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To encourage and develop an interest in photography.

Important Information and Date Change:

Annual Competition: will be held on Saturday June 26th, starting at 10 am. All Honor and Acceptance Prints from the 2009-10 Competition Season must be in the clubhouse by Sunday morning the 20th so there will be time to prepare them for the competition. Please put them on the table up in front. All of the Honor and Acceptance Film Slides will have been scanned and will be projected like the Digital Slides for the competition.

New Member: TCCC welcomes a new member: Rich Covert from Union Pier.

TCCC Field trip: TCCC Northern Michigan Photo Outing... A report from Don VanderMolen. Eleven intrepid explorers convened in Mackinaw City to explore the scenic wonders of Northern Michigan. On Friday, several of us headed for the Wilderness State Park area to photograph wild flowers. Due to the warmth of early spring, many of the favorites had completed their bloom but we found many new species we had not seen on previous visits. On Saturday, we headed for Tahquamenon Falls and photographed this wonderful spectacle. We lunched at the Pub at the State Park and then searched out Lake Superior Lighthouses including Crisp Point, Whitefish Point, Point Iroquois Light and even McGulpin Light in Mackinaw City. A photo sheet is on the website. Thanks to Ron Bonczkowki for sharing some of his pics. I certainly enjoyed the outing with the gang and look forward to another adventure next year.
Don VanderMolen

Editors note: Special thanks to Don and JoAnn VanderMolen for all that you do to in helping to keep TCCC a great club. You can see the photos on the Announcement page of the website.

June Program Night: Monday June 28th. will be a review on the upcoming 2010 – 2011 Competition Season Select Subjects. This will be an informative session with example images and tips and techniques to help you get those winning photos. 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. You let me know if this is a program that should be scheduled every competition season.

Photography Exhibits: The MAAC (Michiana Annual Art Competition) at the Box Factory For The Arts was held recently and the Winning Entries will be on exhibit through July 26th. I've heard that TCCC Members did well, Congratulations to all of them. I hope to have that information in a future ViewFinder. TCCC sponsors a Photography Merit Award and this year's recipient is Victor Coar, for his photography entry “Bird on Ice” Congratulations to Vic who used to be a TCCC Member. TCCC Judges were Ted Post, Rick Freridge and Tom McCall. See the Announcement page for the photo.

Mark your calendar: Annual Picnic on August 2nd. at Riverview Park. It would be great if you could help out in getting some BINGO prizes. Do you do business with someone you think might be willing to donate something? It doesn't have to be anything big or of any great value. Thanks for your help...

Healing thoughts are going out to several of our members:

For Don Hunt, who is at home recovering from respiratory problems after spending a few days in the hospital. For Don, who has been a long time smoker, (that we can support to quit) this is a very serious situation. We will be keeping Don in our thoughts and prayers.

For Ken McKeown, who is at home recovering from his injuries. Ken said he will start therapy on Friday and said we'll see how it goes from there. Ken says it's pretty difficult to do things when you only have limited use of one arm. He is in good spirits and misses seeing everyone. We will be keeping Ken and Bonnie in our thoughts and prayers.

For Justine Drake who is recovering from a mild stroke. Justine is in a care facility in South Haven and is making improvements everyday. We'll be keeping Gorson and Justine in our thoughts and prayers and wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

June Stats: are posted on the TCCC website.

June Honor Images: Most of the June Honor Images are now on the TCCC website.

June Honors:

Class B Mono Prints

Lauren Strach – Fern Flair

Class A Mono Prints

Wilbur Dick – Gossamer

Elaine Harju – Deep in the Forrest

Class B Color Prints

Don Damron – Nathional Cathedral

Don Damron – Rocky River

Don Damron – Thinking Place

Don Damron – Thinking of Spring

Sheila Elkins – Baroda Park

Sheila Elkins – It's Easy being Green

Helen Petlick – Elk in Grand Canyon

Helen Petlick – Alligator in the Swamp

Helen Petlick – Fog Lifts in the Canyon

Class A Color Prints

Ralph Harju – Purple Flowers

Jim Lynch – Osprey & Chick

Jim Lynch – Come on Dummy

Jim Lynch – Owl & Red Berries

Richard Lyon – Wild Columbine

Jim Mendel – Ladies Luncheon

Sherry Saenz – Springtime Bouquet

June Honors continued:

Class A Film Slides

Curtis Drake – Red Green

Class B Digital Slides

Rich Covert – Yosemite This is Rich's first Digital entry and first Honor.

