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To encourage and develop an interest in photography.

Competition: will be on June 14th with the Select Subject of "Nature" (Please review the Select Subjects definitions).

Digital Entries: must be in by Monday, June 7th. (72 dpi, Not to Exceed 500 kb)

TCCC Field trip: TCCC NORTHERN MICHIGAN PHOTO OUTING to Mackinaw City with Don VanderMolen, is scheduled for June 4th, 5th and 6th. Detailed information with itinerary is posted in the Members Only section under Fieldtrip Information. If you are planning on going please contact Ken McKeown so he can work out the logistics of who is driving and who could ride with whom.

Many Thanks: go out to Kevin Reed and his family for their wonderful hospitality in hosting yet another wildflower field trip on their property. I'm sure we'll see some of the many beautiful wildflowers from Kevin's property in our June Nature competition.

May Program Night: on Monday the 24th might be a surprise to all of us. Jim Lynch, who is in charge of the programs said he has been attempting to schedule the program but is experiencing difficulties contacting the person he had hoped, would be presenting the program. Jim indicated that he has some back-up plans so we'll have a program, we just don't know what it will be as of this publication.

Program Night report: Dave Curl was our April speaker for a "Critique" and brought along David Knight to add his thoughts in the mix. TCCC members were asked to provide 2 images each of a questionable competition value to give them something evaluate. It appeared that everyone came away with a different mindset and some new thoughts on working with their images. Thanks Dave and Dave for sharing your knowledge about photography.

Annual Competition: There is a good possibility that the Annual Competition will be held on Saturday June 26th. due to the time it takes to judge over 1200 images, since we are at 1178 eligible entries now and the June Nature competition is remaining. Gorson Drake recommended the change and will be acquiring the judges. If everything comes together, notification will be provided in the next ViewFinder, on the website and by email. Either way, now would be a good time to gather up all of your winning Monochrome and Color Prints, Acceptances and Honors, from the 2009 – 2010 competition season and have them ready to drop off at the clubhouse. We will request that the prints be at the clubhouse by June 20th. Please put them on the side table by the scoring table until after the June competition on the 14th. then they can go up front. All of the Entry Cards EXCEPT June are on the scoring table for pickup.

June Program Night: If the Annual Competition is held on Saturday June 26th then Monday June 28th will be a program night and what's being considered is a program and review on the upcoming 2010 – 2011 Competition Season Select Subjects. A presentation of examples and ideas with discussion should be helpful to all. Included in next years select subjects, "Song Titles" and "Found Alphabet vowels", are just two of them that would benefit from visual examples and discussion. Having this opportunity prior to the summer break should give you time to consider what you might need for the next competition year.

Select subjects: The Select Subjects for the 2010 – 2011 competition season were decided at the May 6th. Board meeting. They have been posted on the TCCC website Announcements page with a link to print them out. It's going to be an interesting competition season with some subjects that are going to make you put on your thinking caps and broaden your photographic skills.

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

Healing thoughts: also go out to Dennis Hafer, who fractured his upper right arm when he slipped and fell while attending the Turkey Run Photography Workshop hosted by Ed Post and John Dykstra in the last week in April. On Friday morning, the last day of the workshop, Dennis slipped and fell while crossing a stream and yes, you guessed it, camera gear and all ended up in the water. Dennis hopes his camera, which he had to send in for repair, is also on the mend.

SWMCCC News: Spring 2010 Competition was hosted by St. Johns Camera Club on April 17th. Randy Wegener, SWMCCC VP of Competition, has provided the results of the judging and they are posted on the TCCC website Announcements page. 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. Howard Nahikian says to go to the SWMCCC Weekend of Photography website to register and make your reservations for the workshops and field trips ASAP, as some of these fill up quickly. For instant access: <http://www.swmccc.org/WeekendOfPhotography.html>

May Stats: are posted on the TCCC website.

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

May Honors:

Class B Mono Prints

Sheila Elkins – Girls Soccer

Lauren Strach – Leaf Shadow

Class A Mono Prints

Curtis Drake – Sue Anne's Salon

Ralph Harju – Liquidity

Richard Lyon – Peterson Mill

May Honors continued:

Class B Color Prints

Helen Petlick – Oak Alley

Class A Color Prints

Curtis Drake – Green & Red

Curtis Drake – Ships Mast Gear

Curtis Drake – Yellow

Ralph Harju – Pork

Jim Lynch – Mighty Mac

Jim Mendel – Round and Red

Jim Mendel – Catch Me

Michel M. Rose – Exhilaration

Michel M. Rose – Rigging

Kristine Sims – Big Red

Kristine Sims – Moody Blues

Class A Film Slides

Ralph Harju – Stairway

Class B Digital Slides

Rick Bauer – The Hurdler

Don Damron – White House at Night

Lauren Strach – Come Dance with Me

Class A Digital Slides

Len Anderson – End of an Era

Dennis Hafer – Rainbow Falls

Dennis Hafer – Smokey Mountain Dream

Dennis Hafer – Your Pick

Ted Post – Coopers Hawk

Ted Post – Kayaking

Judges: Jim Meister, Meister-Witkowski Photography; Jim Heyn, Heyn Sight Video Productions and Bill Langbehn 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 29 members submitting 185 entries, 75 in Select, 110 in Open, that received 115 Acceptances, 27 Honors and 43 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 77% and a rejection rate of 23%.

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: will be re-scheduled to this fall. The members planning on attending need to provide a list of the type of camera equipment that you use. We need to know the make and model of camera, the type of lenses and external flash if you use one. We need this information right away, Email the list to Tom McCall, tmccall@parrett.net. This is very important, it not only lets us know how many members will be attending, what research we may need to do, it also gives us an idea of what will be the best way to prepare and present a program that would be most beneficial to all. This will be 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. If you have questions please contact Tom McCall.

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:

May 24th Program Night (To Be Announced)

May 31st Memorial Day

June 4th, 5th and 6th TCCC NORTHERN MICHIGAN PHOTO OUTING

June 7th Digital Entries Due

June 14th Competition: Select Subject of "Nature"

June 20th Prints due for Annual Competition

June 26th Possible Saturday Annual Competition – if Announced

June 28th Annual Competition/Program Night - Review and Discussion of next years
Select Subjects

Keep those shutters clicking...