



Twin City Camera Club

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

Whatever greeting you choose, offer it with love.
Whatever greeting you get, receive it with love.

May your Holidays be decorated with LOVE and JOY !

Competition: will continue on January 11th with the Select Subject of "Things at a Zoo" (Please review the Select Subjects definitions)

Digital Entries: must be in by Monday, January 4th (72 dpi, Not to Exceed 500 kb)

No program will be held in December due to the Holidays.

Digital Workshop Class: We have tentatively set a date for the next Digital Workshop Class on Saturday January 9th. 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. **Watch for a confirming notice on the website and via email.**

New Life Member: The TCCC Board of Directors announced the approval of Life Membership for Charles “Bud” Friesen, jr. Bud joined TCCC in January of 1976 and through some kind of mix up in 1985 his membership was interrupted and although he never actually left the club, his starting date was reset to 1986. Traditionally Life Membership is awarded for 25 years of continuous membership although the Board may confer a life membership at any time. We congratulate Bud and honor him for his 33 years of membership.

Healing thoughts: go out to Howard Nahikian who recently underwent surgery. We’ll be keeping Howard in our thoughts and prayers and wish for a speedy recovery.

Report on the November Program Night: We had a cancellation of our scheduled program and instead conducted an impromptu critique of available images and then reviewed some of the images taken by TCCC Members for the Special Needs Prom held in October.

December Stats: are posted on the TCCC website.

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

December Honors:

Class A Mono Prints

Bud Friesen - Comming Around the Bend
Jim Thompson - Rusty Hinge
Jim Thompson - Ice Patterns
Jacqualyn Volker - At Rivers Edge II

Class B Color Prints

Helen Petlick - Circles Pattern
Helen Petlick - Flights Pattern

Class A Color Prints

Curtis Drake - Three in a Row
Gorson Drake - The Balcony
Bud Friesen - Abandoned
Jim Lynch - Fall Woods
Jim Thompson - 5 of a Kind
Jacqualyn Volker - Old & Alone

Class B Digital Slides

Pat Crean - Inside Intel This was Pat's first Competition and first Honor.
Don Damron - Krasl at Night
Don Damron - Train Station Arches
Lauren Strach - Center of the Sun
Lauren Strach - Reflections in Glass

Class A Digital Slides

Ron Bonczkowski - Portland Head Light
Mark Parren - Brown Eye Susan
Kristine Sims - I've Got you Covered

Judges: Art Robertson, Berrien Springs Camera Club and TCCC Members Fred Wolf and Dennis Mally.

Special Note: All of the judges reported problems with the scoring devices. This will be investigated and the necessary corrective actions or repairs taken. We thank them for bringing this to our attention.

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 33 members submitting 235 entries, 148 in Select, 87 in Open, that received 140 Acceptances, 20 Honors and 75 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 69% and a rejection rate of 31%.

Member Activities: Ralph Harju reports that he has a black and white photograph accepted in the Elkhart Juried Regional Competition. The title is "Mackinac In Moonlight". Offering over \$29,000.00 in awards, 474 entries were received. 163 were selected as acceptances in a competition where all entries compete against each other. The show runs until January 3rd. Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 Main St, Elkhart, IN. www.midwestmuseum.us

Kalamazoo Institute of Arts 2010 West Michigan Area Show Call for Entries: Entry deadline February 15 (postmarked by February 10) Each artist may submit up to three works in any medium. Visit the KIA website at www.kiarts.org Fee required

Tips and Techniques: Ken McKeown shares a tip he recently learned about keeping a ball head clean and functioning properly. Spray a soft cloth with a small amount of WD-40 and wipe the ball every two weeks or so. That's all there is to it. Do you have a Tip or Technique you would like to share? Send it to your editor for consideration to have it included in the ViewFinder and/or on the website. Thanks

The Price Is Right: Ken McKeown says reduce the price on the Canon EOS 5D that he has for sale. So the asking price of \$ 1000. is now REDUCED to \$900. Just in time for Christmas, now this is a very real present. Small, lightweight full-frame digital SLR with a 12.8 Megapixel CMOS Sensor and superb image quality. Contact Ken at 429-0608 or kennethmckeown@sbcglobal.net. See the Classifieds page on the website for more information and photo.

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.

Closing Thoughts: Our competition year is from September through June, however all other functions of the club are on a calendar year of January through December. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to all of the hardworking members that contributed their time and talents in keeping Twin City Camera Club one of the finest camera clubs in the state in 2009. Some of these members we see often but there are lots more behind the scenes, check out the club's By Laws and Organization Chart to learn about some of the responsibilities these volunteers have undertaken. Plus the many others that don't show up on a list or chart, they just help out when ever there is a need. To all, we offer our heartfelt thanks. You are the best...

Remember: By entering the monthly competitions and attending the programs, YOU are supporting TCCC and we thank you too. If you would like to get more involved, talk to a chairperson or a Board Member.

Twin City Camera Club 2010 Officers and Board of Directors.



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

**Wishing you and yours all the best,
Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday.**

Keep those shutters clicking...