



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

January 7 - January Meeting - Slides - "The Last Hurrah," featuring members' slides

February 4 - February Meeting "Manual Exposure - Understanding Shutter Speed, Aperature and ISO" - Terry Watson

March 4 - March Meeting

April 1 - April Meeting - No Fooling!

May 6 - May Meeting - Elections, People's Choice

TONIGHT

Tonight's program is called "Slides - The Last Hurrah!" It will consist of a slide show of images taken by club members when they were shooting slides. It should be a nice "memorial" to a genre of photography which isn't being used much any more. Focus Photo Club has some awesome slide shooters, so here's hoping they all bring slides to show. The limit is fifteen images per photographer.

Tonight's Tutorial

This month's pre-meeting program is on Creating HDR Images using Photomatix and Dynamic HDR. Join Laura James as she shows us how to extend the dynamic range of digital photography using HDR. Laura will show how to create images using Photomatix and Dynamic HDR.

RAPTOR SHOOT

You've seen some of the awesome shots of hawks and owls that have been entered in competition this year. Many were taken last year in Michigan at Howell Nature Center. They are having two raptor shoots there this winter. The first is January 17 and the second is February 28. Some of the Focus Members are planning to attend the one in February. Cost is \$60 for a four-hour shoot which begins at noon and includes a hot lunch. An optional slide show will be aired at 11:00 and costs \$10.

If you go to <http://www.howellnaturecenter.org/animals/wildlifepotos.htm> you can get full information and can sign up. You need to be registered ahead of time. We'll probably need to use the Forum to decide on carpooling and whether to spend a night there. If you're not online, call me and I'll fill you in on what's going on. 937-548-2025 or cell at 937-417-4124.

President's Corner

Happy New Year and Welcome to the January 2010 issue of the President's Corner.

The Holidays are over and I hope everyone had a fantastic time, got new photography gear and took lots of photos. I'm very proud of the amount of food the club donated between the Arthur Morris seminar and the December club meeting. We collected over 400 lbs of canned food for the Dayton Food Bank!

Tonight's program is the Last Hurrah for Slides. This is the first club year where we don't have slides as a competition category and members are bringing up to 15 of their slides to show. The Photo Competitions will occur first and have the slide presentation after the meeting snack break. We will also announce the Zoo Shoot Competition Winners from last month as well.

It's hard to believe that half of my first year as club president is over and that we're into 2010. We successfully introduced Digital Categories and had several fantastic events, including the Arthur Morris Seminar. I can't wait to see how the year finishes and to see who wins Photographer of the Year!

I hope everyone enjoys the Last Hurrah for Slides tonight and until next month, get out there and shoot!

Billy Crafton
Focus Photo Club President

Dave Lundy Photo Published

The Centerville-Washington Park District used a hawk photo that Dave took in his back yard on page 11 of their News and Events, December 2009-February 2010 brochure. You can see it at http://www.cwpc.org/pdf_files/newsletter_winter2010.pdf. Congratulations, Dave!

Terry Glass Exhibits Photos

Terry Glass has seventeen prints in a Black & White Photography Exhibit of Montana Ghost Towns. The exhibit is being held at Studio 14, 14 East Main Street, Tipp City from January 6th to February 21. Gallery Hours are Tuesday—Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 1-5. They are closed on Monday. Congratulations, Terry.

Laura James Photo Is Hot Pick

Laura James' photo, "St. Joseph Lighthouse," has been chosen as a hot pick of the month for October at SOAPhoto. Congratulations, Laura! It's a beautiful shot.

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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

January	Texture
February	Fairs & Festivals
March	Trees
April	Cox Arboretum
May	Close Up
July	Photojournalism
August	Patriotic
September	Apple
October	Song Titles
November	People Portraits
December	Religion

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!

Photoshop 2 Class at Sinclair

There are a few openings left in Nancy Roach's Photoshop 2 class at Sinclair College. The class meets every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30. The quarter starts on January 13 and runs for six weeks. All supplies are included in the class fee. If you're interested, you may want to call Nancy Roach at 937-298-4048. To register for the class, call 937-512-2372 by Monday.

