



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...**

Our Competition Season continues on March 13th. with the Select Subject of “Smoke/Fog/Mist.” The object that is the focus of attention in the image must show a condition that reduces visibility. Natural or man-made, however using downloaded or commercial textures for the Smoke/Fog/Mist are ineligible. Example: Early morning Fog/Mist over water, light-rays coming through the trees, vehicles coming out of the Fog/Mist, Smoke from fires, etc.

Digital Entries must be in by Monday at midnight, March 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!

Report on the January Program Night: Art Robertson presented an excellent program on "Wandering the Universe with Scope and Camera: An Introduction to Astrophotography." Art spoke about and demonstrated with projected images “astrophotos” of the solar system and deep space subjects, comets, along with a discussion of the special problems encountered in astroimaging and how to solve them. A portion of the presentation was devoted specifically to techniques that do not require a telescope. Thanks go out to Art for another wonderful program that I'm sure stirred the creative juices and provided inspiration for some of our members. It's something to think about for our November Competition “Long Exposure 2 seconds or more.”

Annual Business Meeting will be on February 27th. This is a very important meeting for the TCCC Membership and is one meeting you definitely want to attend.

Why? Well, let's see... First of all, it's a Member's Only Meeting so members can speak freely, No guests allowed. It's the meeting for the members to voice their opinions on a number of topics. Like the direction, activities, programs, workshops and field trips that you would like the club to pursue.

Besides open discussions, our Treasurer Ted Post, will be presenting his report on the financial health of the club. Learn where the club's monies are spent and where our income comes from. All of this has a direct effect on the direction and where you want the club to go in the future.

We need help! Are you willing to help out and fill one of the empty slots in our Organizational Chart, or be a back up person for one of the competition night positions to fill in when needed?

We need to update our By-Laws. We need to review and discuss what should be changed, will you participate? Come to the meeting and put in your “two cents” it will be appreciated.

Give a little thought to what the club has given you. Then think about how you can give back.

Annual Business Meeting continued: 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. When you have an idea for a Select Subject, think about how it can be described and look at some of the ones we have now to get an feel for how they are done and the space allocated for them. We want to have the entire season on one sheet so it is limited to short descriptions. Send an email to a Board Member with your thoughts and ideas if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Okay, this gives you some idea of a few of the things that we plan on discussing and it should make you want to be there to at least hear what's going on. We want your participation... It's your club.

Photo of the Month: Your winner of the Photo of the Month for January, in Black and White “Dennis Hafer - Who Broke The Ice” and in Color “Tom McCall - I Can be King.” 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. Congratulations to us both.

Photo of the Month continued: Selections are now OPEN for the February Photo of the Month. The February 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 February 28th. to vote. Don't wait, get them in early. Send your pick to: POM@twincitycameraclub.com

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

February Stats are posted on the TCCC website.

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

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

February Honors:

Class A Black & White Prints

Barbara Kirby - Best Red Please

Class A Color Prints

Elaine Harju -

Class B Color Digital

Carol Reidsma - Bean

Carol Reidsma - Wacker

Class A Black & White Digital

Barbara Kirby - Missed the Boat

Barbara Kirby - Night Stroll

Barry Nelson Sea Lion Pup

Bill Rothwell - Fallen Fence

Bill Rothwell - Ferris Wheel

Dennis Hafer - Monument Of Mirrors

Dennis Hafer - Window Door

John Kubicek - Angles 3

This is John's first entry and his first Honor.

Jim Long - Bay Bridge

Ron Bonczkowski - Church Steeples

Class A Black & White Digital Continued

Ron DeKett - Disorganized
Spencer Hughes - Knock Knock
Steve Campbell - Angles from Canada
Steve Campbell - Lower Bridge

Class A Color Digital

Barbara Kirby - Blue Eyed Sara
Chuck Kehoe - Dune Grass
Jim Lynch - PA. Power & Electric Co
John Kubicek - Redrock Canyon
Kathleen Mendel - Waiting
Ron Bonczkowski - Blue Flower 1
Spencer Hughes - Into the fog
Tom McCall - A Mini Solar System
Tom McCall - Going Up
Tom McCall - The Blue Fountain

Judges: Nathan Harrmann, Senior Photographer, Johnson-Rauhoff. <https://johnsonrauhoff.com> ; Tami Miller, Curator, Krasl Art Center, www.krasl.com and Ray Damaske, Photographer, Stevensville MI. 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 22 members, submitting 152 entries, 112 in Select, 40 in Open, who received 107 Acceptances, 28 Honors and 17 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 89 percent and a rejection rate of 11 percent.

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:

“Amateurs worry about equipment, professionals worry about time, masters worry about light.” ~ Author Unknown

Just a Thought:

“Invest a few moments in thinking. It will pay good interest.” ~ Author Unknown

Happiness is:

“Happiness held is the seed; happiness shared is the flower.” ~ Author Unknown

Keep those shutters clicking...

P.S. You're looking great today! Ö;Ö