracket is an ultra-compact and lightweight L-bracket that is custom designed to snugly fit a Canon 20D with BG-E2 camera combination. This design allows you to release, turn, and remount your camera in mere seconds, when switching from horizontal to vertical orientation and back. Ken's price is only \$ 25.00 B&H has it listed for \$ 129.95 Contact Ken at 429-0608 or email him at kennethmckeown@sbcglobal.net Photo on the Classified page of the TCCC website.

For Sale: (Continued)

Rick and Jamie Keffer have a computer with keyboard, mouse and a printer for sale. Does Not include a monitor. A EZMedia Tower case with See-Thru Side-Cover. Intel Pentium 4 3GHZ Processor; 2GB of System Ram, perfect for photo editing. Two 80GB Serial ATA Hard Drives. Network Card.

CD Read/Write - DVD Drive; 3.5 Floppy Drive.

CISCO AIRONET Wireless 11 Mbps WIRELESS LAN ADAPTER Network Card.

USB MultiMedia Keyboard; USB Scroll Mouse

The Epson R200 Photo Printer is a photo quality printer that prints up to an 8x10 print. It also print photo quality labels directly on you CD and DVDs.

This sale is to upgrade your computer and includes the install of your Windows Software and the transfer of all your data files.

\$250.00 Contact Rick or Jamie 944-0282 or jkeffer@att.net

Photo on the Classified page of the TCCC website.

Reminder: When preparing digital images remember to title them correctly.

Digital Slides (Image Files) must be labeled like this example:

Ted Sample - Full Moon.jpg

Please capitalize the first letter of the words.

On the email **ONLY** please list the images with Open or Select and the Class:

Example:

April entries Open:

1. Ted Sample – Full Moon

Or:

1. Open A Ted Sample-Full Moon.jpg

Don't forget the entry card.

If you need an entry card made out for you please ask in the email.

Keep those shutters clicking...