



Southern Illinois Photographic Society

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April 2014 Newsletter

Calendar of Events

April

Meeting: Apr. 1

Program: Panel Discussion: What to

Look for in Contest Photos

15 Minutes of Fame: Swap Meet

Contest: Historic or Antique

Outing: Fountain Bluffs, Apr. 26

Planning Meeting: Apr. 15

May

Meeting: May 6

Program: Panoramas and Landscapes,

Mike Hicks

15 Minutes of Fame: Joanna Gray

Contest: Trees

Outing: CONWR

Planning Meeting: May 20

June

Meeting: Jun. 3

Program: TBD

15 Minutes of Fame: Mike Hicks

Contest: Flowers (unltd. proc.)

Outing: SIPS picnic

Planning Meeting: Jun. 17

Inside...

All the news from the last meeting, and a preview of upcoming events.

March Meeting

Our speaker for this month was close friend and member of SIPS, Linda Martin. Linda has spent the past few years working with professional nature photographer Tom Ulrich, and has become quite the pro photographer in her own right. She has traveled to the Pantanals in Brazil, New Zealand, across western and southern USA and cruised the Mediterranean Sea. She and Tom visited Rome, Italy, Greece, Spain and France.

Linda started the evening with LaRue-Pine Hills, featuring the bluffs, swamps, overlooks with voiceover, completed for Rocky Mountain Outdoor Writers and Photographers. She also covered several species of frogs, newts, crayfish, snails, millipedes, salamanders, and a variety of snakes.

Linda then took us to Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, a waterfowl wintering ground in the southwest along the Rio Grande in New Mexico. Networks of canals connect waterfowl spots throughout the refuge, with agricultural lands in between. Sandhill cranes and snow geese abound during the winter months, and Linda had several shots of their feeding patterns and of them taking flight. Cooper's hawks, northern harrier hawks, and red-tails also abound. The refuge is a great spot for sunrises and sunsets too, as she demonstrated.

Our 15 Minutes of Fame was also given by Linda Martin, who agreed to show a presentation she made for Rocky Mountain Outdoor Writers and Photographers, "Adventures Aloft - Tarangire Park." She gave us a series of photos from a balloon ride over Tarangire park in Tanzania. Starting with shots of the balloon itself being inflated in the early morning, we were soon soaring over the park. We saw giraffe, wildebeast, ostrich, impalas, water buffalo, termite mounds and elephant tracks all from an aerial perspective. At the end, after setting down, they ate an elegant breakfast. Linda also showed a Maasai wedding, with shots of the preparation, dress, and dancing.

The groom and bride drink blood from a fresh-killed goat as part of the ceremony, and then the goat is prepared as a feast for the guests.

Our meeting next month will be a very participatory one. The program is a panel discussion on contest photos. Come with questions or ideas about entering photos in contests, such as what kinds of images to enter and what judges look for. Our 15 Minutes of Fame slot for April will be a swap meet. Bring anything you'd like to trade or sell, and come ready to pick up that surprise great deal!

Last month for our outing we heard Tom Ulrich give his annual presentation at SIU. This month, our outing will be to the Boone Family Cemetery and Fountain Bluffs, on Apr. 26. Ray Brown will lead, focusing on wildflowers, the landscape, and petroglyphs.

A reminder: the Light and Lens club contest deadline is Friday, Apr. 4. For full details, see the entry form that was sent to the club list.

Our contest this month was "Art in Nature," and unlimited photo processing was allowed. Our winners were:

1st place: Lynn Love, "Circle of Life"

2nd place: Tom Rabideau, "The Icy Seer"

3rd place: Tom Rabideau, "2 for the price of 1"

Congratulations to these! Next month, our contest is "Historic or Antique".

Gallery at Crossroads Coffee Company

April's feature at Crossroads Coffee will be Karen Carlton, with Nancy Smolak coming up in May.

Each month, a SIPS member can put up a collection of 10 framed images at Crossroads Coffee in Carterville. You can rent frames from SIPS for \$10 for the duration of the show. If you would like to show in one of the other months, let Lu know and she can put you on the schedule.