



Out of Focus

Newsletter of the Focus Photo Club

A Special Interest Club for Amateur and Professional Photographers

Meeting at Cox Arboretum in Dayton on the 1st Thursday each month

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4 - September Meeting - International Competition - John Murphy

September 19 - Train Museum Shoot - John Murphy

October 1 - October Meeting - John Heckler from JTH Photography on Portrait Post-Processing

October 18 - Zoo Shoot - Indianapolis Zoo

November 5 - November Meeting

December 3 - December Meeting

TONIGHT

Tonight's program will be on the International Competition with the club in Kettering, England. Our members have submitted photos to John Murphy and John will show them tonight and we will all judge them to cut it down to 25 photos. They will do the same in England with their photos, then they will be exchanged and independent judges in both places will judge all 50 photos.

Tonight's Tutorial

Billy Crafton will do tonight's tutorial. The session will be at 6:30 and will be on Adobe Lightroom Workflow.

Train Museum Outing

Mark Saturday, September 19 on your calendars and join us at the Railway Museum of Greater Cincinnati, located in Covington, Kentucky. The old railroad yard contains a large collection of passenger and freight cars, as well as a few diesel locomotives. The Museum is located in a former Louisville & Nashville Railroad Yard. We've shot here a couple of times before, and there are all kinds of photo ops here. We even got to ride on a car once when they were moving it from one place to another. We scheduled it for fall this year, because it was very hot both times we had a summer outing there. Meet at the Frisch's on 741 by the Dayton Mall at 10:00 for a late breakfast or early lunch. We'll leave there at 11 to carpool to the Railway Museum, which opens at noon.

The curator of the museum wants to have a picnic for us after they close at 4:00. We'll pay \$5 apiece and bring any desserts we want. They'll cook and provide burgers, meats, salad, chips and tubs of ice with water and soft drinks. They don't need to know the numbers ahead of time. He says they'll count heads when we get there, then "run around the corner and do some Krogering." Sounds like fun.

President's Corner

Welcome to another article from the President's Corner. With this month's meeting, we're already ¼ through the club year (July 2009 through June 2010) and it has FLOWN!

As we get ready to enjoy Labor Day Weekend, I would ask everyone to keep in mind the upcoming elections on November 3rd and the Five Rivers MetroParks \$1.8 million replacement levy. These funds provide 80% of the MetroParks budget and help support events such as our monthly club meeting at Cox Arboretum. With over 15,000 acres and 25 facilities, the MetroParks system is amazing and truly differentiates the Dayton area from many other communities.

I love the Butterfly and Garlic Festivals at Cox Arboretum, the Bike and Hike for the Health of It programs and the numerous educational activities for adults and children. Where else can you learn to kayak, learn garden photography and observe wildlife and nature in family-friendly, safe settings? For the photographers, compete in the Aullwood Garden Photography Contest or take photos of the various parks and submit them online or drop them off for review and possible usage in a MetroParks publication.

If you have the opportunity and want to support the Five Rivers MetroParks, there are many opportunities such as neighborhood walks or simple word of mouth.

I hope everyone enjoys the program tonight and until next month, get out there and shoot!

Billy Crafton

Darke County Fair Results

Denice Martz

1st place in at least one Professional Category

Pat McCarthy

1st place in Professional Color Photojournalism

1st place in Professional Black & White Domestic Animal

Indianapolis Zoo Shoot

Plan to join us for a zoo shoot at the Indianapolis Zoo on Sunday, October 18. Again, a fall date was chosen to avoid the hot weather. The animals are more active and everyone's more comfortable when the weather is cooler. There will be more information on this later.

Photo Op

The WACO Homecoming is Sept. 18-19 at Troy's WACO Field at 1865 South County Rd. 25A. WACOs and other vintage airplanes will fly in from all parts of the U.S. Pilots will give rides in the open cockpit planes. Admission to a museum located in the hangar is also included in your \$6 admission. Children 7-17 \$3. Under 7 free. Parking will be free. There will be activities for young people of all ages at the Aviation Learning Center's tent. There will be food and beverage vendors.

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GUIDELINES

Competition is open to all paid-up members of Focus Photo Club (dues must be current one week prior to competition.) Entry deadline is 7:10 p.m. on meeting night. Each member may submit 3 entries, no more than 2 in any one category. Competition rules can be found in the Constitution, Article X.

MONTHLY THEMES	
September	Doors
October	Short Depth of Field
November	Night
December	Hot
January	Texture
February	Fairs & Festivals
March	Trees
April	Cox Arboretum
May	Close Up

Newsletter Info

Whenever you have information for the newsletter, please e-mail it to me at patmcbirder@woh.rr.com or give it to me in writing at the meeting. Such items could include awards you have won, exhibits you're participating in or photos you've had published. You can also let me know about photographic events in the area or photo contests that the members might be interested in.

Thanks!

MACRO SHOT

Shari Harms

As a little girl, Shari was always interested in looking at pictures that her grandpa had taken. She says he was the shutterbug of the family, so she's pretty sure she caught the bug from him. She says, "As a young girl while I was at the Darke Co. Fair showing my dairy cattle, I would go to the Fine Arts Building and look at the photos on exhibit. (I'm sure they wondered how many times I would come in!)" She never thought that some day she would be good enough to exhibit there.

When she met her husband, her interest grew, since he had a Nikon EM and let her use it. She said, "It just about drove me crazy trying to figure it out as he only knew a little about how it worked and the metering system was a little off." She was successful enough with it that she bought a Nikon 4004. Last year she bought a Nikon D80 and uses it with an 18-135 lens.

