



Twin City Camera Club

ViewFinder

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Twin City Camera Club 75th Anniversary Season.

We wish you the Merriest and Joyous Holiday Season!
Merry Christmas
Seasons Greetings
Happy Holidays
Happy New Year !

May your Holidays be decorated with LOVE and JOY !

Even as 2008 comes to a close, we still haven't reached the halfway point of our 75th Competition Season. So stay tuned, lots of good things still to come.

No December Program because of the holidays.

January 12, 2009 Competition Night Select Subjects are:

The color "Red:" The object that is the focus of attention in the image must be red.
Monochrome is "Door Hardware:" Door hardware, knobs, locks, etc.

Note: Since the monochrome print category needs something other than a color, "Door Hardware" is the Select Subject for Monochrome (Black & White) Prints.

Reminder: Digital entries must be submitted by January 5th.

January 26, 2009 Program Night: Ed Post will present "Michigan Wildflowers"

This program features photographs of Michigan wildflowers. The program explores different wildflower groups such as early spring ephemerals, roadside favorites, bog inhabitants and wild native orchids. The wildflower images are grouped by the habitat in which they occur and each wildflower is identified. The photographs are accompanied by soothing music to create a relaxing "wildflower concert."

John Opie steps down.

After 5 years as editor of the ViewFinder, John Opie says “Thanks for the opportunity.” We think it’s the other way around, that we are the ones to say Thank You John, you are a treasure and we appreciate your dedication to the club and all that you have done. John and his wife Barbara will be selling their home in New Buffalo and moving to eastern Ohio to be closer to part of their family. We wish you well and hope you will continue to be part of our family. Just keep emailing in your entries to the digital competition and we’ll make out the entry cards for you John. We enjoy your images. Again, many, many thanks John...

2008 – 2009 Membership Roster: is posted in the Members Only section on the TCCC website.

TCCC Honored by City of St. Joseph.

At Monday night’s meeting President Ken McKeown displayed the Street Sign that was presented to him by Mayor Judd and Commissioners at the December 1st St. Joseph City Commission meeting, when Twin City Camera Club was recognized for 75 years of service to the community.

Digital Workshop Class.

The date has been set for the Digital Workshop Class for Saturday January 17th. at 10 am. This will be a Hands On session with Tom McCall, Dan Brant and Dennis Hafer, so bring your laptop. It will consist of some demonstration, instruction and assistance with image enhancement techniques. Bring a project or process that you want to learn or work on. Images for competition that might need some help would be good but please bring the original image files too. It’s recommended that you create a January Workshop Folder to have everything in so that images can be found easily. The class will start at 10 am and go into the late afternoon. We’ll break for lunch and continue afterwards. With a hands-on class we hope to be able to work with each member on individual programs as they work on their own computers. We’ll try to have a couple of computers available to share time with members unable to bring a computer. We’ll be setting up around 9:30 am so come early so that we can all start at the same time. TCCC members only please. If you have questions please call Tom at 982-0034.

Things to mark on your calendar and make an early reservation.

Ted Post has provided information on two (2) upcoming Birds of Prey Photo Opportunities. With limited availability it is always advisable to check it out and sign up early. More information is on the TCCC website Announcement page.

January and February:

Howell Nature Center in Howell, MI Photography Workshops (Birds of Prey)

Dates: January 18 - February 15 Call today to sign up! 517-546-0249

Questions or concerns - 517-546-0977

<http://www.howellnaturecenter.org/>

February:

Outdoor Discovery Center BIRDS OF PREY PHOTO SHOOT

Saturday, February 7, 2009 Holland, MI.

Jamie Krupka odc@oaisd.org 616.393.WILD x12

www.outdoordiscoverycenter.org

December Stats: are posted on the TCCC website.

December Honor Images: will be posted in the Honor Galleries soon.

December Honors:

Class B Mono Prints

Rod Krieger - Turned to Stone

Class A Mono Prints

Michel M. Rose - Hang On

Jacquelyn Volker - Gone Baby Gone

Class B Color Prints

Kristine Sims - Driftwood View

Kristine Sims - Hot

Kristine Sims - Last Light

Kristine Sims - Divided

Class A Color Prints

Michel M. Rose - \$20 Each

Jacquelyn Volker - Purple Passion

Jacquelyn Volker - The Perfect Swan Dive

Jim Lynch - Mandairn Duck

Jim Lynch - Precarious Perch

Jim Lynch - La Martre Light

Jim Lynch - Reminiscing

Gorson Drake - Fernwood Bluebird

Gorson Drake - 1225

Class A Film Slides

Dave Wheeler - The Tetons

Dave Wheeler - Snake River

Class B Digital Slides

Susan Berry - Cheer Motion 2

Susan Berry - Round One

Susan Berry - Toss

Susan Berry - WWII Plane

Juanita Attard - Snow Catcher

Kristine Sims - Fogged Catwalk

Kristine Sims - Vegas Night

Carrie Halliburton - Night Time Fun

Rita Fronczak - Frogs 1

Class A Digital Slides

Jim Lynch - Hummer

Ted Post - Take That

Ron Bonczkowski - Faster than a Speeding Bullet

Bill Denton - MIS 2008

Jamie Keffer - Angel

Dennis Hafer - Jumping for Joy

Special Congratulations to Susan Berry for a perfect score of Twenty two (22) points for Four (4) Honors all in Class B Select Digital Slides. **Congratulations** to Kristine Sims for Four (4) Honors in Class B Color Prints. **Congratulations** to Jim Lynch for Four (4) Honors in Class A Color Prints

December Judges: Amy Witkowski, Photographer; Lee Browndorf, Photographer; Life Member Dennis Hafer for Prints and Life Member Dick Lyon for Slides and Digital.

Thanks for all of your efforts in preparing your entries and submitting them into competition. We had another good turnout with 38 members submitting 188 entries, 76 in Select, 112 in Open, that received 115 Acceptances, 33 Honors and 40 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 79% and a rejection rate of 21%.

Twin City Camera Club 2009 Officers and Board of Directors.



Seated left to right: Treasurer Ted Post, President Ken McKeown, Director Jamie Keffer, Second Vice President Gorson Drake. Standing left to right: Secretary Leonard Anderson, First Vice President Jim Lynch, Past President Ron Bonczkowski, Not pictured: Director Ralph Harju. Photo by Dennis Hafer November 2008.

John Penrod is honored for 50 years in business.

Twin City Camera Club Life Member John Penrod was honored this fall for 50 years in business. The Penrod/Hiawatha Company that John started in 1958, celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. Family, friends, past and present employees, surprised John with a party at Shemmy's Restaurant in Berrien Center. John's son, TCCC member Dan Penrod, said the party was a great success and that John, who thought he was joining some out of town friends for lunch, was really surprised. Among the gifts and tributes that John received were plaques and certificates from Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Congressman Fred Upton and U.S. Senator Carl Levin recognizing John and The Penrod/Hiawatha Company.



**John Penrod
Owner ~ President**

John has the longest continuous membership in the Twin City Camera Club. When he joined in 1952 he was working in construction as a plasterer. John's photographic skills served him well in the club competitions where he won Print of the Year in 1958, 1959, 1962, 1963, and 1965. John was the Print Point Champion in 1958 and 1961. John also was the President of TCCC in 1958. It seems a lot of good things were going on in John's life in 1958. John has always said his involvement with TCCC played a very important role in his development as a photographer and that helped him build a very successful business.

**To be continued soon on the TCCC websites Members in the News - SHADOWS AND HIGHLIGHTS page.*