



Southern Illinois Photographic Society

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November 2012 Newsletter

Calendar of Events

November

Meeting: Nov. 6

Program: Topaz Filters, Jim Bornert

15 Minutes of Fame: Joanna Gray

Contest: Mystery Tour (2.5 month)
and Scavenger Hunt (12 month)

Outing: CONWR, Nov. 10

Planning Meeting: Nov. 20

December

Meeting: Dec. 4

Program: Christmas Party (members),

Brady Kesner speaking

15 Minutes of Fame: none

Contest: none

Outing: none

Planning Meeting: none

January

Meeting: Jan. 8 (note date change!)

Program: WWII photos,

George Stone

15 Minutes of Fame: new member
info presentation

Contest: Family (1 year)

Outing: CONWR, TBA

Planning Meeting: Jan. 15

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News and the latest from Jim
Osborn!

October Meeting

Our October meeting was focused on member vacation photos. People brought in photos from their various excursions this summer, as well as items to look at and trade.

Virginia Stith brought photos of Myrtle Beach, SC, and an arboretum in Ashville, NC.

Bill Thomas brought photos of his trip to England and Scotland, including the Isle of Skye. In addition to castles, landscapes, highland cattle, harbor towns, cliffs, and a waterfall, Bill had a photo of the steam locomotive used for the "Hogwarts Express" in the Harry Potter movies.

Bill Randall showed his photos from Washington DC, including the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Lincoln Memorial, the Capitol Mall, the White House, the Smithsonian, and Lincoln's box at Ford Theater.

Dana Tetzlaff had photos of a trip to Hilton Head, SC, featuring the beach, sunrises, and grandkids.

Jan Sundberg (with friend Adrienne) brought photos of northern Michigan and Beaver Island on Lake Michigan. Subjects included sand dunes, flowers in bloom, skyscapes, Mackinaw Bridge, boats on the water in early morning, seagulls, a loon, and a pileated woodpecker, and St. James township hall on the island on Paradise Bay.

Linda Bundren showed photos from her trip to the coast of Texas, including South Padre Island and Galveston Island. She stopped along the way at the Clinton Library and birthplace home in Arkansas.

Nancy Smolak brought photos of her trip up through Wisconsin and Ontario. Highlights included a fish boil, a lighthouse, pictographs on rocks, and a zipline.

Jonathan Springer brought pictures from a recent outing to Mermet Lake for the show and tell.

Jonathan also gave the 15 Minutes of Fame presentation, which covered three days of a trip to western France. The first

Photo Op

by Jim Osborn

Recently, my wife and I were returning from a trip to visit our grand-daughters in Ohio.

We were coming home on Route 45 just northeast of Eldorado when a torrential downpour hit. It didn't last long, but it was ferocious. When the rain suddenly stopped I glanced to the east to view one of the brightest rainbows I ever remember seeing—a complete and brilliant semi-circle of color against dark skies stretching from north to south. I quickly pulled off the highway and grabbed my camera (remember—I always keep my camera within reach!). I snapped several nice shots of the dark sky and bright rainbow before the colors started to fade. As my wife and I headed back onto the road we noticed about 4 other cars all pulled off the road with the occupants pointing cameras at the same rainbow! It is amazing how photography has become such a pervasive part of our lives. The digital age has truly revolutionized our culture. We used to take photos to record memories or as art. Now, pictures are a part of our everyday lives with people posting images on Facebook, sharing images on websites such as Flickr, emailing thumbnail images to family, etc. I remember when a mobile cell phone for your car cost \$1000—now everyone has a cell phone they carry on their belt or in a purse and almost everyone has the ability to take pictures and transmit them immediately with that phone at any time and any place. Photographs have become more a diary of our daily lives than a book of memories.

A couple weeks ago I was asked if I would put some pictures together in a portfolio for a "hobby day" at work. The request came late and I knew I would have to just pull together some photos that I had on hand at home. When I went through my file of images I realized that many of what I consider my best photos were never printed.



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Outings and Announcements

Our October outing was to New Harmony, Indiana. For November, we are going "behind the gates" to Crab Orchard National Wildlife Reserve. This tour will go into some areas of the Reserve not open to the public. The date for this is Sat. Nov. 10; we will meet at 7 a.m. at the visitor center on Rt. 148. There are only 12 slots available, and a \$10 fee for this outing, which goes towards membership in the Friends of Crab Orchard service organization. Call 618-997-3344 ext.1 to make a reservation.