Brukner Nature Center Photo Exhibits

A photo exhibit, "Nature Through the Lens," is now on display at Brukner Nature Center in Troy. The adult photos will be displayed in the Heidelberg Auditorium and the student photos will be in the meeting room. The framed photos are for sale and 25% of the profits will go to Brukner to support their mission of wildlife conservation through environmental education. The photos will be on display through Sunday, March 21. Brukner is open Monday - Saturday from 9-5 and on Sunday from 12:30-5. Admission is \$2.50 per person or \$10 per family, but no admission is charged on Sunday. Brukner Nature Center is located at 5995 Horseshoe Bend Road in Troy.

Link to an Interesting Photo Site

John Sullivan sent this link that he thought people would enjoy.

<http://lifehacker.com/5424825/most-popular-photography-hacks-of-2009>

The website contains some awesome photography and some photography tips.

Historian's Plea for Help!

Vickie Barnhill is asking people to e-mail her photos of Club members at meetings and photo events. She will create an online scrapbook that we can look at and will also use some of the photos in the end-of-the-year slide show for the Annual Awards Banquet. The slideshow is always a big hit, and the scrapbooks record the history of our club. Most of us have a few shots of members in action. Let's all help Vickie out and e-mail some of your photos to her at vlbarnhil2@aol.com. She'll be eternally grateful, and we'll be able to have a cool online scrapbook (a new innovation this year!) and an awesome Banquet Slide Show. Thanks in advance!

Sneak Peak at Competition Leaders for the Year-to-date

Top Ten Overall

1. Terry Watson
2. Kathy Moore
3. Mike Abel
4. Pat McCarthy
5. Joann Jozwiak
6. Vickie Barnhill
7. Joe Kavalauskas
8. John Murphy
Tonja James
10. Teresa Jack

Color Open

1. Dan Swart
2. Terry Watson
3. Tom Temple
4. Tonja James
5. Linda Palmer
Teresa Jack
Dave Berry
8. Louise Haws
Joe Kavalauskas
10. Kathy Newton

Sally Oberbeck

Armando Rosales

Terry Watson

Pat Lundy

9. Linda Palmer

Nancy Christolear

Black & White Theme

1. Mike Abel
2. Pat McCarthy
3. Amy Traxler
4. Joe Kavalauskas
Ryan Traxler
6. Terry Watson
7. Emily Colon
Tonja James
Joann Jozwiak
10. Pat Lundy

Extended Open

1. Terry Watson
2. Kathy Moore
3. Joe Kavalauskas
Glen Buell
5. Laura James
6. Louise Haws
7. Stan Rohrer
Pat Buell
9. Joann Jozwiak
Art Fabian

Small Print Open

1. Kathy Moore
2. Tonja James
3. Joann Jozwiak
Dave Berry
5. Jim Clapp
6. Pat McCarthy
7. Ken Kennard
Pat Lundy
9. Linda Palmer
Nancy Christolear

Color Theme

1. Mike Abel
2. John Murphy
3. Pat Buell
4. Terry Watson
5. Stan Rohrer
Dave Lundy
7. Bertha DeHart
8. Pat McCarthy
Sally Oberbeck
Tom Temple

Digital Open

1. Vickie Barnhill
2. Donna Redes
3. Laura James
4. Holly Smith
Nancy Christolear
6. Tom Hock
7. Teresa Jack
Joe Kavalauskas
David Steel
10. Lynn Milenkevich

Extended Theme

1. John Murphy
2. Mike Abel
3. Glen Buell
4. Terry Watson
5. Terry Cavanaugh
6. Kathy Moore
7. Joann Jozwiak
Dave Lundy
Bertha DeHart
10. Joe Kavalauskas

Small Print Theme

1. Jim Clapp
2. Pat McCarthy
3. Donna Hendrickson
Pat Lundy
5. Linda Palmer
Joann Jozwiak
Sheri Tingley
Ryan Traxler
Linda Rabiuis
Kathy Moore

