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Remember! TCCC Banquet Date Change: November 15

Annual Awards Banquet will be on Saturday November 15th. Social Hour starting around 6:00 pm. and Dinner around 7:15 pm. at the Elks Club downtown Saint Joseph. The meal will be prime rib. Anyone with special diet needs please contact Ken Mckeown. This banquet is provided at no cost to members, however, there will be a cost for guests. The first guest of a member will be \$15.00 and \$21.00 for each additional guest. **Reservations are required and must be in to Ken McKeown by October 31st.** You can email your reservation to kennethmckeown@sbcglobal.net or call Ken at 429-0608. Checks should be made payable to TCCC and can be given or mailed to Ted Post, 3202 Ravine Ave St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Reminder: SWMCCC 2008 Fall Competition digital entries are due on November 1st. Prints can be entered prior to and at place of the competition November 15th. See the website for more details.

Special Reminder: If you haven't yet, Please Pay your dues.

Check with Ted Post if you aren't sure... Good things coming that you don't want to miss...

Put on your calendar: November 24 Program Night: Dave Curl will "Critique" your photos.

Dave said "having discovered the magic of developing my first roll of film 70 years ago, and been a paid professional earning a living directly or indirectly from imaging for 60 of those years, I've shot and seen a lot of pictures. I've been a photojournalist, commercial illustrator, and fine art photographer, but my favorite activity is teaching. I try not only to share what I've learned from experience about image making, but to encourage others to look - really LOOK - around them and to discover beauty and truth they might not have noticed before." Members should to bring Four (4) prints and submit Four (4) digital slides for this unique opportunity to find out how they can improve their images. Digital slides need to be submitted to digital@twincitycameraclub.com by the 17th of November.

Tom McCall reports on our October 13 meeting:

President Ken Mckeown introduced five of our newest members: **Buzz Holmes, Jeff Binder, Rita Fronczak, Kristine Sims** and **John Knecht** and provided them with membership material. **Robert Lowmaster** was also approved for membership by the Board but didn't attend the meeting Monday night. Several of the new members entered images in the October competition with some very nice results as shown in the list of Honors. Way to go! A warm welcome to all of you.

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President Ken Mckeown asked for nominations and then presented the slate of candidates for the election of officers to the membership. The slate as presented: President Ken Mckeown, First Vice President Jim Lynch, Second Vice President Gorson Drake, Secretary Len Anderson, Treasurer Ted Post, Immediate Past President Ron Bonczkowski, Director Ralph Harju, Director Jamie Keffer. There was a motion from the floor and seconded for the unanimous approval and election of the slate as presented, motion carried.

October 13 was also a competition night, this time "Patterns." See the results data in this issue. Thanks again to all of the members for your efforts in preparing your entries and submitting them into competition. We had another good turnout with 39 members submitting 237 entries, 175 in Select, 62 in Open, receiving 152 Acceptances, 18 Honors and 67 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of about 72% and a rejection rate of 29%.

Treasurer Ted Post says it's a pleasure to announce Life Membership Status. *Doug Osgood* of Coloma, joined Twin City Camera Club in 1983 and is now a Life Member. Congratulations Doug.

Don't forget **Tom McCall's monthly Digital Workshop Class**. Check the TCCC website.

October 27, Program Night – **Rob Shellhamer presented "What do I do with all these picture files?"**

Report by Jackie Volker with the assistance of Tom McCall

Rob Shellhamer (with help from his friend Cheryl Thomas) discussed and demonstrated software for digital organizing. Rob explained that all of the camera manufactures provided some kind of software with the cameras to get your digital images from the camera to the computer. Rob demonstrated using a card reader (which he recommends) instead of a USB cable to download the images to the computer.

Then Rob reviewed Canon's ZoomBrowser, Photoshop Elements 5 Organizer, Photoshop CS3 Bridge and Photoshop Lightroom 2 for organizing and sorting and also some photo enhancement. Working with each of the programs, Rob demonstrated using image files different ways they could be organized and sorted with categories, keywords and filters. Rob showed us a few tips and tricks in all of the programs but Photoshop Lightroom 2 is his favorite. In Lightroom 2 he got into importing images, working with keywords, metadata, filtering with stars and colors for organizing and sorting, image enhancements and batch processing.

