



Twin City Camera Club

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May competition: The Select topic for May is portraits. The object that is the focus of attention in the image must be a portrait or portraiture. For example, a person or group of people that shows the expression, personality, and mood of the subject, with or without the surrounding environment or background. Digital images are due midnight, May 7. Email to digital@twincitycameraclub.com. Prints can be turned on competition night, May 14.

Special program night: Dennis Hafer, Dan Brant and Tom McCall will present a special program night, Spring Photo Critique, at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 16, at the clubhouse. This will be an interactive constructive critique with the members as active participants. If you are sincerely interested in learning how to improve your photography you should learn how to critique photos, including your own. A critique should be based on an informed opinion, you achieve an informed opinion with experience, technical knowledge and training. We're here to help you gain that knowledge, training and experience.

Thanks Steve: Steve Campbell presented an informative and interesting program on "Water Drop Photography" for the March program night. Steve had purchased a contraption that dripped two drops of water, one after another, and timed the flash and camera to take photos as the drops collided in glass of water. Participants used Steve's camera to take their own photos, which were saved by Tom McCall on a computer. Tom later sent the photos to all who participated.

A thank you also goes to Ted Post who, in conjunction with Steve's program, brought his soap bubble gear, including lights, glycerin and straw, gave those who brought their camera's a chance to take photos of bubbles reflecting colorful lights.

Thanks Dennis: Club Director Dennis Hafer held an informative, hands-on class on portraits during Program Night, March 19, with the help of two lovely models, Aly Bixby and Sasha Polishchuk. Dennis explained the types of lighting setups, how to get proper exposure, and other tips using new lights purchased recently by the club. He gave club members an opportunity to take photos of the models and encouraged them to send him their work for critique. Thanks also goes to Barbara Kirby who contacted the models for the portrait class.

Thanks judges: Judges for the April competition were:

- Katherine Kasischke – art educator, retired
- Suzanne McDonough – photographer, Berrien Springs Camera Club
- Tom McDonough – photographer, Berrien Springs Camera Club.

Many thanks to them all. We appreciate them taking the time to come and judge for us.

In memoriam: With sadness we report the passing of the following club members.



Richard C. Lyon of Coloma died April 2, 2018, after a short illness. Dick was a life member of the Twin Cities Camera Club, volunteered with the North Berrien Senior Center, and was an avid sports fan. At his request, no service was held. Those wishing to leave an online message of remembrance may do so at duffieldpastrick.com. Memorials may be made in Dick's name to Sarrett Nature Center, 2300 N. Benton Center Road. Benton Harbor. MI 49022.



Donald E. Hunt died April 4, 2018. Donald was a founding member of the Watervliet 40 Year Club and a member of the Twin City Camera. Donald was a man with a huge heart and found great joy through getting people together or helping anyone in need. Memorials may be made in Donald's memory to Twin City Camera Club or Knights of Columbus Council 4055. You may leave a message of comfort for Donald's family at hutchinsfuneral.com

Read Tom McCall's reminiscence of their contributions to the club and their obituaries under the "Announcements" tab on the club website.

In remembrance: Christine Anne Seeley, wife of club member David Seeley, passed away on March 25, 2018, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Cleanup help: Tom McCall thanks the members who came to the club on Wednesday, April 11, to help with the spring cleaning. Many thanks go out to Barry Nelson, Jason Boulanger, Ted Post, Gary Huttenstine, Ron DeKett and Ken McKeown. Your time and energy were much appreciated, and we made a pretty good dent in getting all the unneeded magazines, etc. cleaned out. Thanks also to Ted and Barry for making the trips to the County recycling event.

Dark Skies: International Dark Sky Week is April 15-21 and will offer plenty of opportunities for stargazing and views of the night sky. Michigan's six Dark Sky Preserves will stay open late for self-guided viewing.

- Lake Hudson Recreation Area in Clayton, MI.
- Negwegon State Park, Harrisville, MI.
- Port Crescent State Park, Port Austin, MI.
- Rockport Recreation Area, Rogers City, MI.
- Thompson's Harbor State Park, Rogers City, MI.
- Wilderness State Park, Carp Lake, MI.

Call ahead for individual park hours. Learn more at michigan.gov/darksky.



Program Night: Come join us for another awesome wildlife photography program when Visions of Wildlife photographer Eric Johnson returns this month with a presentation that will focus on Eric and Val's adventures with the Gorillas in Rwanda, in the jungles of Malaysia, and the migration in Tanzania. Eric said he will share images from another trip to Tanzania, Africa, during the migration, their two-day hike in the mountains of Rwanda in search of Mountain Gorillas, and nine days in the Sabah jungle in Malaysia. "Lots of pics and stories to tell!" Eric said.

