

# FOCUS



Newsletter of the Mayslake Nature Study and Photography Club  
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## Highlights

*June 2*

Fred Drury

Lightroom Underused Features

*July 7*

Jack Shouba

The Language of Flowers

*August 4*

Birds and Climate Change

Doug Stotz

Fred Drury will present, Lightroom's Underused Features. After a brief introduction to where Lightroom 'fits' best into a comprehensive image-optimization program, underused features will be discussed. Included will be spot removal, lens correction, radial filter and soft proofing

## EXHIBITS

Janice Henry

The latest exhibit in our space "Favorite Images from Mayslake Outings" has been up for a month now. It has two more months to be on display before the next exhibit in August.

So...you still have time to check out the images by your fellow Mayslakers. I will have information on the theme and other details about the next exhibit soon.

## Welcome

William Gerow

Amanda Mayer

Carl Strang

Ann Wallace

John Wallace

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Bill Dixon

Thanks to all who have paid their membership dues and are continuing to be a part of the club.



If you have not paid your dues and plan to continue your membership please do so. A renewal form is attached to this email.

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

## Meetings Reminder

Beginning this month, Mayslake meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month, with the exception of holidays and competition months.

Here is the schedule for 2014-15:

June 2

July 7

August 4

September 15 (Competition)

October 6

November 3

November 17 (Competition)

December 1

January 5

January 19 (Competition)

February 2

March 2

March 16 (Competition)

April 6

## CACCA Results The Month of May

Chuck Klingsporn

As many of you will recall, the CACCA Club competition calendar starts in October and ends with May. So, at the end of another year, here are our results from the May Inter-club competitions. In the digital category, we had one AW, Gail Chastain received a 25 for her image titled, 'Tree Sparrow Our Winter Visitor'. Also in digital, Bill Ludemann received a score of 24, and an HM for his image titled, 'Sand Castles'.

In the print competition, a bit of background may be helpful. As our members know, Steven Mayer died unexpectedly this spring. He had entered several prints in our March Mayslake competition and they scored very well as usual for Steven. Bill Dixon, who is a close friend of the Mayers, and I talked briefly about what to do about Steven's print images and CACCA. Bill advised me to submit them. Steven's image titled, 'Juniper Remnants at Joshua Tree' received a score of 24 and an AW designation. From the very narrow perspective of photography, winning a CACCA Award with his last entry is a fitting legacy for Steven. The print has been returned to Mrs. Mayer. We will miss Steven as a competitor but more importantly, as a friend and fellow photographer. Peace and best wishes to Mrs. Mayer and to Steven's family.

CACCA competition will now be on summer break until the new season starts up in October. I look forward to taking your great shots to next year's competition.

# Horicon Marsh

## May 16-18, 2014

Horicon Marsh, in Wisconsin, is the largest freshwater cattail marsh in the US, and with over 32,000 acres it was lots of fun for a group of 15 Mayslakers. Although it was a chilly weekend, there were landscapes, birds, nature and more in abundance, all ready and waiting for our cameras. Everyone arrived by Friday and most stayed until Sunday, so it was a FULL weekend of photographing for everyone.

The Marsh provides habitat for endangered species and is a critical rest stop for thousands of migrating birds. We were lucky enough to arrive in time for the Warbler migration and they were a highlight of our trip. It was a wonderful experience with Warblers flying all around us and even landing right next to us.

But other birds did not disappoint, for together, Mayslakers saw 90 different species of birds.

Horicon is also recognized as a Wetland of International Importance, giving us many nature subjects for our photography. Landscape, Marsh-scapes, blue skies and even a forest floor carpeted with White Trillium were welcome sites.

Mayslake Members were again presented with Voluntary Challenges, but this time there were three Challenges. Challenge #1 was “Embrace the Coot!” The American Coot is one bird that can be found in abundance at the Marsh. So instead of saying “it’s just another old Coot”, Mayslakers were encouraged to find the best image of the Coot.

Challenge #2 was to photograph and ID a bird, but it had to be something other than a Canada Goose and/or American Coot. The last Challenge, #3, was a Landscape Challenge. Sometimes we get so concentrating on the birds of Horicon that we forget to look at the scenery. A Landscape Challenge was to encourage Mayslakers to not forget the wide angle lens!!!

It was a fun packed weekend for our return visit to Horicon Marsh. Be sure to visit the Mayslake Website to see all the images from this great outing. As well as the attachment to see the different species of birds that were seen on the weekend.



Tom Soltis



Magnolia Warbler  
Barb Work



Field of Gold  
Fran Piepenbrink



American Coot  
Gail Chastain



Steve Baginski



Wilson's Warbler  
Vic Butler



Milkweed  
JoAnn Barnes



Gray Catbird  
Diane Hamernik



Frank Cardinallo