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Member of the South Western Michigan Council of Camera Clubs (SWMCCC)

October & November Meetings / Workshops

Workshop–New products, lenses, filters	Thursday Oct 16 th	Townhouse – 7:00 PM
Workshop – Critique Night	Thursday Oct 23 rd	Townhouse – 7:00 PM
Board Meeting	Thursday Nov 6 th	Townhouse – 6:30 PM
Print Competition	Thursday Nov 6 th	Townhouse - 7:30 PM
Workshop–Creative Strobe Photography	Thursday Nov 20 th	Townhouse – 7:00 PM

Projection Competition Categories

Digital

1. Nature - Open
2. Lots of Color
3. Creative
4. Symmetry
5. Open – No nature

Slides

1. Nature - Open
2. Flower(s)
3. Portrait
4. Something old
5. Spring Season
6. Color (single or contrasting)
7. Open – No nature

Upcoming Photography Exhibits

Our next exhibit is the [Whitley County Peabody Library](#), which opens Monday November 3rd and runs through December 1st and they have room for about 60 prints. **The deadline to turn in prints is October 23rd.** You can call me to arrange to get them to me, or I will be at the Critique Workshop on the 23rd at the Townhouse at 7 PM. If anyone does not want me to take their prints from Allen County Library to Peabody, let me or I will choose one or two from everyone and return the rest. Remember: all prints must be framed and with a wire hanger on the back.

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Got your costume ready ??

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Notes from Our President

Hope you are all enjoying this beautiful autumn and having the chance to get out and shoot. While you are out there try something new, experiment, try that unusual shot, angle, shutter speed...something to take your image from ordinary to extraordinary!

Our Allen County Public Library exhibit is a great success thanks to our exhibit chairperson George Mundell and those who gave him a hand! They worked very hard with collecting the images, labeling them and of course hanging them. Thank you George and friends! If you have not had the opportunity to view the exhibit, find the time and head over there. There are some amazingly beautiful and unique images.

Hope to see you at our workshop this month where Bill Christie from Sunny Schick Camera will show us some new products as well as unusual and interesting items so you can get them on your Christmas list :) If there is anything special you would like to see, just give Bill a call and he will be glad to bring it along.

We also have a critique night this month. That is were members bring images and get feedback from other members on what is great or could be improved on an image. The fun part of this night is just finding out how and where others took an image and have some time to socialize. We learn by talking about the images, without the pressure of competition or judges.

And our next competition is projection night, and we will have both slides and digital competitions. We have cut down on the number of times we have slides this year, with no slide competitions next year. So dig out your slides, and get your digital images ready and I'll see you soon!

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Pat Still Needs inputs for the Christmas program

Pat says she has received very few images for the program. PLEASE get some images to her as soon as possible. See the September issue for details.

Print Winners for October

Color Category	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
1. Nature - Open	Eugene McQuillan	Gayla Baker	Denise McQuillan
2. Water	Jon Ingleman	Gayla Baker	Don Gagnon
3. Camera/Computer Art	Eugene McQuillan	Don Gagnon	Denise McQuillan
4. Tools of the Trade	John Klein	Gayla Baker	Jon Ingleman
5. Open - no nature	George Mundell	Lynn Gerig	Brian Rowe

Club Voting: 1st: Jon Ingleman 2nd (tie): Eugene McQuillan 2nd (tie): George Mundell

Monochrome Category	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
1. Nature - Open	Sharon Gerig	Brian Rowe	Jon Ingleman
2. Frame It	Jon Ingleman	Don Gagnon	Lynn Gerig
3. Camera/Computer Art	Sharon Gerig	Eugene McQuillan	only 2 entries
4. Teeny Tiny	Sharon Gerig	Don Gagnon	Eugene McQuillan
5. Open - no nature	George Mundell	Denise McQuillan	Kim Ross

Club Voting: 1st: George Mundell 2nd: Denise McQuillan

3rd (3-way tie): Sharon Gerig 3rd (3-way tie): Don Gagnon 3rd (3-way tie): Sharon Gerig

Images needed for publication

Times Community Publications, which produces Aboite & About, Dupont Valley Times, St. Joe Times, George Town Times and East Allen County Times, as well as a web site at www.fwdailynews.com is looking for images from these publication. There is no payment involved, but you will have your images published and have a byline included with each image.

This is an excellent opportunity to get your images published locally.

