



Twin City Camera Club

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

Twin City Camera Club Welcomes you to our 83rd Competition Season: We hope you are having an enjoyable summer, getting lots of great photos to Wow us and the judges, and are ready to get back into it for the up-coming competition season.

The Select Subject for September is “**Motion.**” Entry deadline is September 5th. at midnight. You can send them in early but don't send them in late. When you get them in early there may be time to correct a problem or submit a replacement, if we find something wrong. Ted is “**Out of town,**” so if you have questions, please call me at 983-5986.

Select Subjects 2016 - 2017 Competition Season

SEPTEMBER – Motion

OCTOBER – Barriers

NOVEMBER – Shadows

DECEMBER – Food & Drink

JANUARY – Creative

FEBRUARY – Blue/ B&W Angles

MARCH – Smoke/Fog/Mist

APRIL – Floating Things

MAY – Song Titles

JUNE – Nature

Make sure you review the Select Subject Descriptions and all of the Competition Rules including how to prepare your images for competition so that it will be a little easier for the Competition Chairpersons and scorers. Titles must be "Your Name - Image Title" and make sure you prepare an Entry Card or request one be made for you.

Competition hints: Remember that the Judges are instructed to consider Composition, Interest and Impact, Technique and Technical quality, when they judge our images. They expect the image to stand on its own irregardless of the Select Subject and they will be looking for the exceptional and outstanding images, NOT just the **Good Enough's**, so keep that in mind when selecting and preparing your images for competition. Remember “**Don't Make Me Think**” for the judges and you'll score better.

Photo of the Month for the Year: The members have selected what they consider the best two (2) photos, a Black and White and a Color photograph, from all of the POM Winners during the year, for the "Photo of the Month for the Year." The Black & White winner goes to **Maria Pelaez - Once upon a time** (January) and the Color winner is **Spencer Hughes - Beach Chairs** (June). Congratulations to you both. Outstanding photos that everyone liked, thanks for sharing them with us. You can see the winning photos on the Announcements and Photo of the Month pages of the TCCC website.

Congratulations to all of the Members submitting entries in last seasons competitions: Thanks for all of your efforts in preparing your entries and submitting them into competition. We had an average of 28 members per month, that submitted a Total of 1874 entries in all categories, 1275 in Select, 599 in Open, that received 1069 Acceptances, 297 Honors and there were 496 images Rejected. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 74% and a rejection rate of 26%. We had a high of 32 members entering in October and a low of 24 in November and March.

Thanks for letting the us enjoy all of your contributions of such wonderful photographs. We definitely appreciate all that you do and wish you all continued success in your photography. We hope you are having a lot of fun doing it.

August Critique Workshop: To give you all some inspiration for the upcoming Competition Season, we've scheduled a Saturday Critique Workshop for August 27th. We want you to be an active participant (critiques are an excellent way of learning) in this interactive critiquing session. It starts upstairs with a constructive critique of some of the provided competition ready images and then will continue downstairs with a hands on session, with assistance to help you to accomplish what was discussed upstairs.

The critique includes a request for images. We are asking for two (2) competition ready images from each member. They should be images you are planning on entering and that you would like to have an evaluation on how it will do or how it could be improved. Send them to me by the 20th of August to tmccall@twincitycameraclub.com

Starting time is 10:00 am. the door will be open around 9:30 am, so come a little early to set up. This is a **Member's Only** session.

Computer News: For those of you that have upgraded your computers to Windows 10, the Anniversary update won't be available until you have been running Windows 10 on your machine for at least 30 days.

It's a large update nearly as large as the upgrade. There are lots of videos showing the basics of Windows 10 and lots with tricks and tips. Here's one I found to be helpful about system settings, etc. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZqKyhfD7-E>

Please Note: The new selections for our print displays, at both the annual banquet and the clubhouse walls, will be selected from the Annual Competition prints. Please Do Not Disturb or pick up your prints at this time.

Classifieds: We have a couple of new listings of tripods For Sale, see the Classifieds page for more information. To list your FOR SALE and/or WANTED TO BUY items, please Contact Tom McCall.

Reminder on the DUES: The Membership Dues for 2016 – 2017 Membership year; are due and payable on or before August 31st. The amounts are \$30 for an Individual or \$45 for two (2) adults in the same household. The 2016 Dues Renewal Forms are on the website on the Get Involved, ViewFinder, and/or SiteMap pages. Please print clearly and include all of the information so we can update the rosters. We want your Cell phone number including area code, so that it can be included in the rosters. Be an early bird and send your dues in to Ted Post now. If it is more convenient for you, Ted will accept cash or checks at the meetings. Thank You.

NOTE: NO Dues for NEW members that paid AFTER February 1, 2016, your dues are extended through to August 31, 2017.

Members Photos for the Roster: Still asking, we need a photo of everyone for the roster. For those of you that haven't sent one in, Please do so. Thanks

Photo Opportunities: Over the Labor day weekend, the Tri-State Regatta will be in St. Joseph. The boats arrive late and overnight on Friday and leave Sunday morning. Lots of photo opportunities while they're docked along the river on Saturday and early Sunday morning before they leave. If you want them under sail you'll have to wait until just before the start of the race Sunday morning.

Photography quote for today:

**“Photography is the art of frozen time...
the ability to store emotion and feelings within a frame.”** ~ Author Unknown

Just a Thought:

**“Just thought a thought but the thought I thought
wasn't the thought I thought I thought..”** ~ Author Unknown

Happiness is:

**“Happiness is a choice,
so today I'm choosing Happiness as my choice.”** ~ Author Unknown

Enjoy your Labor Day Holiday Weekend...

Wishing all you a safe and Happy summer!

Keep those shutters clicking...

P.S. You are looking great today! ☀️;☀️