



# Twin City Camera Club

## ViewFinder

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

**Our 83rd Competition Season has started and is doing well:** if it's any indication by the number of competition entries, 151 total, with only 5 rejects. Oh, and did I mention there were 71 Honors. I'm letting you know this now because it will be a few days before Ted gets back and has the stats ready for posting. If you are wondering where he is or what he's up to, all you have to do is take a look at the gorgeous photos he's been posting on the TCCC facebook group page. Hope you are enjoying your trip Ted, we sure are through your photos, keep'em coming.

The Select Subject for October is “**Barriers.**” Digital entry deadline is October 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

**Description:** The object that is the focus of attention in the image must be some type of barrier that restrains or obstructs progress, access, movement or view from one place to another. Examples: Door, window, fence, railing, barricade, hurdle, bar, blockade, man-made or natural obstacle, etc.

Titles must be "**Your Name - Image Title**" and make sure you prepare an Entry Card or request one be made for you.

**September Program Night:** on the 26<sup>th</sup>. at 7:30 pm. there will be a Digital Workshop class on an introduction to Masks. The class will be conducted by Dennis Hafer and Tom McCall, demonstrating the techniques of working with masks. The single most important thing every Photoshop and Elements user needs to know, is how to work with layers and masks. No computers needed for this class, just an open mind and be ready to learn. See you there ...

**Death of a Life Member:** We were saddened to learn of the passing of one of our Life Members, Don VanderMolen. Don joined The Twin City Camera Club in 1973 and was very active, serving the club in many capacities, chairing or participating in various committees, holding several club offices, including Secretary, ViewFinder Editor and serving as President for five years, then as Past-President until he retired and moved. Don was named "Man of the Year," recipient of the TCCC Henry A. Valerius Memorial Man of the Year Award in 1983.

Don was one of our Southwestern Michigan Council of Camera Clubs (SWMCCC) Representatives since the mid-1970's. In 2003 Don was named Vice President of Education and Chairman of the SWMCCC Summer School, a position he held until his death.

In July of this year, during the SWMCCC Summer School, Don was awarded a PSA Honor of Associate (APSA). Photographic Society of America representative, Gerald Emmerich, Jr, HonPSA, GMPSA presented Don with an APSA (Associate) honors plaque.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Don's wife Jo Ann, his family and friends. See the Shadows and Highlights page on the TCCC website for more about Don and his obituary.

**New Member:** TCCC welcomes back a returning member this month. Please welcome Becky Kliss of St. Joseph. We hope your experience in the club will be challenging, enjoyable, rewarding and most of all, fun. We are looking forward to seeing your competition entries.

**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](mailto:POM@twincitycameraclub.com)  
Your Vote Counts, Thank You!

**Awards Banquet:** Mark your Calendars for Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Twin City Camera Club's Annual Awards Banquet at the Vineland Center. Social hour 6:00 pm. Dinner at 7:00 pm (RSVP) Get your reservations in to Ted Post via email at [theodore.post@yahoo.com](mailto:theodore.post@yahoo.com) or call (269) 429-9581 to let Ted know how many will be attending by Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks

**Election of Officers:** the Election of Officers will occur during the second meeting in October and we are asking for nominations from the membership. If you are interested in serving on the Board in any of the elected offices or would like to have more information, please contact President Ken McKeown.

**Dues are Due:** It's that time of the year again. Membership Dues need to be paid. Annual Dues 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. Send your dues to Ted Post, address is on the form. 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

**September Stats:** Will be posted on the TCCC website soon after Ted Post returns.

**September Digital Results:** Will be posted soon in the Member's Only section.

**September Honor Images:** The September Honor Images have been posted on a new Monthly Honors page for the 2016 - 2017 Season on the TCCC website.

## **September Honors**

### **Class A Black & White Prints**

Curtis Drake - Three of a Kind  
Elaine Harju - Pilgrims Progress  
Elaine Harju - Wheels of Light  
Ralph Harju - Piazza Unitas in Rain

### **Class A Color Prints**

Curtis Drake - Milk Cans  
Gorson Drake - Patriotic Jump  
Gorson Drake - Wheelie  
Gorson Drake - Fly By

**Class A Color Prints Continued:**

Sheila Elkins - Tippy Toes  
Sheila Elkins - Water Colors  
Sheila Elkins - I Can Do This!  
Elaine Harju - Harbor Nights Trieste  
Elaine Harju - Doorway to the Mind  
Elaine Harju - Still Life

**Class B Color Digital**

Carol Reidsma - Soccer 2  
Carol Reidsma - Soccer 3

**Class A Black & White Digital**

Chuck Kehoe - Back Into the Clouds  
Chuck Kehoe - Bringing up the rear  
Dennis Hafer - Doing The Twist  
Dennis Hafer - Pop-up Pepper  
Dennis Hafer - South Haven Rapids  
Dennis Hafer - We Won  
Jake Toering - I'm Ready  
Jim Long - If Houses Could Talk  
Jim Long - Packard Maiden  
Kathleen Mendel - Bug Center  
Kathleen Mendel - Splashing Water  
Ken McKeown - Ready For Take Off  
Ron Bonczkowski - Car of the Future  
Ron Bonczkowski - Fore  
Ron Bonczkowski - Hymnals  
Ron Bonczkowski - South Bend Store  
Steve Campbell - BMW Metro  
Steve Campbell - Indiana Amish  
Steve Campbell - Major Storm  
Steve Campbell - Watch us Spin  
Ted Post - Box Factory Furnace  
Ted Post - Bridge support 25  
Ted Post - Calypso Cascade 2325  
Tom McCall - A Skip in Time  
Tom McCall - Big Spray  
Tom McCall - Wave Action  
Will Hayes - Nippon Cranes

