



Southern Illinois Photographic Society

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July 2013 Newsletter

June Meeting

Our program for the meeting this month was an unusual one: to take pictures within the building in which we meet, the Marion Carnegie Library. This is a good opportunity to mention that we are very grateful to the Library for providing a meeting space for SIPS. According to my records, we have been meeting in this space since October, 2008---almost 5 years. We are also grateful to Linda Johnson, who keeps the library open late for us each meeting night. Thank you!

For the program, the meeting attendees dispersed throughout the library throughout the library, and outside of it, to take pictures. They then selected the best five for display. Participants included Ron Hertter, John Naas, Jim Osborn, Chris Sullivan, Edwina, Bill Thomas, Nancy Smolak, Dave Horning, Jamie Hertter, Jo Dodd, Mike Hicks, Carol Sluzevich, Karen Carlton, Dave Hammond, Lynn Love, and JoAnna Gray. Unfortunately we had some card reader difficulties, so that some of these could not display their shots. It was very interesting to see the subjects that were chosen. Even when two photographers selected the same subject, we often saw two very different perspectives of it.

Our 15 Minutes of Fame was given by Jo Dodd. She covered three different subjects: a trip to Florida, a trip to Colorado, and some sports photography she's been doing. In Florida, she shot wetland birds, merganser, cranes, egrets, ibis, as well as hawk, owl, and bald eagle. She also had some of sunset and sunrise and of a lighthouse. In Colorado, she focused on the Colorado National Monument, where she caught birds and scenery, including gnarled wood, mule deer, prairie dog, cacti in bloom, a collared lizard, rock formations, and buffalo. In sports, Jo covered track-and-field, softball, and T-ball, with a number of action shots.

We heard a number of contest results this month. Dave Hammond took two first places in the HerrinFesta photo contest. Jo Dodd got first in the amateur category.

Dave Hammond also had two winners, Jim Osborn one winner, and Mike Chervino one winner in the SIH The Place photo contest. Their photos were selected for permanent display in their location at Carbondale's University Mall.

For Show and Tell, Karen Carlton showed two books on faces in objects that she made for elementary school classes. Jim Osborn recommended the new book 20 Day Trips In & Around the Shawnee National Forest, by Larry and Donna Mahan. It's available at Barnes and Noble and on Amazon. He also reiterated his near-disastrous experience with a camera wrist strap and warned against relying on them. Carol Sluzevich pointed us to a Photoshop class at John A. Logan College, given by Steve McLaughlin, which meets on Tuesdays for 10 weeks.

The gallery show at Crossroads Coffee in Carterville is ongoing. Joan Skiver-Levy is currently showing. Signups are available for open slots in 2014. Even if that seems far off, please do sign up, as sometimes there are cancellations and you may get in earlier.

Linda Bundren has the order forms for SIPS-logo apparel. She showed off some samples of the clothing at the meeting. She'll take orders at the July meeting; all orders must be pre-paid.

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Calendar of Events

July

Meeting: Jul. 2

Program: Archiving and Storage
Jonathan Springer

Contest: My Kind of Town/City
(60 days)

Outing: Richard and Susan Day's,
Aug. 3 (signup req'd)

Planning Meeting: Jul. 16

August

Meeting: Aug. 6

Program: Photo Manipulation,
Bill Randall

15 Minutes of Fame:

Jonathan Springer

Contest: My Neighborhood (1 year)

Outing: DuQuoin State Fair, Aug. 24

Planning Meeting: Aug. 20

September

Meeting: Sep. 3

Program: TBA

15 Minutes of Fame:

Lorraine Highlander

Contest: Planes, Trains, and Autos
(60 day, unlt'd editing)

Outing: Land Between the Lakes

Planning Meeting: Sep. 17

Inside...

Lots of folks are away on summer vacation; hope you're enjoying yours!

Scavenger Hunt

A reminder, we have a yearlong "scavenger hunt" photo contest. The topics are:

1. Still Life
2. Through My Window
3. My Best Friend
4. 6 or 8-legged Creatures
5. Pond Life
6. Railroads
7. Curves
8. Abandoned Buildings
9. Shoes and Boots
10. Silhouettes

Contest entries are due at our meeting in November.

June Meeting

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In administrative matters, we approved a minor change to the bylaws at this meeting. Previously, members would receive one point for each board meeting attended. Since board members are supposed to attend each such meeting anyway, the rules now award them a flat two points for the year. Note that if you're not on the board, you still get points per meeting, so please show up and help us out!

Our contest for this month was on "Rocks and Stones." This was a yearlong contest, which unlimited photo manipulation allowed. The winners were:

1st place: Bill Thomas, "Waterfall"

2nd place: Linda Bundren, "That's my Rock!"

3rd place: Bill Thomas, "The Beach"

Congratulations to these winners! Next month we have "My Kind of Town/City;" this is a 60 day contest.



*SIPS members at the May outing to Cedar Creek, near Camp Ondessonk
(photo: Jonathan Springer)*

Outings and Events

Next month our outing is actually taking place in early August, when we organize our annual excursion to Richard and Susan Day's. Richard and Susan's photos appear in hundreds of publications and calendars each year. They are best known for images of birds, butterflies, dragonflies, and flowers, many of which taken on their carefully curated property. This is an opportunity to visit and shoot on their sanctuary, as well as get some personalized assistance from the Days.

There is a \$50 fee for this outing, which is a substantial discount from their public rate. If you'd like to go, check the signup sheet at a meeting or contact Dave Hammond or another board member.

As mentioned earlier in the meeting notes, the Crossroads Coffee gallery is ongoing, showing works by SIPS members. The current schedule is:

Jul.: Joan Skiver-Levy

Aug.: Jonathan Springer

Sep.: Jo Dodd

Oct.: Chris Sullivan

Nov.: Mike Hicks

Dec.: (open)

If you'd like to sign up for a month, please see the signup sheet at a meeting or talk to Jim Osborn or a board member.