



ViewFinder

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Editor's note: Due to technical issues this edition of ViewFinder is several weeks late. The normal schedule will resume for the May 2023 edition which will be released the second week of May, or thereabouts. Which, as I look at the calendar, is coming up pretty darn quick.

Clubhouse displays: Visitors to the clubhouse will notice new photographic images decorating its walls. The board of directors approved the new display featuring prints that were sized 16-by-20. The photos were printed by H&H color lab in Raytown, MD, on Fuji pearl paper with a metallic surface.

The prints were hung on March 23 by board members Barry Nelson, Christine Loose-Randall, Sandy Hafer, Dennis Hafer, and Marguerite Eichelberger and her non-member husband Jeff.

We thank them and those who contributed to this excellent exhibit of great color and black & white photography that speaks to club members' high level of skill and photographic talent.



Visit the Website: Remember to regularly visit the club website, twincitycameraclub.com.

Online poll: Webmaster Jasmin Bretana is conducting a poll on the club Facebook page to decide on future photo field trips. No dates or locations are set yet. Hop on the Facebook page and let your voice be heard.

Ansel Adams exhibit: Selected works by Ansel Adams will be on display through July 16 at the Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St., Elkhart, Ind. The museum is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m., weekends. For details, visit midwestmuseum.org.

America the Beautiful: Clyde Butcher's America the Beautiful exhibit will be on display through July 16 at the Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St., Elkhart, Ind. The collection celebrates the beauty of the American landscape from the Redwood forests of California to the Everglade swamps of Florida. The museum is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m., weekends. For details, visit midwestmuseum.org.

Andy Sweet's South Beach: The photographic works of Miami native Andy Sweet is on display through June 4 at the Krasl Art Center in St. Joseph. The Krasl describes the exhibit this way: "As Miami (Florida) rapidly changed, the vibrant retirement community lost its place in South Beach, but thanks to Sweet's insight and passion for documenting the people there, this memorable moment in Miami's cultural heritage lives on in his photographs."

Photo(s) of the Month: Congratulations go to John Kubicek, whose photo, "Flying Hummer," was selected as this month's Black & White Photo of the Month. Congratulations also go to Marguerite Eichelberger for her color image, "The Staredown," Tom McDonough for his color image, "Baby Snowy," and Ron DeKett for his color image, "Acorn woodpecker," which were selected as Color Photos of the Month.

John Kubicek - Flying Hummer



Marguerite Eichelberger - The Stare-down



Tom McDonough - Baby Snowy



Ron DeKett - Acorn woodpecker



Drone photography: Nathan Voytovick will present "Dronography" at 7 p.m. May 22, at the clubhouse. He will discuss the basics of drone photography, as well as rules and regulations that may apply. Learn more about Nathan on his Facebook page, Nate's Dronography; and YouTube channel, Nate's Dronography Channel.

MAAC reception: The photographs of three club members – Marguerite Eichelberger, John Kubicek and Ron DeKett – were selected for participation in the juried 2023 Michiana Annual Art Competition at the Box Factory for the Arts. An opening reception is from 5:30-7 p.m. May 19. Reception admission is free.

Photography walk: Everyone is invited to "Photography Meet & Photo Walk," starting at 6 p.m., Friday, May 12, at Tiscornia Beach. The event is hosted by Oakridge Community Church.

Quotes) of the Month: "I am not interested in shooting new things. I am interested to see things new." – Ernst Haas

"The technical part (of photography) is just the tool. ... Because photography at the end of the day is still art." – Sean Tucker

June Select Subject: Nature: The image 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. Images must not contain any presence of the hand of man. Everything must be there naturally, without human intervention. Examples of unacceptable images include cultivated or domestic plants, pets, farm animals, mounted specimens, or set arrangements.

Upload your entries using the form in the members-only section of the club website. Don't forget to name them correctly: image name, followed by a hyphen, followed by photographer's name. For example: "Bird - Jane Doe." The deadline is midnight June 5.

