



# Twin City Camera Club

## ViewFinder

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**To encourage and develop an interest in photography.**

**Fall is here, enjoy the color.**

**Our Competition Season:** continues on November 8<sup>th</sup> with the Select Subject of "**Macro or Close up**" (Please review the Select Subjects definitions)

**Digital Entries:** must be in by Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. (72 dpi, Not to Exceed 500 kb)

**October 25th Program Night:** Art Robertson will be presenting a program on astrophotography. Astrophotography is a specialized type of photography that entails recording images of astronomical objects and large areas of the night sky. Astrophotography is a large sub-discipline in amateur astronomy where it is usually used to record aesthetically pleasing images, rather than for scientific research. So are you ready to see some "stellar" photos? Join with us welcoming astro-photographer Art Robertson as he talks about taking pictures of the night-time sky and see some examples of his work!

**Report on the September program:** Lee Davidson presented a program on panoramic photography. Lee demonstrated the ways to set up your equipment using a device called Nodal Ninja. The Nodal Ninja is a specially designed panoramic tripod head that can eliminate the parallax error present in many panoramic images. Without getting technical, the camera and lens rotate from a fixed point on the lens instead of from the camera. Lee had several examples of his panoramic photography and took several images in the meeting room and demonstrated how they were stitched together in Photoshop. A very interesting program and we thank Lee for sharing it with us. You can learn more about the Nodal Ninja at [www.nodalninja.com](http://www.nodalninja.com)

**New Members:** TCCC Welcomes 5 new members this month. Please welcome Sierra Briney and Royce Cole of St Joseph, Lisa Constant and Scott Isbrecht of Coloma and Randy Willis from Benton Harbor. Welcome one and all; we are looking forward to seeing your competition entries.

**Congratulations:** Treasurer Ted Post says it's a pleasure to announce Life Membership Status. Gale Bonczkowski and Kenneth Zimmerman of St Joseph joined Twin City Camera Club in 1985 and are now Life Members. Congratulations Gale and Ken.

**Roster:** Ted Post is working on a revised Membership Roster and it will be posted in the Member's Only section on the website soon.

**Award Presentation:** President Ken McKeown presented to TCCC's webmaster, Tom McCall, an Award Plaque from PSA (Photographic Society of America). Twin City Camera Club won Third Place in the 2010 PSA Camera Club International Website Contest, Division A (Large Clubs). Thanks go to Ted Post for submitting the entry to PSA and to all of you that contribute information and photos for the website.

**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, Secretary Len Anderson, Treasurer Ted Post, Immediate Past President Ron Bonczkowski, Director Ralph Harju, Director Jamie Keffer. The position of Second Vice President is open. Gorson Drake, the current 2nd Vice President, is unable to continue in that capacity due to the care necessary for his wife Justine.

If you are interested in serving on the Board as the 2nd Vice President, please contact President Ken McKeown. The following explains some of the duties assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.:

From the TWIN CITY CAMERA CLUB, INC. BY-LAWS

c. Second Vice President

1. The Second Vice President shall act in the absence or disability of the First Vice President and President and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President of the Board of Directors.
2. The Second Vice President shall have the responsibility for selecting the Chairperson and for directing the activities of the Color Slide Competition, Print Competition and Exhibition Committees.
3. The Second Vice President shall be responsible for planning and arranging the rules, regulations, terms and conditions for periodic competitions between Club members, subject to approval of the Board of Directors.
4. The Second Vice President shall be responsible for planning and arranging inter-club competitions, as appropriate, to further Club Purposes, as outlined in Article II of these By-Laws.
5. The Second Vice President shall be responsible for planning and arranging an annual competition for Color Slides and Prints receiving award and honor credits during the periodic Club competitions held during the preceding Club year.

**SWMCCC 2010 Fall Competition:** The competition will be hosted by the Grand Rapids and River City Camera Clubs. Judging will be held in Grand Rapids on October 30, 2010. Print and digital competition categories are Portrait, Creative, Open and Nature. Be sure to review the Category Descriptions and requirements on the <http://www.swmccc.org> website.

**October Stats:** are posted on the TCCC website.

**October Honor Images:** The October Honor Images have been added to a new Album in the Honors for 2010 - 2011 Season Galleries on the TCCC website.

**October Honors:**

**Class A Monochrome Prints**

Jacquelyn Volker – Michigan Bean Co

**Class A Color Prints**

Kristine Sims – Rush of Fall

Kristine Sims – Sunset Walk through the Prairie

## **Class B Digital Slides**

Rick Bauer– Storm at Sunset

**Judges:** Dennis Mally, Photographer, a prior TCCC Member.

James O’Haver, Box Factory Artist, Visit his website: <http://www.jamesohaver.com>

Wanda Schaffer, St. Joseph. Both Wanda and James worked at Johnson – Rauhoff for a number of years. We appreciate them taking the time to come and judge for us.

**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 37 members submitting 226 entries, 164 in Select, 62 in Open, that received 127 Acceptances, 4 Honors and 95 Rejects. That’s an acceptance/honor rate of 58% and a rejection rate of 42%.

**Annual Banquet:** Make note that this year the banquet will be on a Friday night and mark your calendar for Friday November 5<sup>th</sup>. Once again we will be at the Vineland Center where we had a wonderful meal in a lovely setting, hosted by Don Damron and staff. Social hour will start at 6:00 pm. and dinner will be at 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 Ted Post. This year you can BYOB since no alcohol will be served. **IMPORTANT:** Reservations are required and must be in to Ted Post before October 29th. You can call Ted at 429-9581 or email your reservation to [theodorepost@yahoo.com](mailto: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 facility and see interior photos go to:  
<http://www.vinelandcenter.org/>

**Healing thoughts:** For Justine Drake who is now at home working on recovering from a mild stroke. We’ll be keeping Gorson and Justine in our thoughts and prayers and wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

**Tidbits:** Sylvia Schlender and John Opie said to say Hello to everyone. I spoke to Sylvia and John recently and they said they are doing well. Sylvia said she gave her camera to one of her grandchildren but has lots of images to see. She said she likes keeping up with TCCC by receiving the ViewFinder and misses you all.

John said that he and his wife Barb have severed most of the ties they had with Michigan since they moved to Northeast Ohio. John is still involved with photography and has joined a camera club, the Western Reserve Photographic Society. <http://www.wrpsphoto.org/>

We wish Sylvia and John all the best and we too miss them, their smiles and good humor.

**TCCC Newsletter “ViewFinder”:** We are looking for a new editor and assistant editor for the ViewFinder. Our current staff took it over nearly two (2) years ago on an interim basis and has other duties and responsibilities. It can be an enjoyable experience and you get all of the news first... If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Tom McCall at 983-5986.

**Keep those shutters clicking...**