



Twin City Camera Club

ViewFinder

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TCCC Banquet Date Change: November 15, due to conflict at the Elks Club. details to follow

Special Reminder: If you haven't yet, Please Pay your dues.

Check with Ted Post if you aren't sure... Good things coming that you don't want to miss...

Important SWMCCC updated information below on page 2

Note: If you are receiving the ViewFinder via regular mail, please consider shifting to the website/e-mail version. Only 16 of almost 80 members still use the USPS. Let Tom McCall or your editor know so that we can make the change.

September 22 Program Night at 7:30 pm. "Faces of China"

Nearly 40 members and guests enjoyed the images and comments about the people and places of China.

October 13 Select Subject: Patterns.

A repetitive design or arrangement of objects that can be natural or accidental in origin.

Example: Markings on butterfly wings, brick walkway, etc.

Note: Be certain to review rules and procedures for competitions on the TCCC website:
<http://www.twincitycameraclub.com/Competition2.htm>. Remember to e-mail digital images to digital@twincitycameraclub.com, no later than the Monday one week before the competition.

NOTE: The officers and directors for TCCC have agreed to serve again for 2008-09. If anyone wishes to run for any of the offices, let Ken McKeown know.

Welcome to new members Rita Fronczak and Jeff Binder of St. Joseph and John Knecht of Benton Harbor. These were guests at the September meeting and the TCCC Board has responded with a timely approval of their membership applications.

Grand Opening 75th Anniversary 2008-2009 Competition began Monday Sept. 8.

Tom McCall reported on our website:

Welcome to the 2008-2009 TCCC Season, our 75th Anniversary. It was a full clubhouse as President Ken Mckeown welcomed over 50 members and guests to the first meeting of our 75th season. Three of the guests submitted applications for membership and one other will be soon. Treasurer Ted Post said several members paid their annual dues at the meeting and he was hoping the dozen or so that still haven't paid would do so soon. We will be updating the membership roster and everyone needs to check their information in the Members Only area to make sure it is correct.

Perhaps the competition results weren't what most of the members were hoping for to start off a new season. Sometimes it's difficult to keep in mind that judging of photography is very subjective, especially when it's your images that are receiving low scores. Well, apparently we didn't provide what the judges wanted to see. Try to remember that it's the individual judgment and perspective of each judge going into the votes and even they don't always see it the same way. Thanks for your effort in preparing your entries and submitting them into competition. We had a good turnout with 38 members submitting 204 entries, 174 in Select, 30 in Open, receiving 52 Acceptances, 4 Honors and 148 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 27% and a rejection rate of 73%. All images that were rejected in the monthly competitions can be re-entered in a future competition.

FYI. From the JULY 2006 ViewFinder about the 2006 Annual Competition: As a side note, a little bit of trivia. Seven (7) out of twelve (12) of the images that made the top three and nine (9) out of twenty (20) of the honorable mentions, were not honors during the monthly competitions. So always remember judging is very subjective; what doesn't look so good to some judges, could be outstanding to others, so keep up the good work and enter those images.

Total Competition Results for the 2007 - 2008 Season:

39 members entered a total of 1675 images.

In Select 1049= 63%

In Open 626= 37%

Acceptance 978= 58%

Honors 140= 8%

Rejects 557= 33%

September Competition Honors:

Class A Color Prints

Richard Lyon - Pollinator

Class A Slides

Ralph Harju - Studios

Class B Digital Slides

Julie Coskie - Orange Daisy

Julie Coskie - Tipped Tulip

Judges:

Ray Damaske, Ruth Steinhagen and Josef Kissinger <http://www.josefkissinger.com/> Take a look, it might give you some insight into his perspective.

Very Special Thanks to Dan Penrod

The monthly Competition Statistics: Using the entry cards, I score them and enter all of the scores into an MS Excel program. The Excel file, which is only partially done at this stage, had been emailed to Sharon Bogner, who would finish the compilation of the Excel file and then convert it to a word document file and send it back to me. The Word Document is then converted to an Adobe PDF file and posted on the website. The Word Document file along with the Honor image information is provided to John Opie for inclusion in the ViewFinder. Since I don't know how to finish the compilation and conversion, I found myself in a quandary when Sharon, who's still in Tennessee, told me she wasn't planning on renewing her membership. I definitely appreciated all of Sharon's help and wish her well in her future endeavors. I then turned to Dan Penrod and asked if he could help me out this month by finishing the Stats and maybe teach me how to do all of it later. So Dan, who is really good people and very busy at work, said he would take it home with him and learn how to do it all over again and try to help me learn how to do it also. I think it is just the greatest thing to be able to turn to one of our wonderful TCC members in a time of need and they come through for the club. Thanks for all the help Dan, you're a special friend.