Kudos: We extend our thanks to our many club members who continue to provide entertaining and informative programs.

- Steve and Callie Campbell for presenting the March 27 program "Journey to Phantom Ranch." They shared their adventures of traveling by mule down into the Grand Canyon to spend a night at Phantom Ranch.
- Susan and Pete Mathews who presented the April 24 program "Down a Lazy River," a photographic, historical and cultural trip down famous European rivers.

Instagram: Webmaster Jasmin Bretana has created a club Instagram account. Visit www.instagram.com/twincitycameraclub/.

New submission form: Webmaster Jasmin Bretana has created a new digital competition submission form which allows members to submit their entries online without needing to fill out a written form. She also has created a video explaining how to use the form. Visit the club website for details.

Facebook: Don't forget about the club Facebook page. Members are encouraged to post their images, report on photo opportunities and learn about up-to-date club news.

March honors: Congratulations go to the club members who received Honors for the March competition entries. For an entry to be selected in the Honors category it must have received a combined score of 13, 14 or 15 from three independent judges who rate the photos on a scale from 1 to 5.

Black & White Select

- Barry Nelson - A Pair of Shrike
- Dennis Hafer - Are You Done Focusing Yet
- Ron DeKett - Bad hair day
- Bill Schalk - Bottoms Up
- Tom McDonough - Drying Anhinga
- Chris Loose-Randall - Eagle
- John Kubicek - Flying Hummer
- Marguerite Eichelberger - Happy Girl
- Dennis Hafer - Happy Together
- Sherry Saenz - Llama
- Ron DeKett - Royalty
- Bill Schalk - Snow Day
- Marguerite Eichelberger - Someone is a Little Shy

Black & White Open

- Lynette Braddock - A Wavy Night at the Pier
- Leroy Patterson - Lily

Color Select

- Lynette Braddock - A Blue Bird in my Backyard
- Ron DeKett - Acorn woodpecker
- Tom McDonough - Baby Snowy
- Bill Schalk - Butter Fly By
- Marguerite Eichelberger - Coat of Many Colors
- Christine Loose-Randall - Drying Out
- Ken Zimmerman - Elk at Estes Park Colorado
- Oscar Bretana - Food please
- John Kubicek – I'm ready for my portrait
- Ted Post – I'm watching you
- Sherry Saenz - Koala
- Keith Sawyer - Look at You
- Dennis Hafer - Peek A Boo
- Sherry Saenz - Place to Perch
- Suzanne McDonough - Pretty in Pink
- Ron DeKett - Red-eyed tree frog
- Marguerite Eichelberger - Ruby
- Ron DeKett - Sentry
- Marguerite Eichelberger - The Staredown

Color Open

- Jasmin Bretana – Just Down the Road
- Tom McDonough – Smooth Moonlight
- Suzanne McDonough – Snowy Egret

April honors: Congratulations go to the club members who received Honors for the April competition entries. For an entry to be selected in the Honors category it must have received a combined score of 13, 14 or 15 from three independent judges who rate the photos on a scale from 1 to 5.

Black & White Open

- Ron DeKett - Pier Under Ice
- Keith Sawyer - Stormy Evening

Color Select

- Ken Zimmerman - At the Mark

- Jim Lynch - Bird Boat
- Keith Sawyer - Hang On
- Bill Schalk - Happy Face
- Dennis Hafer - Made It
- Dennis Hafer - Morning Calm
- Marguerite Eichelberger - My Morning Visitor
- Suzanne McDonough - Six Spoon-Bills
- Keith Sawyer - Summer Evening
- Sandy Hafer - Water Lily

Color Open

- Lynette Braddock - Allegany Wildflowers
- Lynette Braddock - Evening Sunset
- Ron DeKett - Foggy Day at Chikaming Pond
- Tom McDonough - Yakkity Hawk
- Jasmin Bretana - Witness Protection

Keep those shutters clicking...

Take more pictures

*But don't
forget to*

Enter competitions



We exist to encourage and develop an interest in photography.