Shari enjoys shooting family, farming, their dairy cows and the Smoky Mountains. Twice she has had Best of Show at the Montgomery County Fair.

She heard about the club from the owner of Cerel Color Lab back in the mid 90s. Her time is very limited, but she really enjoyed the outings and hopes to make it to some more of them soon.

Her husband is in a farming partnership with his father. They have a herd of Holstein dairy cattle, dairy steers that are raised for meat, and they grow field corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa hay. That pretty much keeps her tied down.

Shari says, "I am really grateful for my husband's patience as he waits for me to get that perfect shot. He also acts as my assistant sometimes. My mom is a great encourager, also. And my grandma's famous words to me were 'Don't let anybody tell you that you are not a good photographer!' I miss that since she passed away. My niece, Deanna, is interested, so I have been passing along what I know about photography to her."

One place she would love to photograph is Germany, and since her husband has cousins there, she may get the chance to do that some day.

She and her husband are crazy about hiking in the Smoky Mountains - day hikes and backcountry camping.

Shari says, "I am VERY thankful for everyone who has helped me along the way, especially lately since I have gone digital. I felt like I started from scratch as I also didn't know much about computers, either. Thank you, thank you!"

August Top Ten

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| 1. Terry Watson | 14 |
| 2. James Clapp | 13 |
| 3. John Murphy | 12 |
| Art Fabian | 12 |
| 5. Laura James | 11 |
| Kathy Moore | 11 |
| Mike Abel | 11 |
| 8. Joe Kavalauskas | 10 |
| 9. Joann Jozwiak | 9 |
| Donna Redes | 9 |

New Members

Focus Photo Club would like to welcome the following members

Michael McCullough

Samuel Lauber

Janette Dywasuk

Competition Tips

Be sure your label is filled out and is in the bottom left-hand side of the photo.

Also double-check to make sure you are entering your photo in the correct category and that it's the right size for that category.

Small print includes 5x7 and smaller.

Other categories may include photos up to 13 x 19. Images in extended may be up to 22x28.

Remember you can enter three pictures total, with only two in a category.

AUGUST COMPETITION THEME - LEGS

SMALL PRINT OPEN

1. Takin & Baby - Kathy Moore
2. Hang On - James Clapp
3. Bud - Tonja James
3. Moth - Nancy Christolear
- HM - Butterfly - Nancy Christolear

SMALL PRINT THEME

1. Leg Ears - James Clapp
2. Leg Trick - James Clapp
2. We Got Legs - Sheri Tingley
- HM - Crazy Legs - Donna Henrickson
- HM - Chubby Baby Legs - Pat McCarthy

COLOR OPEN

1. Badger Family - Dan Swart
1. Trail Marker at Tremont - Terry Watson
1. Big Bang - Art Fabian
- HM - Black Rhino - Tom Temple
- HM - Behind Me - Tonja James
- HM - People Watching - Shawn Volke
- HM - Cold Finch - Teresa Jack
- HM - Daisy - Joe Kavalauskas
- HM - Sundew - Dave Berry
- HM - F-18 Sub Super Sonic - Ryan Traxler
- HM - Sheer Delight - Nancy Roach

COLOR THEME

1. Skin & Bones - Terry Watson
2. Good Jump - Dave Lundy
2. Point Four - Pat Buell
2. Kermit - John Murphy
2. One Step at a Time - Mike Abel

BLACK & WHITE OPEN

1. Lotus Flower - Laura James
2. Hector Falls - Teresa Jack
3. Ash Korin - Armando Rosales
3. Eldean Bridge - Joe Kavalauskas
3. Glass Jars - Nancy Roach

BLACK & WHITE THEME

1. Stepping Out - Mike Abel
2. Horse Legs - Pat McCarthy
2. Little Toes - Emily Colon

EXTENDED OPEN

1. Lilies - Joe Kavalauskas
2. Not So Bright Idea - Terry Watson
3. Lovin' that Bee Balm - Kathy Moore
- HM - Summer Sky - Glen Buell
- HM - Sylvan Stream - Art Fabian

EXTENDED THEME

1. Band Camp - Glen Buell
1. Mail Car - John Murphy
3. Cowboy Color - Kathy Moore
3. Glow - John Murphy
- HM - Hanging by 6 Legs - Mike Abel

DIGITAL OPEN

1. Water Lily w/Reflection - Laura James
2. Middletown Glow - Billy Crafton
2. California Cliffs - Donna Redes
2. Red Vase - Lynn Milenkevich
- HM - The Colors of Toronto - Holly Smith
- HM - Look Me in the Eye - Joann Jozwiak
- HM - Lotus Blossom - Joann Jozwiak
- HM - Trillium Droplet - Linda Daegele
- HM - Water Lily #2 - Terry Cavanaugh

DIGITAL THEME

1. Melanie - Art Fabian
1. Legs - Donna Redes
1. I'm My Own Chorus Line - Holly Smith
1. Daddy Long-Legs - Joann Jozwiak
- HM - Sticky Legs - David Steele
- HM - Muddy Legs - Lynn Milenkevich

CORRECTION - The last newsletter had a mistake in the Competition for July. In Color Theme, the second place, "First Light," and the HM, "Impact, Composition, Technique" were Pat Buell's photos. They were mistakenly credited to Pat Lundy.