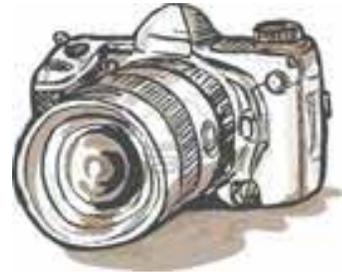


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Newsletter of the Mayslake Nature Study and Photography Club
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Winter

HELP!!

The new competition year is fast approaching and the competition chair position is still open. The club has had great response from several members who will be helping to keep competition running smoothly this year. We have volunteers who will be processing the digital image submissions, scheduling and confirming the judges, running the computer during competitions, writing ribbons, submitting images to PSA interclub competition and submitting images to be posted on our website. We still need someone to read titles and commentaries during competition nights and record image scores. This is a really small time commitment with just 4 competitions this year. We also need help receiving paperwork and prints on competition nights. There is little responsibility in these tasks, just say you can be there for the night and your work is done. The club, and especially all of those who enjoy competition nights, will appreciate it immensely. Please let Sue Gajda (segnet@aol.com) know that you can help us out! The first competition is September 16th.



"Using one light, any light to improve your photos!"

Walt Anderson

Description of Program - Learn to use inexpensive lights that you already may own to help make your subject stand out and improve your photography.

Walt Anderson has been seriously involved in nature photography since 1993. In addition to being published in both books and magazines, he and his wife Carol have also presented travelogues and have shown in art shows throughout the Chicago area. Walt has received widespread recognition for his invention of the Flash X-tender™, which is distributed worldwide (it is also marketed under the name "Better Beamer"). He has shared his knowledge of the use of flash and lighting with his "Sunshine in your Pocket" program and many others for camera clubs, regional and national meetings. Walt has been published in books by Capstone Press, Compass International, The Creative Company, Everyday Learning, and Chicago Wilderness magazine.

Marvels of Migration

Denis Kania

It's happening all around us every spring and every fall. Come hear from International birder, Denis Kania as he gives examples of what birds are going through to get from point A to point B. For thousands of years the benefits of migration have outweighed the risks. Denis will discuss some of the changes in our world that are affecting that balance and what we can do about it.

Denis Kania, Manager of Natural Areas for the St. Charles Park District has been birding for roughly 30 years and has devoted much of that birding time to the Illinois birding community. Denis has monitored birds at Fermilab for the past 25 years and has taught in the Ornithology Certificate Program at the Morton Arboretum for the past 16 years. Denis became interested in International birding in 1994 and has followed many of our birds south into South and Central America. A trip to Guyana in July will be his 15th "migration" to that part of the world. He has also made multiple trips to Africa and Australia as well as trips to Borneo and Papua New Guinea.



Competition

September 16, 2013

December 2, 2013

January 20, 2014

March 31, 2014

Masters of Nature Photography

with Hank Erdmann will meet on August 6 & 20 from 7 - 10pm at Mayslake. Please call 630-850-2363, ext 9566 to register and pay the \$60 fee. For more details, see July Focus.

CACCA

Thinking Ahead to the New Year

Chuck Klingsporn

Those of you who are competition oriented will likely recall that the CACCA competitions are on break until October, just in time to review the images coming out of the first competition of our club year on September 16. We will again have two sets of CACCA entries each month. If you competed last year and want to move either up or down a category for CACCA competition, you can make that choice without any restrictions except that you must remain in the category you choose for the full year and the choice you make applies to both digital and print competition. Last year two of our members made specific choice selections. If you don't make a choice, you will be entered in CACCA competition based on your level of participation at Mayslake. Contact me if you wish to choose or have a question. northrockies@aol.com

Later this fall, CACCA is sponsoring the biennial Chicago Area Photographic School, CAPS. It is a terrific chance to spend an intensive full day learning about a wide variety of photographic and post-processing tools and techniques. The date is Sunday, November 17; location is Elgin Community College and the cost is \$75 for members of CACCA clubs. We will have more information at our upcoming club meetings. For more detail and/or to register, go to the CACCA web site, caps@caccaweb.com.

EXHIBITS

Janice Henry

By the time you come to the meeting on August 5th, the new show in our space, "Birds & Butterflies" will be hung. So check out the images by your fellow Mayslakers.

The show at the Westchester Library is in September. I have started to receive emails with images for that show. There is still time to participate so send me an email at jnhenr@att.net with the title and size of your image. Remember, hands of man does not apply to exhibits.

This show will be judged and ribbons will be awarded. The Library has also offered to have an event where they will provide cheese and crackers and we can announce the recipients of the ribbons.

More to follow about drop off dates and the date of the "event" at the library.

Trip Report
Monday July 8th
Dorothy & Sam Dean
Nature Sanctuary
Gail Chastain

It was threatening to rain as Mayslakers traveled to the middle of Oakbrook to visit the Dean Nature Sanctuary. Dean NS is 40-acres dedicated to preserving the natural plants and animals of the Oak Brook region. A wonderful sanctuary, with prairies and lake, in the middle of Oakbrook.

As we arrived the skies opened up. So we reversed the outing and headed to breakfast. We were happy to see dry skies when we left the restaurant, so we headed to Dean to try again. But shortly after we arrived, the thunder boomed and the skies opened up. Three of us stayed finding shelter under the pavilion. However the rain did not stop.

But we all agreed it will be a great place to revisit. Be sure to visit the Mayslake



Daisy Fleabane
Bill Pehrson



Seeing Double!
Gail Chastain



Marie Ward



In Everyone's Life Some Rain Must Fall!
Steve Baginski

Trip Report
DAYBREAK - July 27, 2013
Dragonflies and Butterflies

Gail Chastain

It was past time for a return to Daybreak , and the home of Richard and Susan Day in Alma IL. The last outing was three years ago, and this year 13 Mayslakers made the trip south to photograph Dragonflies, Butterflies and anything else they could find. The Days live on 63 acres that they've worked hard to landscape for attracting wildlife. With wetlands, ponds, woods, native grass, and wildflower prairie, it does just that, attract wildlife.

If you want to learn more about Daybreak and Richard and Susan , here is their website:
<http://www.daybreakimagery.com/about.html>

To see the all the images from this outing, wait till you get the email saying the Website has been updated. Then get ready for some great wildlife photography.



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