



# 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...**

**We wish you a happy and prosperous New Year!**

**Our Competition Season** continues on February 13th. with the Select Subject of “Blue” and “Angles” for Black and White. The object that is the focus of attention in the image must be predominantly the color Blue, not the background or surrounding color. B&W Angles (right, acute, obtuse, etc.) the space or shape formed when two lines or more surfaces come together.

Example: Things that are Blue, Blueberries, Blue crayons, flowers, Blue vehicles or maybe the Tardus, etc.

Example: B&W Shapes of parts of buildings, towers, tripods, bridges, etc.

**Digital Entries** must be in by Monday at midnight, February 6th. (Size 1024 x 1024, not to exceed 1 MB). Titled correctly: "Your Name - Image Title" First (space) Last (space) dash (space) title of image. (Example: John Henry – Steel Driving Man.jpg). Anything extra like special characters #, &, + or extra dashes -, dots . or underscoring \_ , incorrect and missing capitalization or incorrect spacing means extra work for someone else to correct. Please, Double Check Your Entries... Plus, make sure you prepare an Entry Card or request one be made for you. Thank You!

**January Program Night:** 7:30 pm. on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Art Robertson will present his program on "Wandering the Universe with Scope and Camera: An Introduction to Astrophotography." Art says the program will include astrophotos of both solar system and deep space subjects, along with a discussion of the special problems encountered in astroimaging and how to solve them. A portion of the presentation will be devoted specifically to techniques that do not require a telescope.

Art is an amateur photographer who enjoys making images of the night sky and the sun from his home observatory in Oronoko Township and wherever else the opportunity presents. He is a member of the Berrien Springs Camera Club. Art also judged for us on several occasions and presented a program on Astrophotography in 2010. We welcome Art back for what we know will be another excellent program. More information and photos can be found on the Announcements page.

**Southwestern Michigan College:** Twin Cities Camera Club Art Exhibit. An exhibit offering an overview of works created by members of the venerable camera group based in St. Joseph. Exhibition: January 9th through February 2, 2017 Reception: Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 12:30 p.m. <https://www.swmich.edu/vapa/art-gallery>

**Membership Roster:** Ted Post has updated the text version of Membership Roster and it is posted on the TCCC website. The photo version of the roster has been updated with some facebook photos.

**Photo of the Month:** Your winner of the Photo of the Month for December, in Color “Dennis Hafer – One Egg Please.” There were no Black and White Honors.

Congratulations to Dennis, he's a good egg and his eggcellent photo is a winner. You can review the comments on the Announcements and Photo of the Month pages of the website. Many thanks to all of the members that submitted votes.

**Photo of the Month continued:** Selections are now OPEN for the January Photo of the Month. The January 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... You have until midnight January 31st. to vote. Don't wait, get them in early. Send your pick to: [POM@twincitycameraclub.com](mailto:POM@twincitycameraclub.com)

I want to thank all of you who participate, your Vote Counts, Thank You!

**January Stats** are posted on the TCCC website.

**January Digital Results** are posted in the Member's Only section.

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

### **January Honors:**

#### **Class A Color Prints**

Elaine Harju - Moon and Stars

Barbara Kirby - Blue City

#### **Class A Black & White Digital**

Dennis Hafer - The Arcade

Dennis Hafer - Who Broke The Ice

Jim Long - A House Possessed

Ron DeKett - Light in the Darkness

Spencer Hughes - Graveyard nights

Steve Campbell - Contrast

Ted Post - Antique Bathroom

Ted Post - Sink

Tom McCall - Is We Nekkid

#### **Class A Color Digital**

Barbara Kirby - Go Lakeshore

Dennis Hafer - Rainy Day

Jim Lynch - Butterfly

Jim Lynch - Fruit Baskets

Ken McKeown - Row By Row

Ted Post - Interior 4031

Tom McCall - I Can be King

**Judges:** Tom Allen, Coloma, Professional Fine Art Photographer and freelance photo Illustrator. [www.thomasallenonline.com](http://www.thomasallenonline.com).; Julia Gourley, Executive Director, Krasl Art Center, [www.krasl.com](http://www.krasl.com). and David Blasy, Photographer, St. Joseph., <https://www.facebook.com/Blasyphotography>  
Many thanks to all of them. We appreciate them taking the time to come and judge for us.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all of the competitors. Thanks for all of your efforts preparing your entries and submitting them into competition. We had 23 members, submitting 131 entries, 82 in Select, 49 in Open, who received 78 Acceptances, 18 Honors and 34 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 74 percent and a rejection rate of 26 percent.

**Annual Business Meeting:** Start thinking about what you would like to discuss at the Annual Business Meeting, it's only a little over a Month away on February 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be deciding on the Select Subjects for the 2018 – 2019 Competition Season. You can find what has been used in the past on the TCCC Select Subjects page in the Member's Only section. Review what's involved in coming up with the Select Subjects and present your ideas at the meeting.

**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.

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

## **Photography quote for today:**

**“A good photograph is one that communicates a fact, touches the heart and leaves the viewer a changed person for having seen it. It is, in a word, effective.” ~**  
Irving Penn

## **Just a Thought:**

**“Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some people move our souls to dance. They awaken us to a new understanding with the passing whisper of their wisdom. Some people make the sky more beautiful to gaze upon. They stay in our lives for awhile.” ~ Author Unknown**

## **Happiness is:**

**“Always believe something wonderful is about to happen.” ~ Author Unknown**

**Keep those shutters clicking...**

**P.S. You're looking great today! Ö;Ö**