**Class A Color Digital**

Barbara Kirby- Hot Wheels  
Barbara Kirby- Sweet Baby  
Barry Nelson - Fast and Furious  
Barry Nelson- Hummingbird Flying  
Bud Friesen - Lily  
Chuck Kehoe - Sun Flower Cafe  
Chuck Kehoe - What No Snow  
Gary Huttenstine - Lower Tahquamenon Falls 3

**Class A Color Digital Continued:**

Jake Toering - Smooth Take Off

Jake Toering - Sunset

Jim Lynch - Landing in Color

Jim Lynch - Mallard Landing

Jim Lynch - Swan Flyby

Jim Lynch - Young Redhead

Kathleen Mendel - Bee 101

Ron Bonczkowski - Busy Bee

Ron Bonczkowski - Nice Landing

Ron Bonczkowski - Running Water

Ron DeKett - Tombstone

Steve Campbell - Dune Grass

Steve Campbell - Hummingbird in July

Steve Campbell - Stop Taxi

Susan Berry - Cheese

Susan Berry - Horse Show

Ted Post - FiveTon Hook

Tom McCall - Air Burst

Will Hayes - The Drake

Will Hayes - Whoosh

**Judges:** Art Robertson, Photographer, member of Berrien Springs Camera Club, John Madill, retired Herald Palladium photographer and Amie Witkowski, Owner and Photographer of Meister/Witkowski Studios in Stevensville. [www.meisterwitkowskiphoto.com](http://www.meisterwitkowskiphoto.com)

Many Thanks to the judges, we appreciate them taking the time to come and judge for us and look forward to seeing them again.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to all of the competitors. Thanks for all of your efforts in preparing your entries and submitting them into competition. We had a turnout of 24 members submitting 151 entries, 92 in Select, 59 in Open, that received 75 Acceptances, 71 Honors and 5 Rejects.

**A Special Congratulations:** to Dennis Hafer and Steve Campbell, for Four (4) Honors in Class A Black & White Digital Slides, all in Select and received a perfect score of 22 points. Also to Jim Lynch, for Four (4) Honors in Class A Color Digital Slides, all in Select and received a perfect score of 22 points. Way to go guys, great way to start the competition season.

**Webcams of interest:** Check out the Local Links page on the TCCC website for links for Cams in the local area. Most are live views but some of them capture an image and display it for various times. Most of them are located in the Saint Joseph, Benton Harbor area. I have found them to be useful, like checking for the lake conditions, and interesting and usually check them daily. The Webcam located on the concession stand at Silver Beach has been upgraded and moved. They are using a new much nicer camera and have moved it to the top of the gazebo, which is located on the beach off of the North Parking lot. Two (2) New Webcams at a residence with a view of the 7th. green of the Harbor Shores Golf Course and Jean Klock Beach. The site has one Cam to view Sunsets.

If you are into watching Bears catching salmon in Alaska or lots of other kinds of animals and fish, then go to Explore.org and you'll be in for a treat.

**Classifieds:** We have a room for your For Sale and Wanted to buy items, see the Classifieds page for more information. To list your FOR SALE and/or WANTED TO BUY items, Contact Tom McCall.

**Civic Contributions:** TCCC Members Dan Brant and Tom McCall, spent a day at the Berrien County Youth Fair judging the Photography entries, along with Gloria and Bob Hopkins from Berrien Springs. The judging was interesting and fun, although it was a long day, starting around 1 pm and finished a little after 9 pm. The winner of the TCCC sponsored challenge trophy for the Grand Champion Sr. Division (14 to 20 years) for Photography was Logan Miller, 14 of St. Joseph. The TCCC Board approved a Photography Merit Award of \$25.00 for Logan also. I learned later that his winning photograph of a Black & White cat, was a family pet named “Sky.” The Chairperson said there were over 1,900 registered entries.

**ViewFinder Contributions:** Have an interesting article you’ve found? Have some news that you would like to share with the members of TCCC? The editors welcome any and all suggestions and entries for inclusion into the club’s newsletter.

**You can always find upcoming activities and reminders of events posted on the Announcements page of the TCCC Website.**

## **Photography quote for today:**

**“The universe is full of magical things,  
it’s just waiting for our eyes to catch up to the wonder.” ~ Author Unknown**

## **Just a Thought:**

**“Some days I wish I could go back in life,  
not to change things, just to feel a few things twice.” ~ Author Unknown**

## **Happiness is:**

**“Happiness is like a butterfly, which when pursued, seems always just  
beyond your grasp; but if you sit down quietly, may alight upon you.” ~ Author Unknown**

**Keep those shutters clicking...**

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