



Twin City Camera Club

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Fall has arrived, catch the color.

Competition: continues on November 9th with the Select Subject of "Architectural "Details"" (Please review the Select Subjects definitions)

Digital Entries: must be in by Monday, November 2nd. (72 dpi, Not to Exceed 500 kb)

October Program Night: Monday October 26th. at 7:30 pm. TCCC Member Elaine Harju will present "Manipulating your photos by hand using artist's media." Without the need of computer enhancements, add interest and fun in minutes, using the addition of pastels, colored pencil, markers, metallic markers and pencils, acrylic medium and paints, and various types of watercolors. Learn how to turn your photographs into one of a kind "mixed media" pieces. An explanation of all media will be presented along with where to purchase them. Elaine is a Studio Artist at the Box Factory for the Arts. While her primary media is water color, in truth she is fascinated with all media including photography. This program is similar to her presentation at the SWMCCC Summer Weekend this year. Her artist philosophy is "Have a good time and experiment, experiment, experiment." You may create a masterpiece. It will be a fun learning experience...

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 Ted Post by October 31st.** You can call Ted at 429-9581 or email your reservation to theodorepost@yahoo.com. **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.

NOTE: To learn more information about the Vineland Center and see interior photos go to: <http://www.vinelandcenter.org/>

September Program Night: Susan and Pete Mathews entertained us with "FIN DEL MUNDO" (End of the Earth). An amazing program of photographs, narrative descriptions and humor of their trip where they "threw off the bowlines" and sailed to Antarctica. We sailed with them from Argentina aboard the ice breaker 'Polar Star' through the Beagle Channel, across the Drake Passage, down the Antarctic Peninsula to the Antarctic Circle and beyond. We were treated to the sensations of the movement of the ship right along with them across rough seas and images of "the last great wilderness in the world" with its commanding mountains, extensive glaciers, and some really up close and personal views of the wildlife. What was that pink snow again? Many thanks to Susan and Pete for a great program.

Election of Officers: 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 approval of the slate as presented, motion carried. A motion from the floor and seconded for the election of the officers as presented, motion carried. Thanks to all of the officers for their time, efforts and dedication to the club.

Congratulations: Treasurer Ted Post says it's a pleasure to announce Life Membership Status. Howard Nahikian of Coloma and Alan Solomon of St Joseph joined Twin City Camera Club in 1984 and are now Life Members. Congratulations Howard and Alan.

Welcome to new members: Helen Petlick, Lauren Strach, Fred Summerfelt and Edward Wasik of St. Joseph. Brian Polvado and Beth Wharton of Stevensville. Pat Crean of Benton Harbor and Sheila Elkins of Baroda. Also the TCCC Board approved James & Kathleen Mendel of Benton Harbor who were guests at the October competition meeting and wanted to be able to attend the October 21st Digital Workshop Class and submitted their applications. Welcome one and all; we are looking forward to seeing your competition entries.

Ted Post reports: that TCCC Members Amber Tibone, David Mullens, Len Anderson, Ron Bonczkowski, Mark Parren, Ted Post, Tom McCall, Dan Brant and Dennis Hafer assisted by Penny Brant and Sandy Hafer, along with Jim Meister of Meister-Witkowski Photography, provided photography services for "THE PROM: an evening with the stars" on Saturday the 3rd of October. This was a very special event for teens and adults with special needs that was held at the First Church of God in St. Joseph. Several Berrien County area churches, schools, businesses and agencies partnered together to create an evening of celebration for Southwest Michigan teens and adults with disabilities. At the Prom, guests were greeted on the red carpet by escorts who guided them through the magical evening. The "stars" were given the full Hollywood experience complete with formal wear, formal portraits and paparazzi, dinner, dancing, hair and make up stations, games and prizes.

Many thanks to the TCCC Members that contributed their time and expertise with studio settings for formal portraits, a roving videographer to accompany a reporter doing interviews and lots of paparazzi to photograph and capture those special candid moments of the guests arriving on the red carpet and through-out the evening. As Dan Brant said "It was a win - win situation for all involved."

