



Southern Illinois Photographic Society

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December 2010 Newsletter

Calendar of Events

December

Meeting: Dec. 7
Program: Al Perry
15 Minutes of Fame: none
Contest: none
Outing: none
Planning Meeting: none

January

Meeting: Jan. 4
Program: Dave Brewer: Lighting
and the Better Beamer
15 Minutes of Fame:
Christine Keeney
Contest: Up, Up, and Away
Outing: Eagles at Alton
Planning Meeting: Jan. 18

February

Meeting: Feb. 1
Program: TBD
15 Minutes of Fame: TBD
Contest: TBD
Outing: TBD
Planning Meeting: Feb. 15

Inside...

We focus on the news this month, as our newsletter contributors enjoy well-deserved holidays.

November Meeting

We had a strong turnout at our November meeting. Nancy Smolak led the meeting, filling in for Jillian. Our program for this month was by Jim Bornert, who gave a fantastic presentation on his and Esther's trip out west this past spring. They allocated a good amount of time for this trip, leaving in early April and returning to Southern Illinois in mid-June. They drove out through Texas and spent most of their time in Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, and Utah. Jim had many fine photographs of the excellent scenery out there, including both well-known photographic hot spots such as Antelope Canyon and Monument Valley, and some new spots. One tip Jim offered was to use a circular polarizer, to reduce glare and increase the color intensity.

Jim also brought his own AV equipment, both a projector and a screen, which looked great. Apropos of this, it is well-known that, grateful as we are to the library for allowing us to use their very conveniently-mounted equipment, the quality of the overhead projector is not ideal for photos. In addition, the club projector has its own problems that have rendered it unsuitable. Accordingly, Jim and Esther took it upon themselves to buy the club a high quality projector and screen, which Jim presented to the board at the planning meeting in mid-November. Please take a moment to thank Jim and Esther for this!

The other main item on the November program was the election for next year's officers and board. We had a spirited and candid discussion, with statements being given by George Stone with followups by others, and a written statement by Ray Brown. The election results were:

President: Nancy Smolak
Vice President: Jillian Choate
Recording Secretary: Linda Bundren
Technical Secretary: Jonathan Springer
Board: Jim Osborn, Dave Hammond,
Linda Martin, Bill Thomas, Christine Keeney

The position of treasurer is in the middle of its two-year term, so was not up for election

this year.

Christine Keeney, who was to present in the 15 Minutes of Fame slot, graciously deferred to a subsequent meeting due to the length of other items in our November meeting.

We had quite a number of announcements this month. Dave Brewer brought to our attention that this month's Popular Photography has a list of photo book sites. He also shared some information on photography and copyright law. He emphasized that although anyone can be photographed in a public place, the use of the image is still restricted by law, requiring agreement from the subjects before publication.

Dave Hammond announced a photography show at the Sheldon Art Center on Washington Street in St. Louis. The show features the San Francisco "Group f.64": *Group f.64 & the Modernist Vision: Photographs by Ansel Adams, Edward Weston, Imogen Cunningham, Willard Van Dyke, and Brett Weston*. The show runs October 1 to January 15. Dave also showed a terrific photo of an armadillo that he took during the Land Between the Lakes outing.

Joan Skiver-Levy has a show of her art currently running through Dec. 11 at Realty Central in Murdale Plaza.

Our club has been well-represented in area contests lately. As noted in last month's newsletter, we had four members honored at the 2010 Shrode competition, with 6 photos between them. These are showing at the Shrode at Cederhurst in Mt. Vernon until Dec. 31. We also had many members participate in the 2010 Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge Contest, with several winners. Please see the adjacent article for the complete list. In the Little Egypt Arts Center contest, 4 of the 6 prizes went to SIPS members.

Esther Bornert brought a camera, a bag, and a tripod to give away. Three happy members went home with this equipment.

Bill Thomas passed along the news that

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he, Dana Tetzlaff, Linda Martin, and Joan Skiver-Levy each donated personal artwork to the 6th annual "Art Over Easy" auction held by the SIU School of Art and Design to benefit the school. This was held last Friday, Dec. 3 at the glove factory. Linda, Joan, and Bill had pieces in the silent auction and Dana's was part of the live auction. There was a large turnout and bidding was reportedly lively. Dana is a member of the Art Over Easy board and also donated her time soliciting donations of artwork and working at the auction.

Finally, we had two contests this month, the Technical Excellence contest and the Myster Tour. We had a good number of entries for each. Entries for both were submitted for outside judging, and the results will be announced at the Christmas Party.

Hopefully, everyone got a good number of reminders at meetings and by email about the Christmas Party, and were able to plan to attend. The guest speaker will be Al Perry, with live music by club member Joyce Hesketh. Al specializes in nature photography from across the U.S. and overseas. His images and video have been seen in numerous magazines and books, and on regional public broadcasting programs. Al is a member of NANPA and VP of the Rocky Mountain Outdoor Writers and Photographers. His program, entitled "Alaska Nature," was shot in 2009 and will include still photography, video and music.

We don't have any other activities scheduled for December (in particular, no outing or planning meeting). Our next event is our regular meeting on January 4. Please have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



SIPS winners of the 2010 Shrode contest at Cederhurst: Linda Martin (1st place), Bill Thomas (honorable mention), Dana Tetzlaff (honorable mention), Dave Hammond (2nd place)

SIPS winners at CONWR

SIPS members had a dominant showing at the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge 2010 Contest, placing multiple times in just about every category. Here is a complete list, by category:

Wildlife

1st: Jim Osborn, "White Pelican"
2nd: Lu Horning, "Mom Plus 3"
3rd: Jim Osborn, "Wild Turkeys"
HM: Linda Martin, "Evening Light"

Plants

1st: Bill Payne, "Thistle"
2nd: Ron Hamberg, "Fall"
3rd: Teresa McIntosh, "Spring Bloom"
HM: Bill Payne, "Thistle on the Causeway"

Landscape/Scenic

1st: Davis Austin, "Winter Sunset"
2nd: Teresa McIntosh, "Falls in the Fall"
3rd: Bill Thomas, "Forsythia"
HM (tie): Clara Trill, "Top or Bottom?"
HM (tie): Jim Farris, "Winding Road"

Wetlands

1st: Jim Osborn, "Foggy Morning"
2nd: Jo Dodd: "Sunset"
3rd: Lynn Love, "Double Reflection"
HM: Clara Trill, "Reflection by the Beaver Pond"

Youth

Taylor Ellis, "Swallowtail"

Refuge Choice

Jim Osborn, "Wild Turkeys"

Best in Show

Linda Bundren, "Gulls in Flight"