



Twin City Camera Club

ViewFinder

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To encourage and develop an interest in photography.

It's the Thanksgiving Season, give thanks.

Our Competition Season: continues on December 13th with the Select Subject of "**Night Scenes**"
(Please review the Select Subjects definitions)

Digital Entries: must be in by Monday, December 6th. (72 dpi, Not to Exceed 500 kb)

November 22nd. Program Night: Will be a competition workshop class conducted by Tom McCall with tips and techniques about preparing images for competition. This class is for you if you are entering images into competition. It will include a review of how to prepare your images and correctly size, title and submit images for competition. This class is a must for the newer members and a needed refresher for the rest. You will Not need to bring your laptops, it will be demonstration only.

Report on the October program: Art Robertson presented a program on astrophotography. Art provided many examples of his work in astrophotography, explained equipment requirements and discussed how man made objects show up in images. He explained the process of photographing star trails and Piggy backing a camera to a telescope to photograph heavenly objects. One of the star trail images that he exhibited was taken with a 16 mm lens, at ISO 200 and involved 640 exposures of 29 seconds each over several hours, then combined with special software in the computer to make one image. We learned about light pollution and how it affects the environment, about how Art has photographed the Moon, constellations and other celestial bodies, including man made objects like satellites and the International Space Station. Art provided us with a handout sheet with listings of web sites for equipment, software and astronomy related sites that would be very helpful to anyone interested in astrophotography. We would like to thank Art Robertson for his excellent program and sharing his passion and wonderful talents with us. See page 4. For the list of Astrophotography websites.

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. There was 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. The position of Second Vice President is open. If you are interested in serving on the Board as the 2nd Vice President, please contact President Ken McKeown.

TCCC Annual Awards Banquet: was held at The Vineland Center and what a wonderful location and facility it is. Chef Don Damron had a few surprises in store for the 50 plus members and their guests. First were several appetizers and hot cider, then the main course was Prime Rib instead of the Roast Beef, although Don had Roast Beef and Chicken for those that wanted them. All prepared especially for us by Don and all of the comments praised the food. The tasty dinner was topped off with an equally scrumptious Bit of Swiss cake. Don Damron and his staff are to be commended for an elegant presentation, superb food and service. Many Thanks to Don and his staff.

President Ken McKeown introduced the new incoming board members and thanked the outgoing Board Members, they are one in the same, then all of the Chairpersons, committee members and volunteers in the support positions, for all of their help over the past year. It's the contributions of members, volunteering of their time, ideas, energy and efforts, that make up the Twin City Camera Club. Ken also identified all of the Life Members in the club and their years of service which total over 1000 years and recognized Dick Lyon as the longest serving Life Member attending the banquet with membership of 56 years.

Ken then presented the Awards and Certificates for the overall top scores in the monthly competitions and for the winners in the annual competition. Thanks to all of the members that compete in the monthly competitions, you are all winners; we are able to enjoy the fruits of your labors in the prints displayed at the banquets, on the walls of the clubhouse, during the monthly competitions and in the annual slide shows.

Speaking of the Annual Show, everyone enjoyed a truly spectacular show prepared again by Dennis Hafer, as always he did an exceptional job in creating the show. A little assistance was provided by Dan Brant and Tom McCall.

New Member: TCCC welcomes a new member this month. Please welcome Eva Merrick of Bridgman.

Roster: Ted Post has revised our Membership Roster and it will be posted in the Member's Only section on the website soon.

Healing thoughts: go out to Gorson Drake who has undergone eye surgery and to Justine Drake who is working on recovering from a mild stroke. We'll be keeping Gorson and Justine in our thoughts and prayers and wish them a speedy and complete recovery.

SWMCCC 2010 Fall Competition: The competition was hosted by the Grand Rapids and River City Camera Clubs. Judging was held in Grand Rapids on October 30, 2010. Print and digital competition winners are posted on the <http://www.swmccc.org> website.

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.

November Stats: are posted on the TCCC website.

November Honor Images: Most of the November Honor Images have been added to a new Album in the Honors for 2010 - 2011 Season Galleries on the TCCC website.

November Honors:

Class A Monochrome Prints

Jim Lynch – Making Smoke
Jim Thompson – Stairway to Somewhere
Jim Thompson – 1223 Ready to Roll
Kristine Sims – Holding my Ground

Class B Color Prints

Scott Isbrecht – Sunflower

Class A Color Prints

Jim Lynch – Frozen Leaf
Jim Lynch – California Quail
Jim Lynch – Grosbeak
Kristine Sims – Country Road
Kristine Sims – Orange Glow
Jacqualyn Volker – Attitude, What Attitude
Dave Wheeler – Manistee River Trail

Class B Digital Slides

Rick Bauer – Dandelion
Rick Bauer – Go Ask Alice
Al Greer – Sarah

Class A Digital Slides

Len Anderson – A New Crop
Ron Bonczkowski – Postman Butterfly
Jim Lynch – Bird & Cones
Jim Lynch – Flower #2
Ken McKeown – Fuzzi Wuzzy
Helen Petlick – Water Lilies in the Pond
Lauren Strach – Poppy Pair After the Petals
Jim Thompson – Preying Mantis

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

Keith Behm, Photographer, Allegan Camera Club and Pete Matthews, Photographer, Fruitbelt Camera Club. 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 36 members submitting 220 entries, 150 in Select, 70 in Open, that received 140 Acceptances, 23 Honors and 57 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 74% and a rejection rate of 26%.

FOR SALE: Epson Stylus Photo 2200 printer. Included is a roll paper attachment, 14 unopened ink cartridges and a partially used box of 13 x 19 Epson Watercolor paper. All for \$250.00 Call Susan Johnson at 269-465-5597

Digital Workshop Class: Saturday, December 4th, 10 am. Until 2 pm. conducted by Dennis Hafer, Dan Brant and Tom McCall. Mark your calendar for the next all day Digital Workshop Class. This is the one we've been talking about since the spring. It's all about the Camera. In it we'll be dealing with digital camera operation and settings. Demonstrations to help you understand Histograms, Setting the White Balance, Custom White Balance, ISO speed, etc. These are the things that everyone needs to be reminded of and/or learn to get the best out of your camera. We plan to have a camera connected to a computer so that we can project onto the screen what the camera is doing so that everyone can experience it. You can bring your camera but make sure you also bring the camera manual. Since there are many different makes and models of cameras we might not be able to answer specific questions about a particular camera but we hope to be able to point you in the right direction to find the answers.

Helpful Astrophotography websites: From the handout provided by Art Robertson.

www.Heavens-above.com Satellite and Space Station predictions.

www.Cleardarksky.com Predictions of cloudy and clear skies customized for Berrien Springs (look under Clear Sky Charts for Michigan and Oronoko Observatory)

www.CalSky.com Information about astronomical objects and events.

www.Astronomy.com Astronomy Magazine.

www.SkyandTelescope.com Sky and Telescope Magazine.

Equipment:

www.OrionTelescopes.com Orion Telescopes and Binoculars.

Software:

www.virtualdub.org Free software to make a movie from a series of still exposures.

www.startrails.de/html/software.html. Free software to combine a series of time exposures to make star trails.

www.bisque.com/thesky/ Commercial program to make star charts.

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