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Newsletter of the Mayslake Nature Study and Photography Club
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HIGHLIGHTS

November 1

Non-competitive Critique

November 15

Book Publishing

Presented by Chris Aquino

December 6

Competition

December 20

Holiday Party

It's Almost Holiday Time!
Sue Gajda

The annual holiday social is scheduled for our December 20 meeting. It's a chance for members to get together during the holidays and enjoy an evening together. Spouses and guests are welcome to attend. We're asking members to bring a snack/appetizer/dessert to share. The Club will provide beverages.

Traditionally, at this meeting, we ask members to share a short presentation on one of their favorite places to photograph. The presentation can be around 10 to 15 minutes and can be done in any presentation format that can shown on a laptop connected to a projector. If your interested in doing a presentation at the meeting, please contact Sue Gajda at segnet@aol.com.

COMPETITION

December 6, 2010

February 7, 2011

April 4, 2011



COMPETITION

Sheila Newenham

Our first competition of the year was held on October 4th. We had 49 digital entries (23 class C, 26 class B and 0 class A), but an insufficient number of print entries to hold competition in that category. Our judges, Ray Kammer, Tom Richardson and Lynn Polyak, did a terrific job and we thank them for their good work. Many thanks as well to Marie Ward for organizing and running the digital competition.

Congratulations to the following who received Honors.

Digital – Class B Awards

John Fan for “Curiosity”
Bill Dixon for “Lobster for One”
John Fan for “Magic Stairs”
John Fan for “Ready for the Day”
Gary Saunders for “Whoopee!”

Honorable Mentions

Chris Aquino for “17-year Cicada and Spiderwort”
Bill Pehrson for “September in the High Sierras”

Digital – Class C Awards

Pei Tang for “Hanging On”
Pei Tang for “The Magic Mirror”
Dennis Walz for “Rain on the Colorado”
Harry Hitzeman for “Water Color”

Honorable Mentions

Steve Ornberg for “Bee-utiful”
Ed Massart for “Bonds Falls, MI”
Diane Hamernik for “Great Horned Owl”
Steve Ornberg for “Lion King”

Thanks to all who participated. At our next competition on December 6th, we hope to see some print entries and images from our Class A members. Start preparing your images now so you’ll be ready. Have fun!

At our next meeting, November 1st we will be running another Non-competitive critique. This is open to all members to submit 3 images (print or digital) for informal feedback. It’s a great way to get some practice in the preparation of print and digital entries and for those new to competition to hone their skills. There are no nature rules for this critique night, so go ahead and bring pictures of your hands! Please submit your digital images to competition@mlnpc.com by noon Sunday, October 31st and/or bring prints along with you. No paperwork need accompany these submissions.

Welcome New Members!

Bill Dixon

Mayslake Nature Study and Photographic Club continue to grow! Currently we have 103 members of which 27 are new members. I’d like to take this opportunity to encourage all to reach out to our new members and make them feel welcome. Please join me in welcoming the following new members to the club.

Ray Burnstein
Critter - Chicago
Marcia Nye - Naperville
Patrick Lavelle - Hinsdale
Kim Rothstein
Christina Stangarone
Jim Lou - Glendale Heights

We are happy to have you with us and look forward to sharing our passion for Nature Photography together.

CONSERVATION

VICTORY FOR WOLVES

Dan Hollister

Seven decades after the last wolf howl echoed across Yellowstone's rugged ridges and sweeping valleys, canis lupus was back on a landscape where it once shared the top of the food chain with grizzly bears. On a brisk January morning in 1995, 14 wolves were put into an acclimation pen in a remote section of Yellowstone National Park. Would these gray wolves thrive or even survive in a world that hadn't accommodated the creatures since a determined eradication effort eliminated them in 1926? Today, 15 years after the introduction the answer is a resounding "yes". Restoration of the gray wolf to Yellowstone is a success by almost any measure. More than 1600 wolves are now dispersed across the Northern Rockies.

People from around the world now come for a chance to see a wolf or experience the rare privilege of hearing a wolf howl. The presence of wolves has poured an estimated 35 million tourist dollars into the coffers of Yellowstone's gateway communities. Equally and more importantly wolves have restored balance to the ecosystem where aspen, cottonwood, willow, grizzly bears, cutthroat trout, songbirds, eagles and other wildlife have benefited from the return of this apex predator.

Wolves have expanded their range dramatically beyond the protected landscape of the park and wilderness areas, into places where people live, work and play. Managing conflicts with people is the new challenge in wolf conservation.

In March 2008 the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service removed wolves from the protection of the Endangered Species Act. As a result the states of Idaho and Montana declared open season on wolves. Signs began to appear in front of restaurants: "Tag a Wolf and Get a Free Pizza and a pitcher of Beer." In all more than 500 wolves were killed in 2009. Although the states argued otherwise the hunts would slowly guarantee the extinction of the species.

Finally a victory for the wolves! On August 5, Donald Molloy a Federal District Court Judge in Montana ruled that gray wolves in Montana and Idaho must be provided federal protection under the Endangered Species Act. What is needed now is a protection plan that will ensure the survival of the wolves across the entire northern Rocky Mountains. Please support efforts to ensure the sustainable recovery of wolves over the long term.

A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR FALL PHOTOGRAPHY ARBORETUM OUTING SATURDAY OCTOBER 16TH

Four early photographers gathered at Morton Arboretum at the crack of dawn for some October fall color shooting. Janice, Gail, Pei and Jon meet at Lake Marmo as the morning sun bathed the mist covered water in warm yellow light. Lots of photographers had joined there looking for that perfect shot. Cool temps and light winds made for a perfect day. The Freeman maple was in full bloom, one of the parks outstanding trees. Thanks to Pei Tang for her stunning shot of Geese in the morning mist. Thanks to all who attended this fun event.



Pei Tang

JASPER PULASKI
Saturday November 27th

Great News !
Great Buy!

Third annual celebration of the Sand Hill crane migration.....

More info to follow.

For Sale. Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 3 (unopened) at less than student rate for \$85. Retail is \$299. Great buy!

Also available is Scott Kelby's new book on "Lightroom 3 for Digital Photographers" for only \$30. Kelby is an author and publisher of over 30 books and papers on photoshop. Contains over 450 pages with step-by-step instruction on how to get the best results from this software. Both are tax and freight free.

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