



Twin City Camera Club

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Remember: Annual business meeting is Monday, Feb 27th, members only that night.

Reminder from our Dennis Mally: Spring SWMCCC set for April 22 in Grand Rapids. Also events on April 30 and July 27-30. Details on next page—

Select Subjects for Competition Meetings (second Monday of each month):

March	Animals in Captivity
April	Steeple
May	Fog or Mist (natural, not man-made)
June	Nature (our classic)

Digital Slide Reminder:

The e-mail address for digital slide submissions: digital@twincitycameraclub.com. Please remember that the image size should be 1024 pixels horizontal and 768 pixels vertical. Save in jpeg format, medium quality. Save the image with the maker's name and image title as its name (Maker's Name-Image Title.jpg), please remember to capitalize first letters and use a dash between name and title. In the body of the e-mail, be certain to include class, select or open and titles of all images. Deadline remains the first Monday of each month, one week before competition night.

New Members:

Elaine Harju, 1114 Market, St Joseph. Elaine is an artist with a studio at the Box Factory. Wife of member Ralph and just recently purchased a digital camera. Phone 983-1777.

Dan Kunst, 601 Port Apt 508, St Joseph. Interested in photography for 35 years. Member of Azalia Society & Rhododendron society. Phone 985-0544.

TCCC has own digital workshop on Saturday, March 25.

Digital workshop will be offered by the TCCC on Mar 25th at the camera club. Program will start at 10:00 a.m. to noon, break for lunch for an hour and continue from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. You will not have to take notes, a CD will be given to all that attend with instructions to complete the programs discussed at the workshop. Subject covered: How to make a vignette on a photo, How to make a better picture, How to convert a color to b&w, and How to hand color a B&W photo. Cost is \$35.00 to non members of the camera club and \$20.00 for members. Need to sign up prior to the workshop and sign up that day if room is available. Sign up sheet will soon be available. Workshop will be given by Victor Coar.

Keep open Saturday March 4th for the Community Awareness show at the Orchard Mall.

Last year TCCC had a booth to display prints and ran a slide show. TCCC is planning to again have a booth, and we need workers for the booth on a two hour shift. Time is 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sign up sheet will be available at the next meeting.

Workshops and Websites: Photographers John Dykstra and Ed Post are offering workshops. Holland MI; "Seminar on Outdoor and Nature Photography," Saturday, March 4, Holland MI; "Workshop on Outdoor and Nature Photography," April 25-28, Turkey Run State Park IN. For more information, see websites:

www.johndykstraphotography.com or www.edpostphotography.com

Take Another Look! From Tom McCall: TCCC Website Gallery now ready.

The new 2005 - 2006 Honor Photograph gallery is up and linked from the club website.

<http://www.twincitycameraclub.com/> This is a new main gallery with sub-galleries for each month. We've increased the size of the photos and the new gallery has several features that make viewing the images easier including a slide show function that may involve downloading a small java applet if your computer needs it. If an error happens about the maker or titles of any photos, please email Tom the correct information and he will make the corrections asap:

SWMCCC Activities: From Dennis Mally, the very active president of SWMCCC: This brief update is to ask you to reserve three dates on your SWMCCC calendar for 2006: April 22, April 30 and July 27-30, 2006. Please pass this information on to your members; A posting in your Club's newsletter and/or website would be most appreciated.

Spring Conference – April 22 – Grand Rapids

A one-day competition and banquet will be hosted by the River City Camera Club. New competition procedures will be employed that should streamline and improve the process. The most important change to take note of for now is that **entries are to be submitted the morning of the event, between 9 and 10am.** All members are encouraged to attend. If you have not attended a competition before, I'm sure you'll find it interesting and enjoyable. It's a great opportunity to see a wide variety of photos from other member clubs. If you can't make it to the event be sure to pass your entries on to someone who will be attending so they can be included in the competition.

Board Meeting — April 30 — Kalamazoo

A meeting of the SWMCCC Board of Directors will be held at Western Michigan University beginning at 1:00 pm. Board meetings are open to all SWMCCC members and you are encouraged to attend to hear first-hand what is planned for the future and to express your opinions. Among other things, at this meeting we will debrief and discuss the Spring Conference held the previous week; especially the new competition procedures that will have been employed there on a trial basis. We will also be voting on a number of issues, so it is important that voting members attend to cast their votes.

Summer Weekend of Photography — July 27, 28, 29, 30 — Hope College, Holland, MI

Once again a great four days of "summer school" are being planned this year, with many popular carryover events as well as new venues and opportunities to learn, practice and improve your photography. The Weekend is organized with a great deal of flexibility to accommodate the needs of everyone. You can come for one day or stay for all four days in accommodations that are provided on campus. If you've not attended one of these weekends before I'm sure you'll be impressed with both the offerings and the setting.

Besides SWMCCC's *Counsellor* newsletter, check out <http://www.swmccc.org/> as this website has been recreated and contains up-to-date news on SWMCCC happenings including the spring competition and the Summer Weekend of Photography and Digital Imaging. The website is up and more information is being added weekly so check it often.

Honors Winners: February Competition

Len Anderson - Up and Away
Don Vander Molen - Monarch
Bruce Newnum - Maple Leaves on Rocks
Bruce Newnum - Male Humming Bird
Tom McCall - Golden Clouds
Tom McCall - Evening Sail
Jim Lynch - Waiting for a Train
Jim Lynch - Bull Thistle
Jim Lynch - Great Sand Dunes
Jim Lynch - Flying High
Jim Lynch - Guadalupe Mts.
Curtis Drake - Radisson
Curtis Drake - Holland Lighthouse