Digital Workshop Class: will be on Wednesday, October 21st at 7 pm. This class will be especially helpful for the new members with tips and techniques on preparing images for competition.

TCCC logo hat: Members interested in getting a TCCC logo hat should contact Ken McKeown or Ted Post. They are compiling a list to see if there is enough interest to place an order.

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.

October Stats: are posted on the TCCC website.

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

October Honors:

Class A Monochrome Prints

Elaine Harju – Falls at Rainbow Bridge
Jacqualyn Volker – A Steamy Start

Class B Color Prints

Sheila Elkins – Music & Candlelight This is Sheila's first Color Print entry and first Honor.
Joann Rivers – Lighthouse at Peggy's Cove

Class A Color Prints

Kristine Sims – Fall Reflected
Jim Lynch – Redish Egret
Curtis Drake – Bright Eyes
Curtis Drake – Foggy Morning
Gorson Drake – 4449 -2
Gorson Drake – Kings Mill
Gorson Drake – Peace Lily
Richard Lyon – I've got my Eyes on you
Jacqualyn Volker – Needs a Little TLC
Jacqualyn Volker – Sunset Silhouette
Jacqualyn Volker – River of Broken Glass

Class B Digital Slides

Lauren Strach – A Study in Orange & Blue This is Lauren's first Digital entry and first Honor.
Lauren Strach – Morning Lit Leaves

Class A Digital Slides

Ted Post – Moose Falls
Ted Post – Peregrine Falcon
Mark Parren – 1225
Tom McCall – A Late Sail
Jim Lynch – Sarett Butterfly
Dennis Hafer – Sounds Good
Jacqualyn Volker – Morning Rain
Don Vander Molen – Berries

Judges: Rob Shellhamer, Cheryl Thomas and Don Mangold, all from the Berrien Springs Camera Club.

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 174 entries, 60 in select, 114 in Open that received 101 Acceptances, 25 Honors and 48 Rejects.

Orchards Mall Photo Display: Jim Lynch says it's time to update the photographs in the display. The changes in the display will be made in November, so your framed and ready to hang photographs need to be at the clubhouse before November 1st. Contact Jim Lynch at 463-8496 if you would like more information.

SWMCCC FALL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Saturday October, 24, 2009

West Side Christian School

955 Westend Ave. N.W.

Grand Rapids Michigan

PRINT REGISTRATION 9:00 AM
COMPETITION BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM

DOOR PRIZES!!

Including:

Spider2 Express Colorvision Monitor Calibration System

Donated by Gary Farber of Hunts Photo & Video

JUDGES:

John Hacht

John has been in photography for 35 years, owns a studio in Lawton, MI and teaches across the country, including portraiture, Photoshop and nature photography.

Larry Heibel

Larry owns a studio in Grand Rapids, MI and is past president of both River City Camera Club and the Southwestern Michigan Council of Camera Clubs. He is skilled in all areas of photography.

Mike Mitchell

Mike is a long time member of the Grand Rapids Camera Club, and is skilled in all areas of photography. He has presented many workshops in table top photography and Photoshop for area camera clubs and has presented programs at the SWMCCC Summer Weekend of photography.

Digital submissions will be accepted via email or they can be put on a CD and mailed. If e-mailing, e-mail images as an attachment and send up to 4 images per category to wegphoto@charter.net If submitting by CD mail to Randy Wegener 14030 Apple Dr, Fruitport, MI 49415.

All digital submission must be received by October 18th and submission fees of \$1 per image must be received prior to the judging.

Print entries can be brought the day of the competition, along with submission fees. Print registration will begin at 9:00 AM. Each print entry must have attached *duplicate* SWMCCC print labels. One to be permanently attached to your print, the other loosely attached so it can be removed for record keeping purposes. Forms are available on the website SWMCCC.org or will be available the day of the competition.

For more information: www.swmccc.org Randy Wegener – wegphoto@charter.net Kelly Walkotten – scubakellyw@comcast.net Jeanne Quillan – photobug49@comcast.net

Keep those shutters clicking...