



# Twin City Camera Club

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

**Successful awards banquet:** The club’s annual awards banquet on Nov. 10, at Coloma United Methodist Church, was an unqualified success. The food was delicious, the company interesting and the print exhibit and slide show programs inspiring. The programs once again reminded us how much talent there is among club members. Several members received prize money for their excellent work in the 2016-17 club year.

The 2016-17 first-place point winners were:

- Class B Color Digital Slides – Carol Reidsma
- Class A Black & White Prints – Ralph Harju
- Class A Color Prints – Gorson Drake
- Class A Black & White Digital Slides – Steve Campbell
- Class A Color Digital Slides – Jim Lynch

The Annual Competition Results:

- Black and White Print of the Year: Elaine Harju – And then there was Light
- Color Print of the Year: Gorson Drake – Foggy Farm Scene
- Black and White Digital Slide of the Year: Steve Campbell – Pokagon Dance
- Color Digital Slide of the Year: Tom McCall – A Mini Solar System

Many thanks go to Sandy Hafer for handling all the arraignments for the banquet location and meal. I hope the awards night inspired everyone to get out and shoot photos and share them at every opportunity. We look forward to next year’s annual awards banquet for more outstanding photography.

**We neglected to say:** We neglected to say: In our Photo of the Month kudos in the October 2017 newsletter we neglected to include a key bit of information about new club member Sandy Hafer. That in all the years that Sandy worked alongside her husband, Dennis, in their photography studio, it was Dennis who was behind the camera and the one who was working with Photoshop. We should point out that Sandy's experience is a lot more recent. It's only been this year that she started to learn how to use a digital camera and to do the post-processing of her images in Photoshop. Way to go Sandy, you're doing an excellent job.

**December competition:** The Select topic for December is “Graveyards.” The object that is the focus of attention in the image must be something to do with graveyards, such as headstones, markers, statuary, ornaments and signs. Digital images are due Dec. 4. Email to [digital@twincitycameraclub.com](mailto:digital@twincitycameraclub.com). Prints can be turned on competition night, Dec. 11.

**Club officers:** Congratulations go to the club officers who were elected Oct. 23. The 2018 officers are president, Ken McKeown; first vice president, Steve Campbell; second vice president, Gary Huttenstine; secretary, Len Anderson; treasurer, Ted Post; past president (position open); and directors Dennis Hafer and Barry Nelson.



McKeown Campbell Huttenstine Anderson



Post Hafer Nelson

**Thanks Tom:** We extend a grateful thank you to Tom McCall who decided not to seek another term on the Board of Directors. Tom served on the board in the early 1980s. Then in November 2012 he was elected to the board as a director and served the past five years in that capacity.



McCall

He has been the club's webmaster since 2005 when the new TCCC website was created. The first year or so he assisted Dan Penrod as they designed and developed the site. Dan was the webmaster for that first year until he had to stop due to business obligations.

His unofficial duties will continue as he serves as competition and technical adviser, digital workshop manager/instructor, backup for the Digital Slides

Competition chairperson, competition stats, score keeper, competition scoring, ViewFinder ... etc. ... and the lists goes on as he has held these positions at one time or another.

As of Jan. 1, Tom will to continue to serve as webmaster as well as a director of the Facebook group.

Thank you, Tom, for your service and your earnest desire to spread the word about the art of photography and the talent level in the club.

**Healing thoughts:** Healing thoughts go out to Ralph Harju who has had recent surgeries and is recovering at Pine Ridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Stevensville. We wish him a speedy recovery with lots of good warm healing thoughts and prayers.



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**October POM:** TCCC members selected Barry Nelson’s “Bryce Canyon Hoodos” as the Photo of the Month in the Color category for October. Here’s Barry’s description when and how the photo was taken and processed:

“Bryce Canyon Hoodos” was taken in Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah during September 2017, while on vacation and traveling with a Sarett Nature Center group. I liked the brilliant colors, shapes and wide view of the Hoodos. Canon EOS 7D, Tamron 16-300 lens at 16mm, 1/160, F/8, ISO 200.

Post processing in Lightroom CC for basic adjustments, setting white and black points, increase contrast, lens corrections and chromatic aberration defaults and added some dehaze. Then in On-1 software to add dynamic contrast, a little sunshine filter, and vignette. Into Photoshop to size for competition.

This was my favorite photo taken at Bryce Canyon National Park.

**Thanks judges:** Judges for the November competition night were:

- Art Robertson, photographer; Berrien Springs Camera Club member;
- Penny Brant, studio photographer, retired; and,
- Andrea Monzo, senior photographer, Johnson-Rauhoff.

Many thanks to them all and appreciate that they took the time to judge for us.

**November POM:** Selections are now open for members to pick the November Photo of the Month. The November Honors are on the new Monthly Honors page on the TCCC web site. Select one (1) color photo and one (1) black and white and send your pick to [POM@twincitycameraclub.com](mailto:POM@twincitycameraclub.com).

**Free photo software:** Visit the club website for a link to free, photo editing software – Topaz Studio. If enough members download it and try it out, we will have a class on it. Dennis Hafer says it saves him about 50 percent in his post processing time.

**November Program:** Steve Campbell will be presenting a program on "17 Days in Israel and Jordan" on Nov. 27.



**Steve and his wife, Callie,** traveled to Israel and Jordan to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. This was Steve's second trip there, but it was a first for Callie. Steve said they departed Chicago and eventually landed in Tel Aviv, Israel. Then spent the next 17 days touring the small country, taking photographs and learning more about the Jewish people. They spent two nights in the northern region known as, "The Galilee," where they were in in small towns that dotted the coast of the Lake of Gennesaret. (otherwise known as The Sea of Galilee)

For more information and photos see the Program Information page on the TCCC website. This will be one you won't want to miss. Hope to see you there.

