



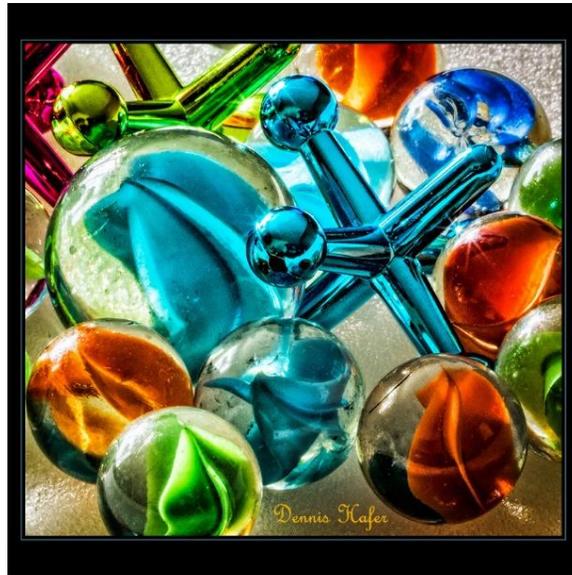
# Twin City Camera Club

## ViewFinder

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© Dennis Hafer - Circles And Stars

### Featured photo for June

Congratulations to Dennis Hafer!

Dennis' photo "Circles and Stars" has been selected as the featured opening photo for the TCCC website.

It's all about focusing on photography and having fun. I think Dennis' photo is another great example illustrating having fun with photography.

It was selected because it caught my eye and brought back lots of memories.

How about you? Do you remember "onesies" and "twosies," and "double bounces."

What about "peas in the pod" or "frogs in the well," when playing Jacks...

Are you a "mibster" and know your marble terms, like "Knuckle down", "masher, shooter, cat's eye and aggie?" Did you ever "lose your marbles" by playing for keeps?

My shooter was a steely. Hey, hey, no Fudging... 😊)

Hope it brought back some memories for you too...

Thanks, Dennis, excellent photo, and thanks for the memories!

Featured photos are selected to communicate an idea or thought about the world around us, like a special occasion, the time of year, the weather, maybe an upcoming event, or just for fun. They are important in promoting the Twin City Camera Club and its website. It's all about photography and having fun. A picture may or may not be worth a thousand words but when used to encourage and develop an interest in photography, we think they are the way to go...

## Photo of the Month Winners June

### Black and White



© 2021 Leroy Patterson - Bambi

May Photo of the Month  
Selected by the TCCC Members

Black & White Winner Leroy Patterson - Bambi

This deer was very curious about what I was doing so it did not run away. It was shot from my backyard toward the woods, The deer herd travels through the woods to go to the river, usually, they run when they see me so I only get a backside shot. The lighting was low in the sky and the deer was on the edge of the shadow, so its face was very well lit and the rest was in the shadow. The eyes and the ears look so big because of the light and its intensity of looking toward me.

Shot with Nikon 850 and 70-200mm lens. Post converted to B&W, added contrast plus clarity and texture, cropped about 20 percent.

## Color



© 2021 Deb Chamberlain - Pose

Color Winner Deb Chamberlain - Pose

This photo was taken at a fundraising event in Howell, MI sponsored by Howell Nature Center. I think this is a great fundraising event. She was by far my favorite bird. She gave me many poses to choose from, moving from one side of the branch to the other. Fun!

I used a tripod and was very happy with the sharpness of this photo. Just goes to show you, tripods do make a difference.

Camera: Canon, Rebel T6

Settings: Exposure Time 1/200, f-stop f8, ISO 200, focal length 400.

Post Processing: Photoshop Elements. Camera raw, Cropping, and a small amount of spot brush healing. Shadow adjustment opened up her eyes. Also, clarity, vibrancy, sharpness, and color noise reduction.

**Keep those shutters clicking by going on these adventures.**



## **TCCC Photowalk**

*June 28, 2021 - 7:00 pm*  
*Lake Michigan College*

The Photowalk is an opportunity for TCCC members to come together as a group, and exercise their imagination and creativity. Aside from being fun, a Photowalk presents interesting possibilities for photographs of scenes we usually passby. A great opportunity to get a start on some of the select subjects for the 2021 - 2022 season. The group will meet in the parking lot on the side entrance of the Hanson Building.

Signing up for this event is encouraged.

([dshafer@comcast.net](mailto:dshafer@comcast.net)) Hope to see you there!

## TCCC Member's Only Butterfly Photoshoot at Sarett Nature Center.



**Sarett Nature Center Butterfly house**

**photos by Barry Nelson**

TCCC has arranged with Sarett Nature Center a private after-hours admittance to the Butterfly house for a TCCC member's only photoshoot.