Both Rob and Cheryl explained why they liked Lightroom 2 the best. I think they made such an impact on a few of our members, that they are going to buy Lightroom 2 at their earliest convenience. You can check out some of Rob's work at: www.ShellhamerPhotography.com

PS: Your editor has been using Lightroom with great success since the beta of Lightroom 1. I tried Mac's Aperture but liked Lightroom a lot more. Besides, Aperture didn't support my camera's RAW imaging.

Tom McCall also writes: **NEEDED PHOTOS...**

Lets have some fun... The Theme, What they did this summer...Needed, photos of TCCC members during this summer of them taking photos, this is for inclusion in the website's What We Do Photo pages. Submit them to the Webmaster and please include the following information with each photo:

Who: Who is in the photo and who is the photographer (that's you).

What: A few words explaining what is going on.

Where: Where the photo was taken.

When: When was the photo taken.

Photos should have been taken between May 08 and now.

If you have any questions call Tom McCall at 982-0034. Thank You

SWMCCC 2008 Fall Competition News: Good news for both digital and print makers...

The SWMCCC fall Competition will be held on November 15, 2008 in Grand Rapids at West Side Christian School. This will be a digital competition, Note: this time we will be adding prints. Categories will be as usual, Portrait, Open, Nature, and Select Subject "Fall Color" Limit is 4 per category and the charge is \$1 per image. Closing Date: November 1, 2008 all entries must be submitted by this date

DIGITAL entries and payment must be emailed to Randy Wegenor wegphoto@charter.net - deadline for entries is Sunday November 2nd.

PRINTS can be brought the morning of the competition either by you or a club representative, or, I will accept them at my home prior to the competition and will see that they get entered. Please to be sure to include payment (checks made out to SWMCCC) at that time. You or a club representative will need to make arrangements to pick up the prints after the competition. Contact Jeanne Quillan photobug49@comcast.net (616) 531-8253.

Check out SWMCCC's website at www.swmccc.org more information coming soon. You do not need to be a member of SWMCCC to enter this competition. Participants belonging to more than one camera club are allowed to enter through multiple clubs. For all the requirements and awards, use the links on the TCCC Announcement page to review and print the Competition Information and the Category Descriptions.

NEEDED PHOTOS...

15 to 25 images of what you would like people to see of your best work to be featured on a new page in the Members Galleries to be added to the website. These images don't have to be ones used in competition and can be full frame also. They should represent what you want people to see of your photography. Contact Tom for more information.

FOR SALE: Darkroom Equipment. MAKE OFFER... Chris Ruppel sold his house on Ansley Drive and the darkroom equipment, including enlargers, etc. is now in the basement of the camera club by the coat rack. If interested look it over and give Chris a call at 429-5291 or email at ruppelcnc@att.net.

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 if you have questions.

October Competition Honors

Class B Color Prints

Kristine Sims - Clearing Kristine's first competition and first honors
Kristine Sims - So Delicate

Class A Color Prints

Curtis Drake - Meijer Garden
Bud Friesen - Reflection
Elaine Harju - Urn
Elaine Harju - Lemoncella
Jim Lynch - Wood Duck
John Opie - Party Time
Michel Rose - Grapes

Class B Digital Slides

Juanita Attard - Wrapped in Yarn
Jeff Binder - Mushroom Jeff's first competition and first honors
Jeff Binder - Catcher's Mit
Julie Coskie - Eyes Up
Kristine Sims - Breaker Kristine's first competition and first honor

Class A Digital Slides

Ron Bonczkowski - Leaf Pattern
Dennis Hafer - Not your Ordinary Chair
Jim Lynch - Fall Mallard
Ted Post - Carving Waterfall

Judges were: Sandy Parrigin – Photographer, Marge Pethe – Artist, Art Robertson - Photographer

The Honor Prints and Digital Slides for October have been posted to the galleries on the website.

Tom McCall adds: Competition Statistics part 2:

After the competitions everyone wants to know how many points they have and how they stand, so getting the stats done and posted quickly is something we strive to do. Last month I said a special thanks to Dan Penrod for solving part of the problem of the monthly Competition Statistics. This month I express my gratitude to Janis Moore for her help with the stats. Dan setup the Excel file so that I can enter the information after the competition. Now I send that file to Janis and she finishes the compilation and converts it to a Word Doc file. Thanks Janis, that's just what I need to complete the process.

Regular mail recipients: See October Competition Statistics in the insert. If you receive the ViewFinder by way of e-mail, check our website for the statistics.