

FOCUS

Newsletter of the Mayslake Nature Study and Photography Club
Hosted by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
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Highlights

June 6

Panoramic Photography
Techniques
Lou Petkus

June 20

Overview of PSA
Dick Frieders
"Birds, Bugs and Biodiversity"
Chuck Peterson

July 4

4th of July
No Meeting

July 18

Non-Competitive
Critique

June 6

"Panoramic Photography Techniques"
by Lou Petkus

Lou will delve into the world of panoramic photography and show you how to get started, what programs to use and when to ignore the accepted rules to achieve a better panoramic image.

June 18

We will have two presenters.

Dick Frieders, former president and current webmaster of the Photographic Association of America (PSA), will give a short overview of PSA. Mayslake is member club PSA and this will be a good opportunity to learn about it.

Club member Charles Peterson will give a program titled "Birds, Bugs and Biodiversity" He will talk about how our suburban habitat affects birds and give an overview of the problems and the solutions we can take to improve their survival.

COMPETITION

Sheila Newenham

On July 18th we will hold a non-competitive critique. The purpose of the critique is to enhance your competition experience. The more casual format tends to allow for more learning in a less intimidating environment. If you had an image scored in competition but it didn't get critiqued, this night is for you. If you have an image that you think wouldn't do well in competition and you would like to test the waters or get some tips on enhancement, this night is for you. If you have never competed and are interested in getting involved, this is a good way to start. If you want to enhance the presentation of your images for competition, this night is for you. Any member is invited to submit up to 2 images (combined print and/or digital) for critique. Hand of man rules do not apply, but please limit images to nature subjects. Submit digital images by Sunday July 10th as outlined on our website "Instructions for Preparing Digital Files" on the Club Information page. No paperwork needed!! And above all, have fun.

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

Bill Dixon

Yes, it's spring and time to renew your club membership.

Membership year is May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012. Renew today so you don't miss any issues of our newsletter or news of our upcoming events.

Please fill out the renewal form that is included in this month's Focus or attached to this email and give it to me at the next meeting or you can mail it to me at Bill Dixon, 422 Keepataw Drive, Lemont, IL 60439.

Please note, if you *do not plan on renewing*, please send me an email at bmaxdixon@sbcglobal.net and I will remove your name from the roster.

Thanks, Bill

CACCA

Charles Klingsporn

Some of our member images did very well in the May CACCA competitions. In the Digital Images category, Fred Drury won an Honorable Mention for 'Lower Antelope' while Karen Grunow won an Award for 'Phalaenopsis Orchid'. Dennis Walz image, 'Death Valley Dune' also won an award in the May competition and, concurrently, finished a very close second in the competition for the Digital Image of the Year. Congratulations Dennis.

We also had winners in the May Color Print Competition. Tom Richardson won an Award for 'Twisted Trunk' while Chuck Klingsporn won an HM for 'Grizzly'.

CACCA has also announced a very popular event that happens every other year, The Chicago Photographic School, 'CAPS'. This is a full day of classes and working sessions on various photographic and post processing topics. It is scheduled for Sunday November 20, 2011 at the Elgin Community College. The featured presenter at this year's event is Rick Sammon, a well known photographer, prolific author and Canon 'Explorer of Light'. The CACCA website has program information at - <http://www.cacca-caps.com/>. Looks like a great event; save the date.

Welcome New Members

Barbara Work - Wheaton

Atala Dorothy Toy - St. Charles

Thomas Soltis - Downers Grove

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION REMINDER!

Bill Dixon

2011-2012 Membership Renewal Club year runs from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012

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Individual Membership \$30.00

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\$30.00 for the first member at address and

\$15.00 for each additional member at the same address

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