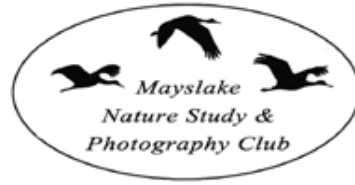


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Up Coming Programs

*December - Holiday
Program & Swap Meet*

*January –Conservation at
Brookfield Zoo*

*February –Underwater
Photography in the
Indonesian Islands*

November 2nd

Table-Top Shoot

Bring your cameras, tripods, and other gear to the November 2 meeting. The program will be a table-top shoot, with various stations set up around the meeting area. Members will be able to choose from a variety of macro subjects, such as flowers, rocks, zoo artifacts, and more. Anyone who would like to bring additional items or lighting is welcome to do so.

This meeting will be a great opportunity to practice focus stacking, the topic of the September meeting, or just to shoot some interesting macro objects.



Next Competition - November 16

Keep up the great work! We had some great images submitted for our first competition on September 21. Now it is time for our next competition night on November 16.

For those of you submitting digital images, entries must be submitted to the competition mailbox - [**competition@mlnpc.com**](mailto:competition@mlnpc.com) - by Sunday November 8.

Print entries can be submitted on the night of the competition or can be dropped off at the Mayslake business office any time before the competition date. Mounting boards for print images are on sale at the regular club meetings.

Instruction for preparing digital and print images are on the Club website.

The forms for each competition image - digital and prints - are also available on the Club website. The forms can be submitted on the night of the competition. If you cannot attend the competition or would prefer to send the forms in early, please send them to Sue Gajda at [**segnet1025@yahoo.com**](mailto:segnet1025@yahoo.com).

If you have a question about whether an image meets the guidelines, it is best to ask before you submit. You can send a copy of the image to Sue Gajda ([**segnet1025@yahoo.com**](mailto:segnet1025@yahoo.com)) for guidance.

Remember, the best ways to improve your photographic skills are:

- Take classes from experts
- Shoot - shoot - shoot
- Take advantage of opportunities to get feedback on your technique, **such as participating in Club competitions.**

If you have any questions about competition, please feel free to email Sue Gajda at [**segnet1025@yahoo.com**](mailto:segnet1025@yahoo.com). Sue will also be at the November 2 meeting prepared to answer individual questions and provide assistance for anyone interested in competition.

Finally, if you would like to help with check-in on competition night and please come about 6:30 p.m.

See you on November 2 and November 16.

December 7th - Holiday Party Slide Show

It's been a few years since we've had a members images slide show at the December Holiday Party so you must have a number of images piling up waiting for an opportunity to share them with your fellow members. We are looking for images of the **four Season's** (not spices but the times of the year). Although, if you have an image of a chili pepper taken in the summer you could use that as a summertime image.

Each member can submit up to 10 images. We hope you submit 2 from each season and then add a couple more to make it 10.

Please size your images so they are 900 pixels on the longest side.

Your image file name should be The Season it represents_Number_Your Name.

Example: Spring_1_JoeSmith, Spring_2_JoeSmith (Season_Number_Name)

Send your images to Fran Piepenbrink @ FRANNEP@Netzero.net by Wednesday, November 25th. This is the day before Thanksgiving.

We hope that you will join the fun on December 7th but even if you aren't able to attend, send your images. Be with us in spirit.

Exhibit at Mayslake Peabody Estate

DuPage Through the Artist's Eye

Tuesday, November 3 – Wednesday, December 9:
Mondays-Fridays, 9AM – 3PM and Saturdays, 9AM – 1PM

Enjoy a closing reception December 9th from 6 – 8 PM to celebrate the exhibit!

EXHIBITS

Janice Henry

There is still time to participate in the next exhibit in our space.

- ⤴ From January 1 – March 31st 2016
- ⤴ Theme: “Winter In All Its Glory”
- ⤴ If you would like to participate send me an email to jnhenr@att.net with the following information
 - ⤴ Title(s)
 - ⤴ Size(s)
 - ⤴ Do you want to sell your image(s) (optional)
 - ⤴ Price(s)

Note: Hand of man doesn't apply to exhibits so you can have fences, bridges, etc in your images. Also, if you have an image from the print competition that you would like to exhibit, I have two frames that can be borrowed. Please note that in the email with the other information if you would like to borrow one of the frames.

The drop off can be at the next few meetings. Or at the office during regular business hours Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM until Tuesday, December 29th

What's Up At CACCA ??

The CACCA year is now officially underway. The October meeting had the usual large amount of great images to see along with an excellent program on photographing the Indiana Sand Dunes. CACCA has also announced the first batch of programs for this year. First to our member results. In the Small Color Print event, **Sue Gajda** received a score of 23 and an AW for her image titled, '**Sunrise on Hurricane Ridge**'. In the digital competition, **Bill Ludemann** scored a 24 and an AW for his image titled, '**My Prince**'. Congratulations to Sue and Bill for entering a couple of great images.

Also at the October delegates meeting, I was surprised and very pleased to receive on our clubs behalf, a certificate recognizing that we had finished in third place in the Inter-Club Small Print Competition for all of last year. That is quite an accomplishment as we don't really work hard at promoting the interclub aspect of CACCA competitions. A collective thanks to all whose prints were entered in the 2014-15 competitions.

Quite a few of our members attended the photography programs that CACCA instituted last year as part of their monthly meetings. Overall, the programs were of very high quality and were well attended. The idea is being continued this year and the programs for the next few months have been set. All of them are

scheduled for noon on the regular CACCA meeting dates, the second Saturday of each month at the Christian Church of Arlington Heights, 333 W. Thomas Ave. The programs scheduled through Feb. 2016 are:

NOV. 14 **“What You Did Not Know About Framing”** – Don Glassner - (Art & Company)

DEC. 12 **“Africa”** – Joyce Burzloff

JAN. 9 **“Winter Up North”** – Marie & Joe Rakoczy

FEB. 13 **“Starting Out With Lightroom”** – Jim Bodkin

While I do not know Don Glassner, the other three programs are presented by outstanding CACCA member photographers and will be well done. The programs for March and April have not yet been announced.

Finally: it is still not too late to register for **CAPS** on Nov 21 and or 22. Hope to see you there!!
Chuck Klingsporn

Saturday, Nov. 21st & Sunday, Nov. 22nd, 2015



This year we will have two main speakers:

Tim Grey, one of the top educators in digital photography will be speaking on Saturday.

Jennifer Wu, a Canon Explorer of Light Photographer and a great nature and landscape photographer, will be speaking on Sunday.

Attend Classes To Improve Your Technique
Here are just some of the classes you can attend

- Exploring Photoshop Elements 13 - Improving your photos using HDR
- Using luminosity masks to make better prints - Learn advanced camera functions
- Improve your composition - Learn how to Capture the beauty of flowers

Attend a class on how to shoot birds in flight and best places to photograph them
Or how to make great B&W images - Using one light can improve your photos
How to use Photoshop layers - How to make movies with your iPhone or camera
Where to photograph Chicago

Plus - Chris Smith will lead an outing Saturday evening to do some night photography of some favorite spots in Elgin.

Limited Seating So Register Early
Online registration information can be found at caccaweb.com



Fred Drury's Digital Diary will return next month.