



# Southern Illinois Photographic Society

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## October 2013 Newsletter

### September Meeting

Our September program was "Cape Girardeau: Then and Now," given by Tom Neumeyer. Tom started in photography as a senior in high school, as his father had a darkroom. Tom continued in college and while working at newspapers

Tom's presentation covered a project in which he took old archive photos in Cape Girardeau, identified the locations, and then went and took new photos of the same sites in the present day. This project took three years, at the end of which he published a book that illustrates how Cape Girardeau has changed over time.

Images that stood out in his presentation included:

- An A&P grocery store in a flooded downtown—today an antique mall.
- The first building on the Southeast Missouri State University campus, from the 1800s.
- Broadway Theater on Broadway—the street has recently been rebuilt (\$4 million project)
- The Carnegie Library
- Court House in 1854—very little changed today
- Main Street in 1952—today still much the same look
- Old firehouse & police station—now a museum

The photos were collected from Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) archives and other sources, over many years prior to beginning this project. All images—old and new—were captured using film.

Tom also mentioned an upcoming excursion that he and Frank Nickell will be leading, which will tour historic churches of Southern Illinois. This excursion will take place on Dec. 7, starting from Cape Girardeau. Signups can be done through SEMO Continuing Education at 573-651-2000.

Our 15 Minutes of Fame program this month featured Lorraine Highlander. Lorraine showed a number of pictures of her recent activities, especially work with the Marion Garden Club. She showed the

club officers, tree planting on Arbor day, Mayor Butler signing a proclamation for Garden Club Week, events at the Marion Library, and her great-granddaughter doing crafts.

Lorraine explained that the Garden Club takes care of five park planting sites. They have a fundraiser Garden Sale in May, featuring plants from members and a nursery. The club sponsors a yearly tour of area gardens. They also give a Garden of the Month award to an area homeowner each month from May through October.

Our contest this month was "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles." Unlimited photo editing was allowed. Our winners this month were:

1st place: Jonathan Springer, "Funny Car"

2nd place: Mike Hicks, "L&N"

3rd place: Ron Hertter, "Fifi"

Congratulations to these winners! Next month, our yearlong scavenger hunt content entries are due. See the section below for contest details.

### Scavenger Hunt

Our yearlong Scavenger Hunt photo contest is due at the November meeting.

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

Entries should be 5x7 prints in an album or folio. Contest entries are due at our meeting in November, and there is a \$10 fee to cover outside judging. Winners will be announced at the SIPS Christmas dinner.

### Calendar of Events

#### October

Meeting: Oct. 1

Program: Critiquing, Jim Osborn

15 Minutes of Fame: Max Pardee

Contest: Scavenger Hunt (1 year)

Outing: Buffalo Roundup, Cobden

Planning Meeting: Oct. 15

#### November

Meeting: Nov. 5

Program: Swap Shop Sale

15 Minutes of Fame: Bill Thomas

Contest: Scavenger Hunt (1 year)

Outing: CONWR

Planning Meeting: Nov. 19

#### December

Meeting: Dec. 3

Program: Christmas party

15 Minutes of Fame: none

Contest: Scavenger Hunt results

Outing: none

Planning Meeting: none

### Inside...

All the latest news and upcoming events!

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## Gallery at Crossroads Coffee

The gallery show at Crossroads Coffee is going strong. Each month, a SIPS member can put up a collection of 10 framed images, which will remain up for 2 to 4 weeks. SIPS has a set of frames (11x14) that can be rented by club members for \$10 for the duration of the show; you are responsible for matting. Pictures can optionally be listed for sale (a portion of any proceeds goes to Crossroads in that case).

Chris Sullivan is being featured in October, and Mike Hicks will be displaying in November. At last check December was still open, and of course there are spots in 2014. Please see the signup sheet at a meeting, or contact a club officer if you would like to be featured one month.

## Editor's Note

The SIPS newsletter is always looking for content, so if you have an article idea, let us know and we can work with you. If you have a news item or other information you'd like to let the rest of the club know about, contact Lu or Jonathan, and we can get it included in a newsletter and/or email. Members can also send to the email list directly, if desired.