



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.

Annual awards banquet: The club’s annual awards banquet starts at 6 p.m. Nov. 10, at Coloma United Methodist Church, 144 S. Church St., Coloma, with a social hour. Dinner starts at 7 p.m. Reservations are required by Nov. 3. The cost is \$15 each and can be paid at the event. Contact Ted Post by email at theodore.post@yahoo.com or call 269-429-9581. Visit the club website’s announcement page for meal details.

Election: The Election of Officers will occur during the second meeting in October (Oct. 23) and we are asking for nominations from the membership. If you are interested in serving as an elected board official or would like more information, contact President Ken McKeown. Candidates so far are president, Ken McKeown; first vice president, Steve Campbell; second vice president, Gary Huttenstine; secretary, Len Anderson; treasurer, Ted Post; past president (position open); directors (2), Dennis Hafer and Barry Nelson.



Monthly program:

Barbara Kirby will present a program on how to "Add Warm Glow from Windows in Photoshop." She will describe how she used two photos to create one gorgeous one. The program will start at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23.

Barbara said: “Last year I went with my sister to pick up her puppy in Shipshewana. It was December, the drive was amazing with the snow, the pretty farms and the sunset was gorgeous. I couldn’t help wishing I had my camera due to the gorgeous barns with the glow of light beaming from the windows and cracks.

“That’s where my inspiration came from when I took this picture during a full moon rise this summer. Of course, the moon didn’t rise where I wanted it to so I had to move it over thanks to Photoshop”

New member: Please welcome Jason Boulanger of St. Joseph as the club's newest member. On behalf of our entire membership, we welcome you and wish you much success. 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.

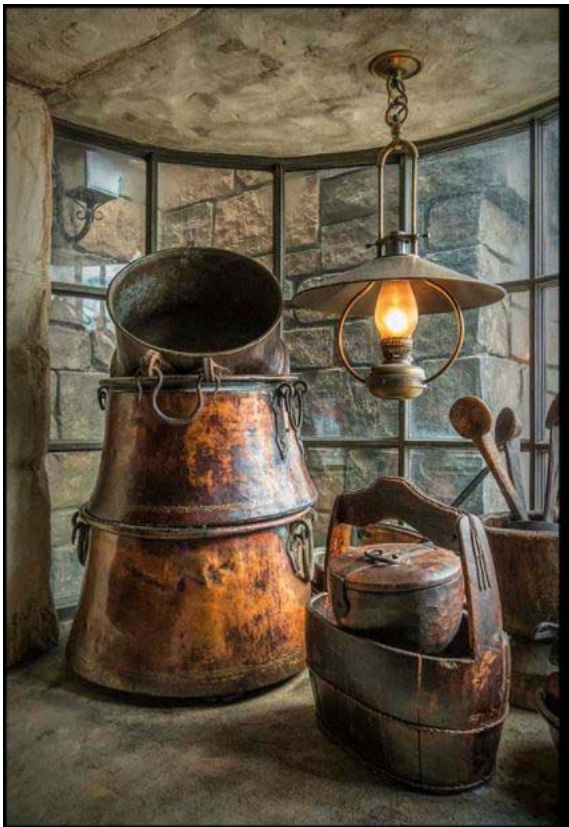


Photo of the Month:

Congratulations go to Sandy Hafer whose photo, "Copper Pots," was selected by TCCC members as the September Photo of the Month in the Color category, and to Dennis Hafer, whose photo, "St. Anne's Chapel," was selected as the September Photo of the Month in the black & white category.

It's with great pleasure that we get to congratulate you both. Dennis is an old hand at competition. We appreciate his talents and his willingness to share his knowledge. Sandy joined TCCC in March and is new to club competition, although she has long been involved in photography, working alongside Dennis in their studio for years, being behind the camera and learning about post processing. Way to go Sandy. You have an excellent "eye" for photography as we can see in your wonderful images.

Their comments about their winning entries are on the Announcements and Photo of the Month pages of the website.



Competitor kudos: Thanks for all your efforts in preparing your entries and submitting them into the October competition. We had 28 members submitting 163 entries – 112 in Select, 51 in Open – that received 104 Acceptances, 45 Honors and 14 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 91 percent. The Honors photos are on the club website – twincitycameraclub.com – under the “Photography Galleries” tab. The Honors winners are listed at the end of this newsletter.

Special congratulations: Maria Peleaz received four (4) Honors in Color Digital Slides, all in Select, achieving a perfect score of 22 points. Way to go Maria, great job, excellent images.

Thanks judges: Judges for the October competition night were:

- Keith Alton, photographer, retired from Dee Color Labs;
- Tim Langlois, photographer, former president of TCCC; and,
- Randy Higdon, artist and owner Randall Higdon Studio/Gallery in Coloma (randallhigdon.net).

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

October POM: Selections are now open for members to pick the October Photo of the Month. The October Honors are on the new Monthly Honors page on the TCCC web site. No Black & White Honors this month so select one (1) color photo and send your pick to POM@twincitycameraclub.com.

Program report: The fall photo critique was presented Sept. 25 by club members Dennis Hafer, Dan Brant and Tom McCall. It was an interactive constructive critique with the members as active participants. In speaking with some of the members afterward that attended the program, they said it was a good program, that they enjoyed it and always learned from the experience.

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 spring.

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 competition: The Select topic for November is Long Exposure: 2 seconds or more. The object that is the focus of attention in the image must be captured with an exposure/shutter speed of 2 seconds or greater, that sharply captures the stationary objects of images while blurring the moving elements. Examples include light trails, moving water, ghost-like people, painting with light, etc. Digital images are due Nov. 6. Email to digital@twincitycameraclub.com.

