



Twin City Camera Club

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To encourage and develop an interest in photography.

Competition: will be on May 10th with the Select Subject of "Sports" (Please review the Select Subjects definitions).

Digital Entries: must be in by Monday, May 3rd. (72 dpi, Not to Exceed 500 kb)

Wildflower Field trip: Ken Mckeown spoke with Kevin Reed about the wildflower field trip to Kevin's property and apparently due to the recent warm spell the wildflowers are a little early this year. So the scheduled date of Saturday April 24th. now has been moved up to this weekend April 17th. Ken says we'll meet at Kevin's around 9:00 am. and that you should bring your own brown bag lunch. See the Announcements page on the website for the map.

April Program Night: Photography has provided Dave Curl with a lifetime of pleasure and paid his bills for more than sixty years--often as a working professional, but also as a teacher at Kalamazoo College, WMU, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, and other places far from home. He has juried major shows in Chicago, Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, Three Rivers, St. Joseph, and South Haven and loves to critique camera club images--always hoping his comments will help motivate people to improve their pictures--and enjoy the process.

If you haven't been at one of his critiques you really need to experience this one. If you have, then you know just how good Dave Curl is at revealing the elements of good photography and you won't want to miss this opportunity to expand your knowledge about photography.

Prints can be brought to the meeting. Two (2) images maximum please. Jim Lynch suggests that you submit images that you have questions about so that you can learn how you might improve them for competition. Digital slides need to be submitted to digital@twincitycameraclub.com by the 19th of April. Put April Program and/or Critique in the subject line and body of the email. Two (2) images maximum please.

Program Night report: Once again a really great program by Ed Post. Ed has such gorgeous images it is always a treat to have him for one of our programs. This time it was "Michigan Wildflowers" and Ed talked about several different wildflower groups such as early spring ephemerals, roadside favorites, bog inhabitants and wild native orchids. With his excellent narration and images, Ed revealed each wildflower, the conditions that they grow, what to consider in photographing them, depth of field, backgrounds, additional elements such as other flowers, buds or insects that could be in the frame and how they all come together to make award winning images. Thanks again to Ed Post for another wonderful program. Now it's your turn to go out and capture some of your own.

Select subjects: The Select Subjects for the 2010 – 2011 competition season will be decided at the May 6th Board meeting. Give it some thought, make a list of suggestions for Select Subjects to be considered and send it to kennethmckeown@sbcglobal.net or write a note and leave it on the back scoring table, the board welcomes your ideas.

Healing thoughts: go out to Justine Drake who is recovering from a mild stroke. We'll be keeping Gorson and Justine in our thoughts and prayers and wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

In Sympathy: We recently learned of the death of Jackie Volker's mother in Florida. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Jackie and her family.

SWMCCC News: Spring 2010 Competition will be hosted by St. Johns Camera Club on April 17th. Competition categories will be Creative, Nature, Open and Portrait with both Digital and Print competitions. For more information see the SWMCCC website: www.swmccc.org

SWMCCC Weekend: of Photography will be held Thurs. July 29 through Sun. August 1, 2010. TCCC's Elaine Harju will be presenting a workshop "In My Backyard". This is Elaine's forth workshop for the Summer School. For more details and information see the SWMCCC website: www.swmccc.org

April Stats: are posted on the TCCC website.

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

April Honors:

Class B Color Prints

Sheila Elkins – Breezy 4

Class B Digital Slides

Lauren Strach – Tropical Flair

Rick Bauer – Sun on Ice.

Rick Bauer – A inter Walk

Judges: Douglas Ingel, Photographer; Red Sage, Photographer and Dar Davis of St Joseph.

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 31 members submitting 186 entries, 149 in Select, 37 in Open, that received 88 Acceptances, 4 Honors and 94 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 49% and a rejection rate of 51%.

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.

Digital Workshop Class: We will be scheduling a Saturday class from 10 am. until 2 pm., conducted by Dennis Hafer, Dan Brant and Tom McCall, the date is yet to be set, to cover the operation and use of the camera, understanding histograms, setting the white balance and various camera controls. We hope to have some type of set up or table top for demonstration and use. Please bring your camera equipment and manual with you to the class. Members that are planning on attending please provide a list with the type of camera equipment that you use. We need to know the make and model of camera, the type of lenses and your flash. Email the list to Tom McCall, tmccall@parrett.net . If you have questions please contact Tom McCall.

May Program Night: To be announced. It was incorrectly listed on the website Calendar page that there would be No Program due to the holiday. The holiday is the following weekend so there will be a program night on May 24, 2010.

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

PLEASE verify that your images are sized correctly.

Not to exceed 768 H x 1024 W at 72 dpi with a file size not to exceed 500 kb.

Don't forget the entry card.

Ask to have one made for you if you won't be attending the meeting.

Important dates at a glance:

April 17th Wildflower Shoot at Kevin Reeds
April 17th SWMCCC Spring 2010 Competition
April 19th Digital photos for the Critique due
April 22nd Earth Day
April 26th Program Night Dave Curl will "Critique" your photos
May 1st May Day -- BlossomTime Grand Floral Parade
May 3rd Digital Entries Due
May 9th Mothers Day
May 10th Competition: Select Subject of "Sports"
May 15th Armed Forces Day
May 24th Program Night (To Be Announced)
May 31st Memorial Day

Keep those shutters clicking...