



Twin City Camera Club

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We exist to encourage and develop an interest in photography.
We hope you are “Focusing on Photography” and having fun.

Have print? Will exhibit: Club members are invited to submit up to five (5) prints at the Sept. 25 meeting for consideration to be included for the displays at the annual Awards Banquet and on clubhouse walls. The prints must be print or digital photos that received an Acceptance or Honor award in past competitions. The prints should be prepared and sized just like an entry for the print competition. The prints would be displayed until next season.

We understand this is short notice but we really need you to bring them in by the end of the Program Night meeting so that we have enough time to make the selections and prepare the prints and labels prior to the annual Awards Banquet.

Dues are due soon: Memberships expired Aug. 31, 2017. The dues deadline for 2017-18 is Sept. 30. The cost is \$30 for an individual and \$45 for two adults in the same household. Dues for new members paid after Feb. 1, 2017, are extended through Aug. 31, 2018. Make checks payable to T C C C and mail to Ted Post, 3202 Ravine Ave., St. Joseph, MI 49085. Visit the TCCC Website for a membership renewal form and more details.

Kudos to our judges: Many thanks to the judges of the September competition. We appreciate them for taking the time to judge our many entries and we look forward to seeing them again. The judges were:

- Amie Witkowski, owner and photographer of Meister/Witkowski Studios in Stevensville.
www.meisterwitkowskiphoto.com;
- Gloria Hopkins, photographer, retired owner Snapshot Photo;
- Bob Denny, photographer, Fernwood Photography Club.

Well done, competitors: Thank you for your efforts preparing and submitting entries for the September competition. Twenty-five members submitted 161 entries – 111 in Select and 50 in Open – resulting in 83 Acceptances, 72 Honors and 6 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 96 percent and a rejection rate of 4 percent. A list of the Honors winners is at the bottom of this newsletter.

Election of officers: The Election of Officers will occur during the second meeting in October (Oct. 23) and we are asking for nominations from the membership. If you are interested in serving as an elected board official or would like more information, contact President Ken McKeown.

September Honor Images: September Honor Images have been posted on a new Monthly Honors

page for the 2017-18 season on the TCCC website.

Photo of the Month: Selections are now open for the September Photo of the Month. The September Honors are on the new Monthly Honors page on the TCCC web site. Select one (1) Black & White and one (1) Color photo and get your votes in. Send your picks to POM@twincitycameraclub.com. Your vote counts. Thank you!

September stats: Are posted on the TCCC website.

September digital results: Are posted soon in the Member's Only section.

October competition: The Select topic for October is Close-up/Macro. The deadline to submit digital images is the first Monday of the month (Oct. 2).

Photo critique: September Program Night (Sept. 25) will be our fall photo critique presented by Dennis Hafer, Dan Brant and Tom McCall. This will be an interactive constructive critique with the members as active participants. Don't take constructive criticism personally or negatively. Instead, use it as an opportunity to better yourself and improve your photography skills. A critique should be based on an informed opinion, which you achieve through experience, technical knowledge and training. We're here to help you gain that knowledge, training and experience.

Please submit two (2) digital that you consider ready for competition. We'll then present them to the group for the critique and hopefully you'll gain some information on how they can be improved, if they can. Submit your images to me at: tombmccall@gmail.com by Monday, Sept. 18. Print makers can bring in two (2) prints the night of the critique. Call Tom at 269-983-5986 if you have questions.

Civic outreach: Club members Tom McCall and Dan Brant, along with retired Snapshot Photo Studio owner Bob Hopkins, judged the Arts and Crafts Photography classes at the Berrien County Youth Fair on Aug. 13. It's an all-day affair, starting about 1:30 p.m. and ending about 10 p.m. The judges selected Callahan (Callie) Stoub as the 2017 winner of the Berrien County Youth Fair Senior Division Photography Award sponsored by the Twin City Camera Club.

Her image is of a girl that appears to be blowing blueberries from her hand. All three of the judges considered it exceptional, very creative, excellently done and that it was an imaginative idea. Winners are on the club website Announcement page.