Don Damron – Gold Mountain

Don Damron – End of the Storm

Lauren Strach – Walking on Water

Lauren Strach – Bug on Bud

Class A Digital Slides

Ron Bonczkowski – Lady Slipper

Dennis Hafer – Early Morning Sun

Jim Lynch – Pink Lady

Jim Lynch – Cardinal

Tom McCall – Fuzzy Wuzzy

Tom McCall – Prairie Trillium

Tom McCall – Young Jack

Mark Parren – DragonFly

Jacquelyn Volker – Butterfly Patterns

Judges: Ted Lemaster, Photographer from Whirlpool; Members Wilbur Dick and Dennis Hafer for prints and then Dick Lyon for Slides.

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 34 members submitting 193 entries, 136 in Select, 57 in Open, that received 142 Acceptances, 34 Honors and 17 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 91% and a rejection rate of 9%.

Special Congratulations to Don Damron for Four (4) Honors in B Color Prints.

Competition Advancement: The following Class B Members have achieved the requirements to advance to Class A. Congratulations go to: Julie Coskie, Don Damron, Sheila Elkins, Helen Petlick and Lauren Strach.

Way to Go... Remember to submit all of your entries in Class A starting in September.

Competition Season Awards: During the monthly competition, points are earned and accumulated until the end of the competition year when awards are given to the top three point winners in each category. If you don't see a category or one that doesn't have three places it's because there is a requirement that a minimum of 45 points must be earned to be eligible for a top three point award.

Our Award winners for the 2009 – 2010 Competition Season are:

Class B Mono Prints

1st. Lauren Strach – 103

Competition Season Awards continued:

Class B Color Prints

- 1st. Sheila Elkins – 151
- 2nd. Helen Petlick – 102
- 3rd. Don Damron – 59

Class B Digital Slides

- 1st. Lauren Strach – 149
- 2nd. Don Damron – 142
- 3rd. Rick Bauer – 54

Class A Mono Prints

- 1st. Michel M Rose – 131
- 2nd. Curtis Drake – 116
- 3rd. Elaine Harju – 112

Class A Color Prints

- 1st. Jim Lynch – 166
- 2nd. Michel M Rose – 150
- 3rd. Curtis Drake – 131

Class A Film Slides

- 1st. Curtis Drake – 94
- 2nd. Ralph Harju – 85
- 3rd. Herb Hein – 74

Class A Digital Slides

- 1st. Dennis Hafer – 162
- 2nd. Jim Lynch – 156
- 3rd. Tom McCall – 143

Congratulations to all of the winners! Along with the feelings of accomplishment for making it into the top three, come the bragging rights and as a small incentive for the next season, a little remuneration comes your way at the Annual Awards Banquet. For the rest of you it's time to set your sights on one of the top spots, review the Select Subjects list, grab your camera equipment, and go out there and capture some winning photos. Make sure you have fun doing it.

Editors Note: Special Congratulations to Life Member Curtis Drake for placing in the Top Three in Three (3) of the Class A categories, Monochrome Prints, Color Prints and Film Slides. Curt will be 94 years young on June 21st. Happy Birthday & Congratulations Curt. Both are well deserved...

Reminder of the Competition changes: Starting with the 2010 – 2011 Competition Season there will no longer be a Film Slide Category. Anyone with Film Slides that wants to enter them into competition must have them at the clubhouse a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the competition to be scanned. Ted Post has agreed to do the scanning and once scanned a Film Slide becomes a Digital Slide entry and the maximum of four (4) entries applies.

Nature category changes: (underlined areas are the changes)

- The images must be naturally present in Nature. Techniques that enhance the presentation of the photography without changing the nature story or the pictorial content are permitted. Digital enhancement and manipulation must not be obvious. All adjustments must appear natural.
- Must not contain any presence of the “**hand of man**”. In other words everything must be there naturally, without human intervention.
- The presence of scientific bands or tags on wild animals is permissible.
- **Unacceptable (examples):** Cultivated or domestic plants, pets, farm animals, mounted specimens, or obviously set arrangements, are ineligible.

DUES NEWS: The new Dues Renewal Forms are on the website on the ViewFinder page. Include all the information so we can update the roster. Be an early bird and send your dues in now. Thank You.

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>

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.

Important dates at a glance:

June 20th Sunday – Father’s Day Happy Father’s Day

June 20th Sunday - Prints due in the Morning at the Clubhouse for Annual Competition

June 26th Saturday - Annual Competition – Starts at 10:00 am.

June 28th Monday - Program Night - Review and Discussion of next years Select Subjects

July 4th Sunday – Independence Day Happy Forth of July

August 2nd. Monday – TCCC Picnic at Riverview Park

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.

Keep those shutters clicking...