SWMCCC 2008 Fall Competition News: Good news for both digital and print makers...

The SWMCCC fall Competition will be held on November 15, 2008 in Grand Rapids at West Side Christian School.

This will be a digital competition, Note: this time we will be adding prints.

Categories will be as usual, Portrait, Open, Nature, and Select Subject "Fall Color" Limit is 4 per category and the charge is \$1 per image.

Closing Date: November 2, 2008 all digital entries must be submitted by this date

DIGITAL entries and payment must be emailed to Randy Wegenor wegphoto@charter.net - deadline for entries is Sunday November 2nd.

PRINTS can be brought the morning of the competition either by you or a club representative, or, I will accept them at my home prior to the competition and will see that they get entered. Please to be sure to include payment (checks made out to SWMCCC) at that time. You or a club representative will need to make arrangements to pick up the prints after the competition. Contact Jeanne Quillan photobug49@comcast.net (616) 531-8253.

Check out SWMCCC's website at www.swmccc.org more information coming soon. You do not need to be a member of SWMCCC to enter this competition. Participants belonging to more than one camera club are allowed to enter through multiple clubs. For all the requirements and awards, use the links on the TCCC Announcement page to review and print the Competition Information and the Category Descriptions.

President Ken Mckeown presented the awards from the SWMCCC 2008 Summer Digital

Competition. Tom McCall received a 1st Place Plaque and 4 Acceptances. Jacquelyn Volker, a 2nd Place and 3 Honors. Jim Lynch, 3 Honors and 4 Acceptances. Don VanderMolen, 1 Honor and 3 Acceptances. Sherry Saenz, 1 Honor and 1 Acceptance. Congratulations to Jacquelyn Volker and Sherry Saenz for capturing awards in their first SWMCCC competition. Individual results are below.

TCCC Member results of the SWMCCC 2008 Summer Digital Competition

Open Category

Tom McCall - Hiding In Plain Sight	1st Place Plaque
Jacquelyn Volker - A Light Freeze	2nd Place
Jim Lynch - American Christmas	Honor
Jacquelyn Volker - And to think its not even high tide	Honor
Sherry Saenz - End of the Pier	Honor
Jacquelyn Volker - Slight Chance of a Breeze	Honor
Tom McCall - A Cold Winter's Eve	Acceptance
Don VanderMolen - Double Arch	Acceptance
Tom McCall - Framing The Falls	Acceptance
Don VanderMolen - Jugs	Acceptance
Jim Lynch - South Haven Light	Acceptance

Night Scene Category

Tom McCall - The Batman Building	Acceptance
Tom McCall - Winter Night Lights	Acceptance
Jim Lynch - Night Train	Acceptance

Nature Category

Jim Lynch - Bluebird	Honor
Jim Lynch - Goldfinch	Honor
Jacquelyn Volker - The Electrified Gardenia	Honor
Don VanderMolen - Yellow Slipper	Honor
Don VanderMolen - Fairy Wings	Acceptance
Jim Lynch - Frozen in Time	Acceptance
Jim Lynch - Texas Wildflowers	Acceptance
Sherry Saenz - Orchids	Acceptance

NEEDED SUMMER MEMBER PHOTOS...

Lets have some fun... The Theme, What they did this summer... Needed, photos of TCCC members taken during the summer, primarily while out taking photos, this is for inclusion in the website's What We Do Photo pages. Photo file sizes: Can be right out of the camera, doesn't have to be cropped, I prefer to see what I can use and then do whatever adjustment is needed. Submit them to the Webmaster and please include the following information with each photo:

Who: Who is in the photo and who is the photographer (that's you).

What: A few words explaining what is going on.

Where: Where the photo was taken.

When: When was the photo taken.

Photos should have been taken between May 08 and now.

If you have any questions call Tom McCall at 982-0034. Thank You

NEEDED PHOTOS...

15 to 25 images of what you would like people to see of your best work to be featured on a new page in the Members Galleries to be added to the website. These images don't have to be ones used in competition and can be full frame also. They should represent what you want people to see of your photography. Contact Tom for more information.

HATS, if you were one of the lucky ones to get one or more of the really neat TCCC Ball Caps, you need to pay Ted Post. \$10 for the first one and \$13 for each additional. If you didn't get one and would like a TCCC Ball Cap, please let Ken know so he can order more.

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 if you have questions.