



Southern Illinois Photographic Society

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November 2013 Newsletter

Calendar of Events

November

Meeting: Nov. 5
Program: Swap Shop Sale
15 Minutes of Fame: Bill Thomas
Contest: Scavenger Hunt (1 year)
Outing: TBD
Planning Meeting: Nov. 19

December

Meeting: Dec. 3 (Carterville)
Program: Christmas Party
15 Minutes of Fame: none
Contest: Scavenger Hunt results
Outing: none
Planning Meeting: none

January

Meeting: Jan. 4
Program: Matting and Framing,
Dave Hammond
15 Minutes of Fame: Nancy Smolak
Contest: TBD
Outing: CONWR
Planning Meeting: Jan. 18

Inside...

All the latest news and upcoming events!

October Meeting

Our program for the month was Critiquing, led by Jim Osborn. Jim prepared two handouts, one on photo critiquing and the other a critiquing checklist. He recommended to start with what you like. Look at photo magazines to determine a style you might like to pursue. Use the general guidelines to start, but be willing to break rules to get what you want out of a photo.

For critiquing, the main idea is to share what you like about a photo and why. Don't assume everyone knows as much as you do. Be a patient listener. Ask the photographer what he or she was trying to accomplish with the photo. The checklist includes: technical aspects, artistic aspects, and emotional aspects.

We then broke into groups to do the actual critiquing. Dave Horning, Dave Hammond, and Jim Osborn led these discussions.

Next month's program is "Swap, Shop, and Sell." Bring anything photography-related that you want to sell, trade, or give away. Based on previous years, we can expect to see some fairly interesting and obscure items in addition to the more popular ones!

Our 15 Minutes of Fame was given by Max Pardee, who covered a Rocky Mountain Trip over 63 days. His body for the trip was a Canon 7D. His main lens was a Sigma 28-200, and he also used a 400 with a 2x teleconverter. Shots he showed included a western shot of Mt. Rushmore, with Washington's profile; Crazy Horse Monument (under construction); Hell's Canyon with the Snake River; Shoshone Falls; Capital Reef rock formations; Colorado River flowing West into Lake Powell; Glacier National Park Going-to-the-Sun Road; Running Eagle Falls; Arches National Park; Waterton canyon; Jasper, Alberta with wildlife; the LaSalle Range coming South out of Arches; a Rainstorm at Canyonland; the Lake Louise Alberta area of Lake Moraine; Skyline Arch at Canyonland; ram sheep on the west side of

the Rockies, and Kootenai Falls up and down stream (with rainbow)

For Show and Tell, we saw pictures from the Shrimp Festival from Lu Horning, Christine Keeney, Dana Tetzlaff, and Bill Thomas. To follow up from an article he wrote a few months ago, Jim Osborn brought in three different kinds of pinch-grip wrist strap, so people could see how they work.

Our outing in November was originally intended to be a visit to Crab Orchard National Wildlife Reserve, but with the federal government shutdown, this has had to be postponed. A replacement outing for November has not yet been determined.

We have made arrangements for the Christmas Party---note that it will take place at a different venue this year. The party, which will be on Dec. 3, will be at the Carterville Community Center. Pre-dinner socializing is from 6:30, with dinner and the program starting at 7:00 PM. The cost is expected to be \$20/person.

Our photo contest this month was "Harvest Time." Our winners were:

1st place: Mike Hicks, "Pretty Vegetables"

2nd place: Tom Dunn, "Picking Corn"

3rd place: JoAnna Gray, "Happy Harvest Time" and Myers Walker "Processing Flax"

Congratulations to all of these. Our contest next month is the yearlong Scavenger Hunt.

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.

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.

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).

Mike Hicks is 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.