Images should be from Allen County, be either timeless or very current, 300 dpi and 4 inches on the longest side. They may be used for the web site or in any of the Times publications. They need to include caption information and byline information. Please send your images to Sue Reeves, editor, at sreeves@timespubs.com or pr@timespubs.com

2008 Sports Photographers Association of America Photo Competition

Entries due by October 31, 2008

Talented sports photographers deserve to be discovered and recognized.
The SPAA is hosting the 2008 SPAA Photo Competition, and we want your pictures!

Competition features five categories of entries: **Individual Posed, Team Posed, Action – Indoor,
Action – Outdoor, Digitally Constructed Photographic Image**

For details: http://www.pmai.org/index.cfm/ci_id/35223.htm



SWMCCC FALL COMPETITION

November 15, 2008

The SWMCCC fall Competition will be held on November 15, 2008 in Grand Rapids at West Side Christian School. This will be a digital competition, and this time we will be adding prints.

Categories will be as usual, Portrait, Open, Nature, and Select Subject "Fall Color" Limit is 4 per category and the charge is \$1 per image. DIGITAL entries and payment must be emailed to Randy Wegenor wegphoto@charter.net
deadline for entries is Sunday November 2nd.

PRINTS can be brought the morning of the competition either by you or a club representative.
Please to be sure to include payment (checks made out to SWMCCC) at that time.
You or a club representative will need to make arrangements to pick up the prints after the competition.

Contact Jeanne Quillan photobug49@comcast.net (616) 531-8253.
Check out SWMCCC's website at www.swmccc.org more information coming soon.



Club Exhibit at the Whitley County Library

November 3rd thru December 1st

***Framed, ready-to-hang pictures to George Mundell by October 23rd
If you wish George can transfer some of the Allen County Library pictures
to the Whitley County exhibit. New pictures can be brought
to the Critique Night at the Townhouse at 7:00 PM on October 23rd.***



Windsor International Photo Seminar

November 14 - 16 in Windsor, Ont

***Subjects include creativity, macro & impressionistic flower photography,
travel, essentials of approach, and the photojournalistic approach.***

Details at www.internationalphotoseminar.com



Outdoor and Digital Photo Seminar

Being taught by Bruce Dale and Bob Krist

November 22-23, 2008 in Columbus Ohio

\$79 one day - \$99 two days

Details at <http://www.opseminar.com/>



Photoshop Tip of the Month

by Don Gagnon

Creating selective blurring (for a depth of field effect)

- start out in the channels pallet, and create a new Alpha channel.
- starts as black, but use CTRL-I to change it to white.
- click on the eyeball next to the RGB channel so you can still “see” the main image, while actually working on the new, blank channel.
- create a blur map, and paint black over the areas you do NOT want to blur (want to stay sharp)
- drop the opacity down to 50% and paint “gray” over the areas that you want to partial blur. (you can do several levels of gray if you like)
- the areas in the mask that remain white will get the maximum amount of blur
- click on the eyeball to “hide” the Alpha channel, click on the RGB composite, and go back to the layers pallet
- create a duplicate layer (CTRL-J), and go to FILTER → BLUR → LENS BLUR
- you have to select a DEPTH MAP, and the drop-down menu should show the Alpha channel just created.
- adjust the focal length (for smaller amounts of change) and radius (for a lot of change) to pick the amount of blur you want.

TidBits and News Items

- **Wassenberg Photography Exhibit winners from our club**

The Juried exhibit awarded 20 place prizes and 3 special awards. Our members took 10 of the 20 places and 2 of the 3 special awards! Please congratulate the following members (in alphabetical order) who were accepted for exhibit and/or won prizes or awards:

Gayla Baker – 1 accepted

Bill Christie – 4 accepted, Best of Show in Color, 1 honorable mention

Don Gagnon – 5 accepted, 2nd place Nighttime

Mary Gagnon – 2 accepted

Jon Ingleman – 7 accepted, Foundation Award, 2nd place Landscape, 2nd place Animals, 1st place Nighttime

Judy Ingleman – 1 accepted, 1st place Landscape

Denise McQuillan – 7 accepted, 1st place Still Life, 1st place Architecture, 1 honorable mention

Gene McQuillan – 3 accepted, 2nd place Still Life, 2nd place Special Effects

George Mundell – 6 accepted, 2nd place Plants

Howard Weiler – 4 accepted, 1 honorable mention

- **Program Book Correction** - For the slide competition in November, you can enter up to **2** slides per category (the membership book says you can only enter 1)