Club members Dan Brant, Dennis Hafer and Tom McCall also judged the North Berrien Historical Museum Photography Contest. Winners were: Senior – Frank Vatroba for Foggy Morning; Adult – Berry Nelson for Apples; and Youth – Cheyenne Burdick for Blue Bucket.

Program Night: Sept. 25 will be the club's fall interactive constructive photo critique with Dennis Hafer, Dan Brant and Tom McCall. You are invited to submit two digital images that you consider competition ready. Submit your images to tombmccall@gmail.com by Sept.18. Print makers can bring in two prints the night of the critique. Call Tom at 269-983-5986 with questions.

Capturing kindness: The website envisionkindness.org has invited photographers to submit their images that show kindness in people and nature. Five winners will be selected to receive cash prizes: first place, \$500; People's Choice, \$500; and honorable mentions (3), \$100. The submission deadline is Sept. 24. Details are at envisionkindnesscontest.org.

Judges needed: Gary D. Huttenstine, second vice president for competition, asks members that if they know of active photographers who aren't in the club but who might like to be a judge to please forward their information to Gary@twincitycameraclub.com.

Wanted: Your mugshot! The club's website, twincitycameraclub.com, includes a Membership Roster page in the members-only section that lists the names and, in some cases, mugshots of active members. But alas, some members have yet to send their selfies to webmaster Tom McCall for inclusion in the rosters. Don't be bashful. Help members new and old (some with short-term memory issues, myself include) link a face with a name. Email your mugs to Tom at tmccall@twincitycameraclub.com.

Good stuff, cheap (mostly): Looking to buy or sell camera equipment? Visit the club's Website at twincitycameraclub.com and click on the "classifieds" tab. Buyers will find good deals (haggling allowed), and sellers will find a captive audience.

Tip of the Month: Modern cameras' light metering systems are technological wonders but they aren't artists. Cameras evaluate light and dark and try to arrive at a happy middle ground that isn't always what the photographer sees in his or her mind's eye. Even shooting in full manual mode or paying close attention to the histogram will not always get the optimal exposure. That is when exposure compensation can be helpful. This is Jim Thurman had to say about in his tip to improvephotography.com: "Exposure compensation is simply a way of telling the camera that the exposure it is picking is not what you want. You simply scroll the little wheel on your camera to choose a brighter (+1 or +.7 exposure compensation, for example), or a darker picture (-1 or -.7 exposure compensation). You set the exposure compensation and then the camera will choose the setting that it thinks is the correct exposure and then add or remove a little brightness according to what exposure compensation you choose."

Bring a friend: Help ensure TCCC's strong, creative future by inviting a friend to attend one of our meetings. We welcome any adult interested in photography regardless of skill level.

Free instruction: The Internet and Youtube.com are valuable resources when trying to learn the basics and intricacies of photo processing software. Photographers looking for free lighting tips can visit Jay P. Morgan's Youtube.com site called Slanted Lens. If anyone has a favorite photo-related website they'd like to share, please send the link to rdekett@gmail.com.

Visit the Website: Remember to visit the club website – twincitycameraclub.com – often. Tom McCall updates the site regularly, so don't miss the news and tips.

Street photography: Here is a list of festivals and whatnot that would be prime opportunities for street photography:

- Sept. 22-23 – 2017 Fall Fest, St. Joseph.
- Sept. 23 – St. Joseph Wine Festival & Public Art Auction, St. Joseph.
- Sept. 23 – Jens Jensen Nature Preserve Hike, Parkway Drive, Sawyer, MI, 269-405-1006.
- Sept. 30: Civil War Day, Niles History Center, 508 E. Main St. 269-845-4054.
- Oct. 7: 38th Chapel Hill Arts & Crafts Show, Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds. 269-782-6056.
- Oct. 7: 12th annual Harvest & Wine Fest, Lions Park, 101 Marquette Road, New Buffalo. 888-660-6222.
- Oct. 14: Celebrate Fall, downtown Stevensville. 269-429-1802.