Dues were due: Just a reminder. The annual dues deadline for 2017-18 was Sept. 30. The cost is \$30 for an individual and \$45 for two adults in the same household. Dues for new members paid after Feb. 1, 2017, are extended through Aug. 31, 2018. Make checks payable to T C C C and mail to Ted Post, 3202 Ravine Ave., St. Joseph, MI 49085. Visit the club Website for a membership renewal form and details.

Lightroom 101: The Box Factory for the Arts in St. Joseph will present "Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 101: From import to development," from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 23. The cost is \$60. Call 269-983-3688.

Judges needed: Gary D. Huttenstine, second vice president for competition, asks members 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.

Photography book: The Box Factory for the Arts in St. Joseph will present the program, "From the Computer to the Coffee Table: Making a Photography Book," from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 6. The cost is \$50 per student. Call 269-983-3688.

Capturing kindness: The website envisionkindness.org has extended its deadline to Nov. 5 for photographers to submit their images that show kindness in people and nature. Five winners will be selected to receive cash prizes. Details are at envisionkindnesscontest.org.

Good stuff, cheap (mostly): Looking to buy or sell camera equipment? Visit the club's Website at 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.

Bring a friend: Help ensure TCCC's strong, creative future by inviting a friend to attend one of our meetings. We welcome any adult interested in photography regardless of skill level.

Free instruction: The Internet and Youtube.com are valuable resources when trying to learn the basics and intricacies of photo processing software. Photographers looking for free lighting tips can visit Jay P. Morgan's Youtube.com site called Slanted Lens. If anyone has a favorite photo-related website they'd like to share, please send the link to rdekett@gmail.com.

Visit the Website: Remember to visit the club website – 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:

- Oct. 14: Celebrate Fall, downtown Stevensville. 269-429-1802.
- Oct. 14: Dowagiac Under the Harvest Moon, downtown Dowagiac. 269-782-8212
- Oct. 14: Weko Beach Brewers Festival, Weko Beach, Bridgman. 269-465-4413
- Oct. 22: Haunted Historic Neighborhood tours. Call 269-983-1191.
- Oct. 28: Halloween Happening, Fernwood Botanical Garden. 269-695-6491
- Oct. 31; Halloween Trick-or-Treat, Benton Harbor Arts District & downtown St. Joseph.
- Oct. 31: Trick-or-Treat from 4-6 p.m. Oct. 31, at the Michigan Maritime Museum, 260 Dyckman Ave., South Haven. Call 269-637-8078.
- Nov. 10: Family events during the Dowagiac Christmas Celebration start at 10 a.m. Nov. 11 in downtown Dowagiac. Call 269-782-8212

Astronomical Events: Here is a list of heavenly sky events, courtesy of photonaturalist.com:

- Oct. 5: Full moon
- Oct. 8: Draconids Meteor Shower
- Oct. 21: Orionids Meteor Shower

- Nov. 4: Full moon
- Nov. 5: Taurids Meteor Shower

October Honors: Congratulations go to club members whose entries were selected by judges as October Honors. The list and images also is available on the club website.

Class B Color Digital

- Sandy Hafer - Plenty Of Pink Petals

Class A Color Digital

- Barbara Kirby - Sand and Glass
- Barbara Kirby - Stack Focus
- Barbara Kirby - You Bug Me
- Barry Nelson - Bryce Canyon Hoodoos
- Barry Nelson - Flowers
- Bill Rothwell - Lone Bud
- Chuck Kehoe - Spring Azalea
- Chuck Kehoe - You Can't See Me
- Dennis Hafer - Red Hot Pepper
- Dennis Hafer - Where's My Needle
- Gary Huttenstine - Peacock Feather
- Gary Huttenstine - Pink Clematis
- Gary Huttenstine - Pollinator
- Jake Toering - Blue Ribbon
- Jake Toering - Sea Beauty
- Jim Long - Little Blue Flower
- Jim Lynch - Butterfly on Clover 2
- Jim Lynch - Monarch
- Jim Lynch - Rams Head Orchid
- John Kubicek - 3 Sisters
- John Kubicek - Cedar Breaks Flower
- John Kubicek - Celebrate
- Juanita Attard - 1 in 100,000 Crested Saguaro
- Juanita Attard - Old Lock
- Kathleen Mendel - Watching
- Ken McKeown - Lily in the Sun
- Ken McKeown - Making A Bee Line
- Ken McKeown - Waves of Pink
- Maria Pelaez - Anemone Flower
- Maria Pelaez - Caterpillar
- Maria Pelaez - Jumping Spider
- Maria Pelaez - Snowflake
- Michel M Rose - A Patch of Goose Neck Barnacles
- Michel M Rose - Strange Sea Slug
- Ron Bonczkowski - Muskegon Lighthouse
- Ron Bonczkowski - Two of a Kind
- Ron DeKett - Spider Woman
- Susan Berry - Summer Evening

- Ted Post - Lady Slipper
- Ted Post - Stamen Closeup
- Ted Post - White Trillium
- Tom McCall - COLORAY
- Tom McCall - Melting
- Tom McCall - Touched by the Sun

Weekly challenge: If you want more of challenge in your photography but need a bit of incentive, visit the website 52Frames.com. Sign up for its newsletter to receive a guided photo challenge every week. Share your work receive of feedback as well as tutorials, tips and inspiration.

Quote of the Month: “The camera is an instrument that teaches people how to see without a camera.” — Dorothea Lange

Hug a photographer

October is "National Photographer Appreciation Month."

This note of appreciation comes from blog.hhcolorlab.com: "To the picture perfectionist and the just-one-more-shot taker. To the people who believe in the beauty of any event and those same people who help us remember it. We, the general public, salute you and your photography gifts spread throughout the world—online, on paper, and in our hearts. ... "



Keep those shutters clicking ...

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