**Judges needed:** Members are asked that if they know of active photographers who aren't in the club but who might like to be a judge to please forward their information to [Gary@twincitycameraclub.com](mailto:Gary@twincitycameraclub.com).

**Thanks Barbara:** We extend a big thank you to Barbara Kirby who presented the program, "Add Warm Glow from Windows in Photoshop." Check the club's Facebook page to find how club members used her example to create glowing windows in their own images.

**Visit the Website:** Remember to visit the club website – [twincitycameraclub.com](http://twincitycameraclub.com) – often. Tom McCall updates the site regularly, so don't miss the news and tips.

**Street photography:** Here is a list of festivals and whatnot that would be prime opportunities for street photography:

- Nov. 24-26: New Buffalo Holiday Events kickoff featuring a Santa visit, parade, tree lighting, caroling, Gnome on the Roam Hunt. Visit [newbuffalo.org](http://newbuffalo.org).
- 6 p.m., Dec. 1: Light up the Bluff at the Bluff in St. Joseph. Visit [st.joetoday.com](http://st.joetoday.com).
- 7-8 p.m., Dec. 1: 6th annual Live Mannequins in downtown St. Joseph. Visit [st.joetoday.com](http://st.joetoday.com).
- 6:15 p.m., Dec. 1: Dowagiac Candlelight Christmas Parade,
- 4-5 p.m., Dec. 2: 19th annual Reindog Holiday Parade, downtown St. Joseph.
- 3-6 p.m., Dec. 2: Stevensville Christmas in the Village, featuring hay ride, visit with Santa, make crafts, much more.
- 4-6 p.m., Dec. 3: Christmas in the Village, featuring crafts-making, sleigh ride, food, in Baroda.
- 1-4 p.m., Dec. 5: Sippin' with Santa, 10983 Hills Road, Baroda. Meet and greet with Santa during annual Toys for Tots holiday party. Visit [st.joetoday.com](http://st.joetoday.com).
- 6-9 p.m., Dec. 7: Christmas festival in Berrien Springs.
- 5-9 p.m., Dec. 9, 16 and 22-23, also 4-8 p.m. Dec. 10 & 17: Eden Springs Park Festival of Lights, Miniature Train Rides, 793 M-139, Benton Harbor.

**Good stuff, cheap** (mostly): Looking to buy or sell camera equipment? Visit the club's Website at [twincitycameraclub.com](http://twincitycameraclub.com) and click on the "classifieds" tab. Buyers will find good deals (haggling allowed), and sellers will find a captive audience. This month's featured items are tripods.

**November Honors:** Congratulations go to club members whose entries were selected by judges as October Honors. The list and images also are available on the club website. We had 24 members submitting 147 entries – 60 in Select, 87 in Open – that received 89 Acceptances, 40 Honors and 18 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 89 percent.

Special congratulations go to Barbara Kirby for her four (4) Honors in Class A Color Prints, which were all in Select and achieved a perfect score of 22 points.

Special congratulations go to Dennis Hafer for four (4) Honors in Class A Black & White Digital Slides, which were all in Select and achieved a perfect score of 22 points.

Here are the honors winners:

Class A Color Prints

- Gorson Drake – Grand Rapids Pedestrian Bridge
- Barbara Kirby – Boom
- Barbara Kirby - Holy Cow
- Barbara Kirby - Looking Back
- Barbara Kirby - South Haven

Class B B&W

- Sandy Hafer – 3 x 2

- Sandy Hafer – Antique Arch
- Sandy Hafer – Pillars Of Light

#### Class B Color

- Sandy Hafer – Glass-Metal-Stone
- Sandy Hafer – Lovely Garden
- Sandy Hafer – Smoky Mountain Blue

#### Class A B&W

- Dennis Hafer – Angry
- Dennis Hafer – Ghosting
- Dennis Hafer – Sometime It Works-Other Times It Doesn't
- Dennis Hafer – The Falls Of Meijer Gardens
- Ken McKeown – As Time Goes By
- Ken McKeown – Six Strings
- Ron Bonczkowski – Old Piano
- Ron Bonczkowski – Old Book
- Ron DeKett – Shroud over Paris Mountain
- Ted Post – A dark and Stormy Night 1-4364
- Tom McCall – At My Night Job
- Tom McCall – From Waves to Mist
- Tom McCall – Illuminating the Way

#### Class A Color

- Barbara Kirby – Bang
- Barbara Kirby – City Travel
- Barbara Kirby – Zoom Focus
- Dave Wheeler – Grand Island Light
- Dennis Hafer – Dance-Dance-Dance
- Dennis Hafer – Early Morning Walk
- Dennis Hafer – Spinning Wheel
- John Kubicek – Alabama Hills Star
- John Kubicek – Grand Teton Lodge
- John Kubicek – Mobius Arch
- Maria Pelaez – Bald Eagle
- Maria Pelaez – Red Daylily
- Ron DeKett – Horse in Snow
- Sherry Saenz – Natures Cathedral
- Susan Berry – Sun Flower
- Ted Post – Glade Grist Mill 9119

**Quote of the Month:** "The more you photograph, the more you realize what can be photographed and what can't be photographed. You just have to keep doing it." — Eliot Porter

## **Keep those shutters clicking ...**

(Remember: Photographers who don't take photos go mad.)