- Oct. 14: Dowagiac Under the Harvest Moon, downtown Dowagiac. 269-782-8212
- Oct. 14: Weko Beach Brewers Festival, Weko Beach, Bridgman. 269-465-4413
- Oct. 28: Halloween Happening, Fernwood Botanical Garden. 269-695-6491
- Oct. 31; Halloween Trick-or-Treat, Benton Harbor Arts District & downtown St. Joseph.

Weekly challenge: If you want more of challenge in your photography but need a bit of incentive, visit the website 52Frames.com. Sign up for its newsletter to receive a guided photo challenge every week. Share your work receive of feedback as well as tutorials, tips and inspiration.

September Honors:

Class A Black & White Prints

- Elaine Harju - Familia Sagna
- Ralph Harju - Russian Orthodox 1

Class A Color Prints

- Barry Nelson - Apples
- Barry Nelson - Town Hall
- Barbara Kirby - Big Red
- Barbara Kirby - Notre Dame
- Barbara Kirby - Purple Twilight
- Elaine Harju - Church of the Knights of Malta
- Elaine Harju - Where the Clergy Sit
- Ralph Harju - Lots of brass
- Gorson Drake - Methodist Symbol
- Gorson Drake - Abandoned Church

Class B Black & White Digital

- Sandy Hafer - A View Of The Past
- Sandy Hafer - Rainy Day View

Class B Color Digital

- Sandy Hafer - Copper Pots
- Sandy Hafer - Dahlia In Pink
- Sandy Hafer - Doorway To Voodoo Church

Class A Black & White Digital

- Barry Nelson - Fish Creek Wisconsin Church
- Dennis Hafer - St. Anne's Chapel

- Dennis Hafer - The Complexity Of Religion
- Jake Toering - Country Church 1
- Jim Long - Tools
- Juanita Attard - Station of the Cross
- Juanita Attard - Symbols
- Kathleen Mendel - Flower 202
- Ken McKeown - Clouds Rolling In
- Ken McKeown - Play A Tune
- Ron Bonczkowski - Church Organ
- Ron Bonczkowski - Pulpit Stairs
- Ron Bonczkowski - St. Joseph Cathloic Church Laurium Mi.
- Ron DeKett - Sacrifice

Class A Color Digital

- Barbara Kirby - Full Moon
- Barry Nelson - Church Interior
- Barry Nelson - Holland Church
- Bill Rothwell - Patterns in the Sand
- Dave Wheeler - Moonset
- Dave Wheeler - Red Headed
- Dave Wheeler - The Smokies
- Dave Wheeler - Your Table is Ready
- Dennis Hafer - Church Of Gold
- Dennis Hafer - Let The Light Shine In
- Dennis Hafer - Seen Better Days
- Gary Huttenstine - ND Cathedral 2
- Gary Huttenstine - Old Mission Church Santa Fe
- Jake Toering - Church on the Rocks
- Jim Long - City Methodist 2015
- Jim Lynch - New Mexico Church

- Jim Lynch - Quebec Canada Church
- Jim Lynch - Vermont Church
- Juanita Attard - Desert Church
- Juanita Attard - Suffer the Little Children
- Juanita Attard -Joseph & Mary
- Kathleen Mendel - Flower 101
- Kathleen Mendel - Friends
- Kathleen Mendel - Red
- Kathleen Mendel - Yard Bird
- Ken McKeown - Baptism Font
- Michel Rose - Eagle Has Landed
- Michel Rose - Overflowing
- Michel Rose - Reflections of Starfish
- Michel Rose - Slimy Slug
- Ron Bonczkowski - Ribbons For Lent Notre Dame
- Ron Bonczkowski - St. Mary's Church Pulpit
- Ron DeKett - Change a comin'
- Ron DeKett - Outa my way
- Ron DeKett - Rivals
- Susan Berry - Lap 25
- Ted Post - Bennett Church
- Tom McCall - Sailing into the Twilight
- Tom McCall - Shining Down
- Tom McCall - To Guide the Way
- Tom McCall - Wind and Waves

Keep those shutters clicking ...

(Remember: Photographers who don't take photos go mad.)