Our December meeting is the SIPS Christmas dinner event. The cost is \$20 per person, and takes place at the student center at SIU-C (note there will be no meeting at the library!). Please get your reservation and money to Dana Tetzlaff soon.

We are soliciting contest ideas for next year. Joanna Gray is bringing a sheet for collecting ideas to the meetings, so look for that or contact her if you'd like to suggest something. We are also looking for outing suggestions.

Sandy at "In Stiches" in Carterville is doing a template for putting the SIPS logo on clothing. Members will be able to supply their own shirts and get them embroidered for \$7 each. Linda Bundren is organizing this and will let us know when it's ready.

SIH is holding a photo contest to find art for their new resource center opening in the Carbondale Mall in 2013. They are looking for photographs on the subject of healthy living in Southern Illinois. Winners' pictures will be printed to a common size and mounted on the wall of the resource center. Note that all pictures must be oriented vertically. The deadline for entry is Dec. 15; visit public.sih.net/photocontest.nsf/rules.xsp for details.

The Friends of Crab Orchard Photo Contest entries are due Oct. 31. It's open to amateurs for up to 5 photos (\$5 per photo), which must have been taken in southern Illinois. Go to friendsofconwr.com and click the Photo Contest link for details.

The Federal Recreation Lands Photo Contest entries are due by Dec. 31. There

are several categories, and the grand prize is \$15,000 and your image gets used on the Annual Federal Recreation Lands Pass for 2014. Entries must have been taken since Jan. 1, 2010. Go to sharetheexperience.org for details.

The Cedarhurst is hosting a class by Ray Marklin, "The Art of Photo Composition," on Sat. Nov. 10. The class runs from 10am to 2pm at the Shrode Art Center there. The fee is \$50. For more information on this (and other classes), see cedarhurst.org.

October Meeting

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day covered Bayeux and its thousand year-old cathedral, which shots of stained glass the streets outside late at night. The second day was spent at the D-Day beaches in Normandy, in particular Gold Beach, Pont du Hoc, and the American and German cemeteries. The third day focused on Mon St. Michel, a dramatic fortified monestary on a tidal island,

We held our yearly elections this meeting, selecting the SIPS officers and board for 2013. Lu has tallied the results, which are:

President: Jim Osborn

Vice President: Bill Thomas

Secretary of Technology: Jonathan Springer

Secretary of Records: Lu Horning

Treasurer: Dana Tetzlaff

Board: Mike Hicks, Dave Hammond, Linda Bundren, Joanna Gray, and Karen Carlton

The members also approved a fee increase for 2013 to cover rising costs. The new rates will be \$30/individual, \$40/family, and \$15/student.

The subject of our photo contest for this month was "Self Portrait." The winners were:

1st place: Bill Thomas, "Self Portrait"

2nd place: Lynn Love, "Self Portrait in Reflective Pose"

3rd place: Jonathan Springer, "Early Morning"

Other entrants included Virginia Stith, Mike Hicks, Dana Tetzlaff, and Myers Walker. Next month, we have two portfolio contests due, the Mystery Tour and the Scavenger Hunt.

Photo Op

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That was a little shocking to realize, but it says something else about our relationship with photographs—people keep digital files, but not necessarily prints. I would be interested to know how many of you have more than one of your own pictures hanging in your house that is not an image of family. Digital picture frames, screen savers, iPhones and iPads are all more convenient ways of displaying images you want to share with others.

Folks join SIPS for many different reasons. Some want to learn to use new equipment, others want to take better pictures, and some just enjoy camaraderie with other people who share a similar interest. For better or for worse, I will start my second tour of duty as president of SIPS in February after I have recovered from surgery. One of my goals is to help direct the club into the changing world of digital imagery. I proposed to the Board last month that we look at having more interactive club meetings—even to the point of having members bring their cameras with them so we can learn together and even take and critique images during the meeting. I am also supporting a change in our contest rules to allow manipulation of images, because that is what the rest of the world is doing now. I would like to see us have more outings in the immediate southern Illinois area—even if it means revisiting locations that the club has been to in the past couple years. We can all keep learning from each other! If you have other suggestions you think would benefit the club and the membership as a whole please do not hesitate to share your thoughts with me or any of the board members! Happy Holidays!!

Mystery Tour & Scavenger Hunt

Don't forget to bring in your Scavenger Hunt and Mystery Tour contest entries! Entries are due at the meeting Nov. 6. An outside judge will select the winners, which will be announced at the Christmas Party.