



Twin City Camera Club

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Twin City Camera Club 75th Anniversary Season.

Spring has sprung - Really !

April Program Night: On Monday April 27, will be a presentation by Cindy Young, owner of the Brick School Gallery in Coloma. She will be demonstrating and discussing Framing Basics. This program will cover things like types of framing, matting and materials used for displaying your images at home and also ways to frame images for display and entry into juried shows and competitions. Come and learn about some of the newer materials and methods used in framing. This is a program you **do** want to attend. Cindy says she will reveal some ways you can save some money on materials.

The March Program Night: that was presented by TCCC Members Ron Bonczkowski and Ted Post was a real treat. Ron's program contained a lot of interesting photography and a humorous segment with super imposed images of TCCC members. I don't know who that was sitting in a two holer, but he was smiling. Ted's program from within and around Montana's Glacier National Park made you want to join them. It was a fun evening and we saw some wonderful photography and really enjoyed the programs.

Competition Night Monday May 11th :

April Select Subject is "**Railroads**" The object that is the focus of attention in the image must be something to do with Railroads. Example: Trains, train engines, train cars, tracks, signs, etc.

Reminder: Digital entries must be submitted by Monday May 4th.

May Program: No May Program Night due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Enjoy your Memorial Day Holiday weekend. Please keep safe.

Photo Opportunities:

This is Blossom week for our area. For some great photo opportunities check out the Blessing of the Blossoms on Sunday April 26, 2:00 pm. at the Southwest Michigan Research & Extension Center at 1791 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor. Then make it to the Vintage Baseball game with the House of David Echoes vs. Blossomtime Royals (the Queens) at Eastman Field, East Britain Ave. Benton Harbor, at 3:30 pm. Fee required. Check their website for more information and the 2009 Schedule:
http://www.maryscityofdavid.org/html/base_ball_season.html

Throughout the week there will be many activities including the Blossomtime Good Will Tour in Southwest Michigan and the Blossomtime Fashion Show at LMC Mendel Center on Wednesday. Another photo opportunity will be on Thursday for the Youth Parade at Dickinson Stadium in St Joseph. Registration, etc. starts at 3:30 pm with the Parade at 5:00 pm. Then on Saturday May 2nd. at 10:30 am. the 30th annual "Run for the Buds" Downtown in St. Joseph. Also in St Joseph will be the Grand Floral Parade in it's 103rd year with a Festival theme "Singing Broadway Melodies" starting at 1:00 pm. Photo opportunities abound in and around the staging areas all morning and then look for the Indianapolis Police Metropolitan Motorcycle Drill Team which will lead the 2009 Blossomtime Grand Floral Parade for the 47th consecutive year. Check the Blossomtime website for more information. <http://www.blossomtimefestival.org/>

Photography Display at the Orchards Mall:

TCCC Members Barbara Creech, Gorson Drake, Elaine Harju, Ralph Harju, Jamie Keffer, Rick Keffer, Jim Lynch, Dick Lyon, Amber Robinson and Sherry Saenz now have framed photographs in a display at the Orchards Mall. The photographs are displayed inside a storefront window across from the food court area.

SWMCCC 2009 SUMMER WEEKEND OF PHOTOGRAPHY & DIGITAL

IMAGING: West Michigan's premier educational opportunity for photographers from beginner to advanced featuring classroom instruction, photography field trips and photography shoots indoors and out. TCCC's Elaine Harju will be presenting a workshop "Enhancing your Photographs with Artist Media". This is Elaine's third workshop for the Summer School. They have some great presenters and programs and the Model Shoots and Field Trips are some of the best. Advanced registration is available online. Sign up for the Model Shoots, Nature Field Trip and Birds of Prey Photo Shoot, these fill up quick. This years date are: July 30 - August 2, 2009, you can find more information at the SWMCCC website <http://www.swmccc.org/>

Naming of the Gorilla: The TCCC Board has selected “Camarilla” for the name of the gorilla. TCCC Member Amber Robinson has spent countless hours bringing her ideas for the gorilla to fruition. It will become one of the St Joseph Public Art Display of Surf 'n Safari sculptures. Amber has worked her magic again, and tooting her horn here, I think it is one of the very best too. It definitely is something that TCCC and Amber can be proud of. Way to go Amber... Word is the unveiling will be in mid May and the placement by the city is supposed to be near our building. We'll keep you posted.



From This. After a lot of hard work To This...

April Stats: are posted on the TCCC website. We had a couple of missed scores in the March Stats. The corrections have been included in the April Stats. Please report any errors to Tom McCall.

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

April Honors:

Class A Mono
Ralph Harju - Bruce

Class A Color
Gorson Drake - Foggy Morning Garden
Jacquelyn Volker - The Dark Side of War

Class B Digital
John Knecht - WOW
John Knecht - Got A Date
Carrie Halliburton - Resting Heroes
Don Damron - Drip Drip Drop This was Don's first Competition and first Honor.
Kristine Sims - Price Lions

Class A Digital
Dan Brant - Back 40 Graveyard This is Dan's first Honor after returning to the club
Jim Lynch - Old Oak
Jim Lynch - Church Cemetery
Don VanderMolen - Red Mountain

Judges: Dar Davis of St Joseph; John Hopkins of Berrien Springs and
TCCC Member Kevin Reed

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the competitors. Thanks for all of your effort in preparing your entries and submitting them into competition. We had another good turnout with 37 members submitting 197 entries, 120 in Select, 77 in Open, that received 105 Acceptances, 12 Honors and 80 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 59% and a rejection rate of 41%.

Keep those shutters clicking...