So, don't miss out, come have a seat and see lots of excellent wildlife photos and learn more about how they're taken and the post processing used.

Double-check entries: Please double-check your digital entries. We've received photos that were incorrectly sized and titled which makes lots of extra work for those handling the competition and could result in images being left out of competition. Competition rules are on the club website at twincitycameraclub.com/Competition2.htm.

Digital entries must be in by midnight Monday, May 7. They must be sized 1024x1024 and not exceed 1 MB. A correctly title is as follows – your name (space) dash (space) image title. For example: John Henry – Steel Diving Man. Make sure you prepare an Entry Card or request one be made for you.

April POM: Selections are open for members to pick the April Photo of the Month. Pick the ones you think will best represent and promote TCCC for the visitors of the TCCC website. Select one color photo and one black & white photo and send your picks to POM@twincitycameraclub.com. Your vote counts. Thanks to all who participate. The deadline is midnight April 30.

March POM: Congratulations go to Ken McKeown whose photo, Young Tribal Dancer, was selected by club members as the Black & White Photo of the Month for March, and to Jake Toering whose photo, Hummer, was selected by members as the Color Photo of the Month for March. Learn details about how the photos were taken and processed on the club website.

**Ken McKeown –
Young Tribal Dancer**

Young Tribal Dancer was photographed at the Potawatomi Native American "Harvest Days" at Dowagiac Michigan. Ken used his Canon 7D Mark II with a 70-300 canon zoom lens to isolate the subject from a lot of unwanted background. He used Topaz software to convert the image to black & white. Black & white profile was oil paint.



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Jake Toering – Hummer

Jake took this photo in December 2017 while in Arizona. He set up hummingbird feeders and after a few days began taking photos. His camera was a Canon, 60D, set at F/8, 1/800 sec, ISO 400. Focal length 75mm. Post editing included enlarging the hummer and adding a vignette.

Summer Weekend of Photography: Peggy Farren, an award-winning professional photographer, instructor and speaker, and Jeffrey Klug, a professional photographer for 36 years, are just two of 13 presenters featured during the Summer Weekend of Photography, organized by SouthWestern Michigan Council of Camera Clubs, from July 27-29, in the Atrium of the Paul Schaap Science Center, 35 E 12th St, Holland, MI. For costs and more information, visit swmccc.org.

Art competition: Entries will be accepted April 9-29 for the 2018 Michiana Annual Art Competition at the Box Factory for the Arts. Categories are photography, digital imaging, mixed media, painting, drawing, glass, sculpture and ceramic. Visit boxfactoryforthearts.org for entry details.

Honors posted: The April Honors images are on the new Monthly Honors page for 2017-18 on the website.

Digital results posted: April Digital Results are posted in the Member's Only section.

Free photo software: Visit the club website for a link to free, photo editing software – Topaz Studio. If enough members download it and try it out, we will have a class on it. Dennis Hafer says it saves him about 50 percent in his post processing time.

Judges needed: Members are asked 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.

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.

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.

Quotes of the Month:

- "So many people dislike themselves so thoroughly that they never see any reproduction of themselves that suits. None of us is born with the right face. It's a tough job being a portrait photographer." – Imogen Cunningham
- "A good portrait is incredibly hard to create, there is too much temptation to pander to the individual rather than portray them as they really were." – Philippe Halsman

Competition results: Thanks goes to all those who prepared and submitted their competition entries. We had 19 members, submitting 118 entries – 98 in Select, 20 in Open – who received 83 Acceptances, 16 Honors and 19 Rejects. Competitors receiving Honors were:

Class B Black & White Digital

- Sandy Hafer – Alien Mask
- Sandy Hafer – Rope Trio

Class B Color Digital

- Sandy Hafer – Avocado Alley
- Sandy Hafer – In The Pink
- Sandy Hafer – Shades of Blue and Green

- Sandy Hafer – Signs of Spring

Class A Black & White Digital

- Dennis Hafer – Tow Strap
- Tom McCall – We have Lift Off

Class A Color Digital

- Bill Rothwell – Downed Fence
- Gary Huttenstine – Homework
- Jim Lynch – Wet White Flower
- John Kubicek – Cocktail anyone
- Pam Rothwell – Are We Related
- Ron Bonczkowski – April Flower
- Tom McCall – Flamingo
- Tom McCall – Pastels

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