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Our 2009 - 2010 Competition Season is underway.

The 2009 - 2010 Competition Season: continues on October 12th with the Select Subject of "Musical Instruments" (Please review the Select Subjects definitions)

Digital Entries: must be in by Monday, October 5th. (72 dpi, Not to Exceed 500 kb)

Business Meeting follow-up: At our Annual Business Meeting in February it was discussed that there would need to be some belt tightening and other considerations because of the state of the economy and the club's finances. Treasure Ted Post suggested that since there has been very limited use of the club's telephone, it was used a lot more when the darkrooms were in use, and the approximately \$400.00 yearly cost associated with maintaining a business telephone, that the service be discontinued. The board agreed and service was disconnected. Ted Post provided a cell phone in a charger that can be used for emergency 911 calls only.

Also discussed was the Annual Awards Banquet in November. The Board discussed the financial aspects of the banquet along with finding a new location where it can be held. Due to the sale of the Elk's building we had to find another location for the banquet this year. It was decided that this year the members would have to pay for themselves and any guests. President Ken McKeown researched and contacted several possible locations for the banquet and found the costs prohibitive in many of them.

TCCC Member Don Damron is affiliated with the Vineland Center, a conference and banquet center located at 1155 Vineland Road off of Washington Avenue, south of Saint Joseph. Don said he would work with the club to come up with a menu and room to suit our needs. Vineland Center is a barrier free facility, has flexible room sizes, plenty of parking and with Chef Don Damron preparing the meal, this could be the start of something good. To learn more information about the facility and see interior photos go to: <http://www.vinelandcenter.org/>

TCCC Annual Awards Banquet: President Ken McKeown reported that the Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday November 7th at the Vineland Center. Social Hour starting around 6:00 pm. and Dinner around 7:00 pm. The meal will be baked chicken and beef and all of the trimmings. Topped off with a "Bit of Swiss" specialty cake. Anyone with special diet needs please contact Ken McKeown. No alcohol will be served. **Reservations are required and must be in to Ken McKeown by October 31st.** You can call Ken at 429-0608 or email your reservation to kennethmckeown@sbcglobal.net. **Members \$20.00, all guests \$20.00 each.** Checks should be made payable to TCCC and can be given or mailed to Ted Post, 3202 Ravine Ave St. Joseph, MI 49085.

September 28th Program Night: Join Susan and Pete Mathews as they present “FIN DEL MUNDO” (End of the Earth). A trip where they “threw off the bowlines” and sailed to Antarctica. Starting at Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world, sail with them aboard the ice breaker ‘Polar Star’ down the Beagle Channel, across the Drake Passage, down the Antarctic Peninsula to the Antarctic Circle and beyond. The program will include images of “the last great wilderness in the world” with its commanding mountains, extensive glaciers, and up close and personal views of the wildlife for which the area is famous. They will be discussing some of the early exploration, sealing and whaling history of the region as well as visiting some of the current scientific research stations in the area. The trip included the South Shetland Islands and Deception Island with its world famous bathing beach at Whaler Bay in Port Foster. From there to perhaps the most famous landfall in the world, Cape Horn, before reentering the Beagle Channel.

Pete says "I've been interested in photography since my mother gave me an old folding Kodak as a boy. I nurtured this interest through school participating in the AV club, the camera club when and local camera clubs. I fed the habit by working part time in a camera store which led to my first 35 mm camera. In the service I took pictures where ever various ships took me and took the services correspondence course for Photographers Mate. That was not to be (no openings) so I continued taking my own slides. This introduced me to photography in, on and around the water. It also led to a lifetime in both commercial and recreational boating and in the boat business, which included using photography as a tool. When I started getting serious about making photographs instead of just taking pictures, I started taking workshops and classes with professional photographers. Weeks spent with folks like Larry West, Neil Parent, John Sexton, Howard Bond and others, not only taught me some of the finer points of making images, but brought me full circle back to the Black and White film I'd started with. I have, over the years, combined all of this, preferring to shoot maritime related subjects with large and medium format film cameras. The travel bug implanted in me by gallivanting around the Atlantic Ocean with a camera has also resulted in a fair amount of travel photography. Here, digital photography has replaced slide film for color work. Today I use both mediums to try to capture and convey the magical mental images, moods and feelings the sea (or very large lakes) instill in me.

