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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 June 12th. with the Select Subject of “Nature.” The images must be naturally present in Nature. Techniques that enhance the presentation of the photography without changing the nature story or the pictorial content are permitted. Digital enhancement and manipulation must not be obvious. All adjustments must appear natural.

Digital Entries must be in by Monday at midnight, June 5th. (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 April Program Night: On April 24th we had our spring photo critique presented by Dennis Hafer, Dan Brant and Tom McCall. This was an interactive constructive critique with the members as active participants. In speaking with some of the members that were present, they said it was a good program, that they enjoyed it and always learned from the experience.

We changed the format a little and emphasized it to be more images for the members to critique. At one point we selected three (3) members and had them sit in the judges chairs and judge some images. This is something we hope to expand in the future.

Photo critiques are a good way of learning more about photography and how to judge your own photos. It's about what you SEE. You know how we are always saying “Judging is subjective.” Well that's what a critique is, it's subjective too. 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.

We would like to thank the members that submitted their Digital images “Ready for Competition” to be critiqued. We plan on having another critique in the fall.

May Program Night: Will be on May 22nd. at 7:30 pm. and feature a program on Wildlife Photography by Eric Johnson. One year ago this month, Eric presented us with an excellent program on Wildlife Photography. Eric started his program with a series of photos of an eagle's nest with an eaglet from 2 weeks to fledgling. It also included a fall animal tour in the Rocky Mountains. A trip to the Great Bear Rain Forest on the Pacific coast of British Columbia in Canada and to the Rowe Sanctuary along the Platte River in south-central Nebraska. Then it was photos in Kenya, in East Africa.

In this year's program, we'll revisit Africa and some new locations here in the States.

May Program Night continued:

Eric tells me that they returned to Africa this past December, spending 10 days in southern Tanzania photographing the annual migration of Wildebeest and Zebra – and the resulting hunts from the big cats. He said returned with 18,000 images that he is still working on, and was extremely fortunate to have photographed a number of rarely seen animals, including a Honey badger, White-tailed mongoose, Egyptian mongoose, a Serval (cat), a Caracal (cat), and an elephant that is reported to have the largest tusks in Africa! Eric will be sharing some of those experiences, as well as images from several “tortoise” trips, including one that they left on the night of his last visit to our club and said he’ll explain the “tortoise” at the meeting. He’ll have images from several states, including a fall trip to Maine. Eric said he's been fortunate to find a lot of new birds and other interesting wildlife since he was here, and looking forward to sharing it all with us.

Eric will discuss the techniques, tools and the equipment he uses and spend some time discussing the need to fine-tune camera focus, as well as shooting and processing techniques. The processing techniques, in particular, many may find very interesting; as images straight from the camera rarely look like we see them with our eyes.

See more information and some of Eric's wonderful photographs on the Program Information page of the TCCC website and check out Eric's website at: <http://www.visionsofwildlife.com>

Photo of the Month: Your winner of the Photo of the Month for February, in Black and White “Ken McKeown - On the Vine” and in Color “Jim Lynch - Reflections.” You can review the comments on the Announcements and Photo of the Month pages of the website. Congratulations to you both. Many thanks to all of the members that submitted votes.

Photo of the Month continued: Selections are now OPEN for the May Photo of the Month. The May 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 May 31st. 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!

Photos for the Picnic Program: We need your photos to include in the Picnic Show, send me five (5) of your favorite photos, doesn't have to be competition images, these are the ones you just want to share with us. So we would like to encourage ALL of you (attending the picnic or not) to send in your photos. How to prepare them? Make them just like our competition entries. Size them at 1024 pixels x 1024 pixels and title them. Send them to: tombmccall@gmail.com by June 1st. Dennis Hafer will be creating another one of his super duper shows. So don't be left out, get the images in right away.

If you have questions call me 269-983-5986.

Annual Competition entries: A reminder that your list of Digital entries for the Annual Competition in June must be submitted to Ted Post by the 1st. of June. A list of up to ten (10) Black & White and up to ten (10) Color images from your Monthly competition winners is what he needs. You will be permitted to make a few changes in the list right after the June competition. That deadline is on the 13th. of June.

Print makers may select up to ten (10) Black & White and up to ten (10) Color images from your Monthly competition winners. They must be in the clubhouse by the end of the night on June 12th.

If you have questions, please call me at 269-983-5986.

May Stats are be posted on the TCCC website.

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

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

May Honors:

Class A Black & White Digital

Barbara Kirby - Down On The Farm
Barbara Kirby - Marry Me
Ken McKeown - Stairway To Heaven
Ron Bonczkowski - See The U.S.A. in Your Chevrolet
Steve Campbell - Empty Chairs
Steve Campbell - The Touch of a Crown
Ted Post - Dont Drink the Water
Ted post - On the Rocks
Tom McCall - Splish Splash

Class A Color Digital

Chuck Kehoe - Walk this way
Dennis Hafer - Calla Lily
Jim Lynch - Gona to Find Me A Bluebird
Steve Campbell - Drip Drop
Steve Campbell - I am a Sunflower

Judges: Karen Heath, Photographer for Berrien RESA; Dawn Knuth, Photographer, Dawn Knuth Images <http://www.DawnKnuthImages.com> and Mari Maloney, Photographer, Capture Studios, Box Factory for the Arts <http://www.marimaloney.com> 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 20 members, submitting 129 entries, 90 in Select, 39 in Open, who received 95 Acceptances, 14 Honors and 22 Rejects.

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

Photography quote for today:

“Life is fun. You've got the picture to prove it.” ~ Author Unknown

Just a Thought:

**“No one gets rich teaching,
but then no one leads a richer life.”** ~ Author Unknown

Happiness is:

“There’s no better feeling than making somebody smile.” ~ Author Unknown

May you always have love to share, health to spare & friends who care!

Keep those shutters clicking...