



Twin City Camera Club

ViewFinder

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Dennis Mally vividly described India at our April program night; see inside



June 9 Select Subject: Nature. Be careful to follow these rules:

The images must be naturally present in Nature. There can be no additions/deletions/distortions to the original image AFTER it is taken (sharpening, etc is permitted). Must not contain any presence of the “hand of man.” In other words everything must be there naturally, without human intervention. It is your responsibility NOT to enter images where the “hand of man” has been removed after the image was taken, except for cropping. The image must not include wires, posts, lawns, construction, etc. Unacceptable (examples): Cultivated or domestic plants, pets, farm animals, mounted specimens, leaves, sticks that are placed like props.

Note: No Program Night in May because of the holiday.

TCCC Board Meets on June 5: Seeks Member Input

If you have a subject that you would like the board to consider send to call to Ken McKeown before the next board meeting on June 5th. A short description of the subject would also be helpful.

Contact: kennethmckeown@sbcglobal.net or 429-0608.

Also remember that this is the time to help the Board decide on Select Subjects for 2008-2009. Submit your ideas to a board member via e-mail, a note, telephone call or even a whisper in an ear to be considered. All submissions appreciated...

Photo trip up north with Don Vander Molen, May 30th, 31st and June 1.

This is a TCCC-sponsored field trip to northern lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. Club will meet as a group and go out for dinner on Friday evening. Saturday will be an all-day photo shoot with our guide and Sun leave for home.

SWMCCC Summer School at Hope College in Holland, July 24-27.

This SWMCCC classic program will be held on July 24th (Thursday evening through Sunday morning June 27. **Adam Jones**, a Canon Explorer Of Light photographer, will be the main speaker for the SWMCCC Summer Weekend of Photography & Digital Imaging school in July 2008. For over 20 years Adam Jones has continually honed his craft and today this highly successful photographer's images grace prestigious national and international publications. TCCC member Elaine Harju will be conducting a Still Life workshop. Other speakers, cost, etc., will be announced soon. This is Western Michigan's premier educational opportunity for photographers from beginner to advanced featuring classroom instruction, photography field trips and photography shoots indoors and out. Fee required. Check the website: <http://www.swmccc.org/SummerWeekend2008.htm> Brochures with information about registration, fees, and schedules available at the TCCC clubhouse.

Photo Opportunity: Saint Joseph Memorial Day Parade, Friday, May 23

Downtown St. Joseph's annual Memorial Day Parade will take place Friday, May 23rd beginning at Noon. Parade will begin at Lake Boulevard and Park Street, commence north on Lake Boulevard ending at the John E. N. Howard Band Shell for a Ceremony.

Educational & Photo Opportunity: WWII Reenactment June 20-22, 2008 The veterans' organization Lest We Forget is hosting this educational event for the whole family to learn about WWII history, veterans, and the equipment utilized. For more information: <http://www.in-am.org/ww2/> To see a PDF presentation of this event: <http://www.in-am.org/ww2/presentation.pdf>

Honors for MAY

B Mono Prints

Jacquelyn Volker - The Electrified Gardenia

B Color Prints

Michel M Rose - Lizard on a Leaf

A Color Prints

Curtis Drake - Sun Set

Jim Lynch - Sunset Mission

Jim Lynch - American Christmas

Jim Lynch - Peaceful

Bud Friesen - Solitude

Bud Friesen - Prayerful Attitude

B Digital Slides

Ted Post - Purple Dahlia

Ted Post - Long Eared Owl

Ted Post - Flowing Stream

A Digital Slides

Sharon Bogner - Grasshopper on Mum

April 28 Program Night: “Indescribable India” with Dennis Mally

Reported by John Opie; photos by Dennis Mally



Dennis traveled in May 2006 with 22 Andrews University photo students and faculty (the university has an excellent photo program worth exploring).

Dennis restricted himself to one bag of camera equipment: a Nikon D200 with one zoom lens, memory cards and chargers, a 30 gig Epson P2000 storage device with a screen, and DVD burners. He also carried a tripod that he never used: “too much hassle.” Otherwise Dennis carried one duffle bag for his clothes, etc. Pretty compact overall!

Dennis shot 2500 photos totaling 26 gigabytes. He also brought a pocket Nikon point-and-shoot for convenience and found that he took half his photos with it. The quality was still satisfying; about one in five of his program night photos came from this little Nikon.

Dennis said that he focused on photographing the human condition, documenting lifestyles and the environment. Dennis, faculty, and the students covered a lot of territory in a short time. “You can’t describe India.” Dennis found the people warm and friendly; they even encouraged photographs!

Dennis helped the audience by showing a map of India where their destinations were marked. India fits 1.2 billion people in a country one-third the size of the United States. Population density is 12 times that of the US, also with vast stretches of open space. It is a country of “big cities and many villages.” It is a “complex thriving democracy.” There are 18 official languages, but Hindi and English dominate as the legal entities.

The group traveled largely in northwest India: Delhi, the foothills of the Himalayas, the desert that extended west to the border with Pakistan, and the Taj Mahal in Agra (“unbelievable” when physically seen; your editor agrees that photos cannot do it justice). They traveled by train (two overnight rides “with mice”), bus (one overnight), and even a camel ride. They also experienced a jungle with Bengal tigers!

Overall, Dennis said India’s complexity and diversity put him into sensory overload. It is a “photographer’s paradise.” He can’t wait to go again. How about a TCCC expedition?



From Dennis Mally’s trip to India, described in the April Program Night. No, Dennis is not in this picture!

Hey members, how about more great photos for the ViewFinder

Member Activities: *(Hey TCCC members: don’t be shy about telling us about your achievements. Send information to Opie (joscibbler@comcast.net) or Ken or Tom.)*

Ralph Harju entered four photos in the Juried Heartland Camera Club Regional Photography Exhibit. All Four were accepted and Ralph was awarded second place in color. The exhibit is at the Heartland Artist Gallery, 203 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, Indiana.

Tom McCall says no digital workshop this month. Hope to have one in June.