Bingo Prizes: Many thanks go out to all of the people and organizations that donated Bingo Prizes for our 2009 Picnic. Thank them personally if you have the opportunity. Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council; Norman Camera; Chase Bank; Flagstar Bank; Berrien Teachers Credit Union; Premier Promotions; Amber Robinson; Dick Lyon; Bud Friesen; Ken & Bonnie McKeown; Don VanderMolen; Rick Samon (Professional Photographer - Canon User); Blossomtime; Dennis Hafer; Jim & Paulette Lynch and Curtis & Irene Drake. The winners sure appreciated your contributions.

Camarilla is For Sale: Susan Solon from the City of Saint Joseph says that all of the 2009 Public Art Display Surf n Safari animals, including Camarilla, will be sold on a first come basis for \$350.00 each. The animals are scheduled to remain on display until October 2nd and then go to their buyers. If you or someone you know is interested, call Susan at 983-5541.

Dues Special Reminder: If you haven't yet, Please Pay your dues. Check with Ted Post if you aren't sure... The **Dues Renewal Form** link is on the website on the [ViewFinder page](#). Include all the information so we can update the roster. Ted will accept cash or checks at the club meetings.

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.

CALL FOR ENTRIES: The Midwest Museum of American Art is pleased to announce a "call for entries" for the 31st Elkhart Juried Regional exhibition. Artists 18 years and older are invited to submit works in this all media competition Saturday, September 12 through Saturday, September 26, 2009. Please go to <http://midwestmuseum.us/> for more information and to review all of the requirements.

September Stats: are posted on the TCCC website.

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

September Honors:

Class A Monochrome Prints

Kristine Sims – Dead Calm

Class A Color Prints

Rod Krieger – Dam Reflection

Jim Lynch – Redhead

Dave Wheeler – Moose Drool

Jacquelyn Volker – Late Afternoon Reflection

Class B Digital Slides

Rick Freridge – Grand Reflection This is Rick's first Digital entry and first Honor.

Class A Digital Slides

Ted Post – Schwabachers Landing #1

Judges: Marge Pethe, Ray Damaske and TCCC Member Bill Denton.

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 33 members submitting 199 entries, 120 in Select, 79 in Open, that received 48 Acceptances, 7 Honors and 94 Rejects.

SWMCCC Awards and Ribbons: President Ken McKeown handed out the awards from the SWMCCC 2009 Summer competition that included an Oscar for Dennis Hafer. Ken remarked that since he has been in the club (1971) there have only been two (2) Oscars won by our members, Dennis Hafer and Tom McCall. TCCC Members collected 54 out of the 206 total awards of the competition.

REMINDER - SWMCCC 2009 FALL COMPETITION: DIGITAL AND PRINTS

The SWMCCC 2009 fall competition will be in Grand Rapids on October 24th. All digital submissions must be received by October 18th and submission fees must be received prior to the judging. More information: <http://www.swmccc.org> and on the TCCC website [Announcements page](#).

PHOTOS Needed: We are looking for lots of full size images taken within the City of St Joseph that we can use for a new Photo page soon to be added to the SJ City website. Photographs of locations and activities in St Joseph that will show residents and visitors alike what the city has to offer. Any subject is acceptable, parades, farmer's market, festivals, art fairs, car shows, fireworks, monuments and statues, pleasing scenes that showcase and promote the city. Contact Tom McCall if you have questions.

Congratulations Amber and Michael



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TCCC Member Amber Robinson and Michael Tibone were married on Saturday, September 5th, at the John and Dede Howard Bandshell in downtown St. Joseph. After the reception, they left for a trip to the Wisconsin Dells. Hmm, it will be interesting to see if there will be a lot of "The Dells" photos in the upcoming competitions. Take very good care of her Michael, Amber is a real treasure. We wish you both all of the best, everlasting Love, Joy and Happiness.

Keep those shutters clicking...