The address is: 2300 N Benton Center Road Benton Harbor, Mi.49022

The event will be held on Tuesday, July 13th, at 4:30 pm.

TCCC Camera club is paying for your admittance to this event.

There will be no cost to you. TCCC will pay Sarett a pre-arranged fee that will cover everyone's admission. We will have supervised access to the butterfly house for two hours. Depending on how many sign up to attend, each will have 20 to 30 minutes to take their photos. If too many TCCC Members sign up we can extend our access time not to exceed 3 hours. Due to limited space in the butterfly house, each group of 6 will need to take turns entering. This will allow you adequate room to take your photos.

Please E-mail Barry Nelson at [bnelson587@gmail.com](mailto:bnelson587@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend. Please reply by July 6th.

Please include the names of who is attending. I will need to know how many to expect to adjust details with Sarett. If less than 10 members sign up we may cancel the event.

We hope to see you on July 13th at 4:30.

Please call me at 269-580-4585 if you have any questions.

### **TCCC Annual Picnic.**

Your Board has reserved the pavilion at the Baroda Township Park at Hess Lake for our picnic on **Monday, August 23rd.**

## Tom McCall report: June's Competition Night

Something special did happen this month with the June Select Subject "Anything Goes." For the judges, they got to see some exceptional images and they didn't have to concern themselves with deciding if the image fit the select subject or not. They could concentrate on the photos. That there were only four rejects in B&W was telling also.

For Ted, he said it made it a lot easier for him also, with everything in select. As for me, I liked it too. I didn't have to police it to determine if anything had to be moved to Open.



Tom McCall

Good job everyone, we hope you enjoyed the competition as much as we did.

A few words about the Annual Competition. Scheduling problems moved it from the 28th of June to July 1st. It was also changed from being a Zoom judging to in-house and will be judged on our equipment and TV so everyone will have the same playing field.

The Covid-19 restrictions were in place when we obtained the judges and they were assured the TCCC crew putting on the competition were all fully vaccinated and would be the only ones in the building.

The latest information is that for the most part beginning July 1st. all broad epidemic orders will be lifted. Indoor capacity limits will go away, as will most mask requirements.

Since I'm the one who assured the judges, I would appreciate a call from any member who wants to attend to let me know so I can inform the judges. Thank you.

The June digital results are posted in the club website's Member's Only section.

June Stats: June statistics are posted on the TCCC website.

Thanks, Judges: Judges for June competition night were:

Tom Allen, Professional Fine Arts Photographer [www.thomasallenonline.com](http://www.thomasallenonline.com)  
Devyn Hanko, Photographer, <http://devyn4007.wix.com/photography-by-devyn>  
Katherine Kasischke, Art Educator

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

June Honors: Thank you goes to all the competitors for their efforts in preparing and submitting their entries for the June competition. Congratulations go to club members whose entries were selected by judges as June competition Honors. Twenty members submitted 131 entries – 131 in Select, resulting in 73 Honors, 54 Acceptances, and four Rejections.

Special congratulations go to Dennis Hafer for earning four Honors in Class A B&W Digital which were all in Select and achieved a perfect score of 22 points. Also to Dennis Hafer and Tom McCall for earning four Honors in Class A Color Digital which were all in Select and achieved a perfect score of 22 points. Way to go you two, great job.

June Honors

### Class B Color

Marguerite Eichelberger - Focused  
Marguerite Eichelberger - Gathering Flowers for the Nest  
Marguerite Eichelberger - My Magnolia

### Class A B&W

Bill Schalk - Almost a Wet Camera  
Bill Schalk - Saint Basil's  
Bill Schalk - While Waiting for a Train  
Chris loose-Randall - Cloudy sky  
Chris loose-Randall - Smokescreen  
Chuck Kehoe - Nature's Beauty  
Chuck Kehoe - Simple Beauty  
John Kubicek - Silver Power Tower  
Keith Sawyer - GTO  
Leroy Patterson - Engine 767-2  
Leroy Patterson - Tucker