Black & White Open

1. Armando Rosales
2. Tonja James
3. Laura James
4. Teresa Jack
5. Jim Hayes
6. Art Fabian
Kathy Moore
Joann Jozwiak
Eleanor Hilton

Digital Theme

1. Vickie Barnhill
2. Holly Smith
3. Art Fabian
Dave Lundy
5. Jim Clapp
6. Pat McCarthy
7. Ken Kennard

December Top Ten

1. Sally Oberbeck 15
Terry Watson 15
3. Kathy Moore 13
4. Vickie Barnhill 12
Linda Palmer 12
Joe Kavalauskas 12
7. Mike Abel 10
8. James Clapp 9
9. Stan Rohrer 8
Pat McCarthy 8
Teresa Jack 8
Tonja James 8
Pat McCarthy 9
Louise Haws 9

Icon Achievers

25 Points

Pat Buell

Nancy Christolear

Linda Palmer

Holly Smith

50 Points

Vickie Barnhill

Joann Jozwiak

Pat McCarthy

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.

DECEMBER COMPETITION THEME - HOT

SMALL PRINT OPEN

1. No Stars, Just Stripes - Kathy Moore
2. The Lookout - Kathy Moore
3. Fall Colors - Linda Palmer
3. Balloon Glow - Pat McCarthy
- HM - Fall Fun - James Clapp
- HM - First Frost - Tonja James

SMALL PRINT THEME

1. Ruger - James Clapp
2. Burn it "Up" - Lynn Milenkevich
2. Hot Balloon - Pat McCarthy
- HM - Me - James Clapp
- HM - Coneflower - Joann Jozwiak

COLOR OPEN

1. Shedding Iguana - Dan Swart
1. Untitled # 1 - Dan Borzynski
1. Gull in Flight - Terry Watson
1. Crane - Tom Temple
1. Swan Lake - Linda Palmer
1. Taj Mahal at Sunrise - Sally Oberbeck
- HM - The Last Chirp - Dan Swart
- HM - Untitled # 2 - Dan Borzynski
- HM - Lily - Tonja James
- HM - Marblehead Lighthouse - Stan Rohrer
- HM - '57 Chevy - Mike Ott
- HM - Calling Elk - Don Adams
- HM - Want a Grape? - Teresa Jack
- HM - The Pond - John Murphy
- HM - Wegerzyn - Glen Buell
- HM - Celtic Crosses - Pat Buell
- HM - Pam Color - Armando Rosales

COLOR THEME

1. One Hot Chinese Animal - Sally Oberbeck
2. Looks Hot - Teresa Jack
3. Cactus Flower - Mike Abel
- HM - Hot 37 - Ann O'Conner

BLACK & WHITE OPEN

1. Looking Over the Blue River - Sally Oberbeck
2. Provincetown - Tonja James
2. The Screech - Kathy Moore
- HM - Amish Country - Louise Haws
- HM - Tony - Armando Rosales

BLACK & WHITE THEME

1. Blacksmith Fire - Mike Abel

EXTENDED OPEN

1. Hooters - Terry Watson
1. Mom and the Boys - Joe Kavalauskas
3. Trim Vett - Stan Rohrer
3. Motorcycle - Stan Rohrer
- HM - Lights Out - Nancy Christolear
- HM - The Thinker - Joe Kavalauskas

EXTENDED THEME

1. Smokin' Hot - Terry Watson
2. Hot - Terry Cavanaugh
2. Jalapeno - Joann Jozwiak
- HM - The Village Blacksmith - Glen Buell
- HM - Hot House - Mike Abel

DIGITAL OPEN

1. Lily of the Evening - Vickie Barnhill
2. View from Deed's Point - Vickie Barnhill
3. Manistee Lighthouse - Holly Smith
- HM - Bee U tiful - Lynn Milenkevich
- HM - Seahorse - Teresa Jack

DIGITAL THEME

1. Balloons at Eden Park - Joe Kavalauskas
2. Some Like it Hot - Linda Palmer
3. Elizabeth Irene - Vickie Barnhill
3. Hot Hot Hot Coals - Holly Smith
3. That's a Fire - Dave Lundy