### Class A Color

Bill Schalk - Air Pelican  
Bill Schalk - Morning Has Broken  
Bill Schalk - Southbound Crossing  
Chris loose-Randall - Heron starlight  
Chris loose-Randall - Lake mi sunset  
Chris loose-Randall - Sensors  
Chuck Kehoe - Seen a lot of calls  
Chuck Kehoe - Seen better days  
Deb Chamberlain - Mustard  
Deb Chamberlain - Water, Wood, Stone  
Jake Toering - Wisteria  
Jim Long - Looking Up  
John Kubicek - Cardinal  
John Kubicek - Highway to the Stars  
John Kubicek - Brown Peligan  
John Witt - Yellowstone Lake  
John Witt - Yellowstone Landscape  
Juanita Attard - Dragonfly  
Juanita Attard - Opening Fern  
Juanita Attard - Wintered Hydrangea Bloom  
Keith Sawyer - Reflected sun  
Keith Sawyer - Tilly  
Leroy Patterson - Dog Wood  
Leroy Patterson - The General  
Leroy Patterson - Upper Falls

### Class AA B&W

Dennis Hafer - Broad Museum  
Dennis Hafer - Hanson Tech Center  
Dennis Hafer - Rectangles  
Dennis Hafer - Simplicity

Ken McKeown -Broken  
Ron DeKett - Cliff  
Ron DeKett - Memorial for the Dead  
Ron DeKett - Warren Dunes  
Sandy Hafer - Bridge In South Bend  
Sandy Hafer - Phoenix Rising  
Ted Post - New York Montour Falls 5718  
Ted Post - Pemaquid Point 7636  
Tom McCall - Sculpted in Ice  
Tom McCall - The Bubble Burst

#### Class AA Color

Barry Nelson - Egyptian Goose c  
Barry Nelson - Four Leaf Trillium  
Barry Nelson - Holland Tulips orange yellow  
Dennis Hafer - Bristol Emporium  
Dennis Hafer - Flowering Fuchsia  
Dennis Hafer - Ribbons & Curls  
Dennis Hafer - Sunny Days To Come  
Ron DeKett - Field  
Ron DeKett - Open arms  
Ron DeKett - Pierson's Falls  
Sandy Hafer - Red Red Rose  
Sandy Hafer - The Calder Flamingo  
Sandy Hafer - Tranquility  
Ted Post - Innovation entering the harbor  
Ted Post - That's enough pictures buster 1335  
Ted Post - Woodpecker 52  
Tom McCall - A Column in Red  
Tom McCall - Before the Storm  
Tom McCall - Ice Blue  
Tom McCall - Sundown

June POM: Selections are open for the June Photo of the Month. Select one for the Color photo and one for the Black & White photo. Go to the club website's Announcement page and scroll down to the new Monthly Honors tab to view the images. Send your picks to [POM@twincitycameraclub.com](mailto:POM@twincitycameraclub.com). The deadline to vote is midnight, Wednesday, June 30. Vote early, but only once. Your vote counts!

Competition season awards: During the monthly competition, points are earned and accumulated until the end of the competition year when awards are given to the top three-point winners in each category. If you don't see a category or one that doesn't have three places, it's because there is a requirement that a minimum of 45 points must be earned to be eligible for a top three-point award.

Award winners for the 2020-21 competition season were:

#### Class B Color Digital Slides

Marguerite Eichelberger 71

#### Class A Black & White Digital Slides

Keith Sawyer	138
Christine Loose-Randall	134
Bill Schalk	129

#### Class A Color Digital Slides

Christine Loose-Randall	143
Bill Schalk	140
Keith Sawyer	139

#### Class AA Black & White Digital Slides

Dennis Hafer	153
Sandy Hafer	134
Tom McCall	133

#### Class AA Color Digital Slides

Dennis Hafer	157
Sandy Hafer	147
Ron DeKett	139

Congratulations to all of the winners! Along with the feelings of accomplishment for making it into the top three, come with the bragging rights, and as a small incentive for the next season, a little remuneration comes your way. For the rest of you, it's time to set your sights on one of the top spots, review the Select Subjects list, grab your camera equipment, and go out there and capture exceptional photos to enter in the Select Subject each Month. Make sure you have fun doing it.

Competition advancement: The following Class B member has achieved the requirements to advance to Class A. Congratulations go to Marguerite Eichelberger. Way to go! Don't forget to put all your entries into Class A starting in September.

The following Class A members have achieved the requirements to advance to Class AA. Congratulations go to Christine Loose-Randall, Juanita Attard, Leroy Patterson, Keith Sawyer, and Bill Schalk. Way to go! Don't forget to put all your entries into Class AA starting in September.

Members have the option to submit a request to the TCCC board for a change in Class placement.



**Keep those shutters clicking...**

**We exist to encourage and develop an interest in photography.**

**We Care!** The purpose of the Twin City Camera Club website is:

- To encourage and develop an interest in photography.
- To inform, provide contact information, and entertain.
- To inform our members and visitors about upcoming activities and events.
- To showcase our member's work; it's all about focusing on Photography.

**What We Do - It's all about focusing on Photography and having fun...**