



Southern Illinois Photographic Society

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November 2014 Newsletter

October Meeting

Our program for October was the results of our outing to Golconda last month. For this excursion, led by Karen Carlson, we descended upon Golconda to find as much subject matter as we could. Members who participated brought in a selection of their photos to show.

Participants included Sharon and Phil Wittke, Dave and Lu Horning, Cathy Jennings, Jo Dodd, Virginia and Leon Stith, Bill Thomas, and Karen Carlson.

Karen led with reflections and repetitions. Dave brought photos he took of clothing and pretty girls. Jo showed local architecture, musicians, and festival scenes. Lu showed some eclectic photos of motorcycle parts, as well as people and street scenes. Virginia had images of a barge on the river, a bridge, and several houses and people in town. Bill had lots of street scenes, local houses and yards, as well as a museum and a petting zoo.

Our 15 Minutes of Fame segment for this month was given by Dave Hammond. For those (few) who aren't yet familiar with his work, Dave is a professional wildlife and landscape photographer from Goreville. Today he showed a selection of recent work, all shot in Southern Illinois (and sometimes his own backyard). Highlights included: white egret and mallard hen at Mermet Lake; landscape in stages from open to cloud cover, finishing in black and white; black oaks in the Devil's Kitchen area; rain shots at Ferne Clyffe; pelicans on Crab Orchard Lake; birds at his yard feeders; grain barge at Mounds City; tree farm at Cairo; snow geese at Horsehoe Lake; sandhill cranes at Crab Orchard; and a carpenter bee in Johnson County.

Our 15 Minutes of Fame for January is going to be a member-contributed program of photos from Veteran's Day 2014. Remember to take photos on Nov. 11 and bring a few of your favorites to our January meeting for display.

Our main business task for the evening was the election of officers for 2015. Result details are included in a separate article later

in this newsletter.

In other business, the membership approved a bylaw change making the vice president responsible for keeping track of the points for Member of the Year and Photographer of the Year. (If you are not familiar with these awards, details can be found on our web site under "Contest Rules.")

In announcements, the SIPS member display at The Pavilion in Marion is now up. It's open weekdays from 9 to 5, so stop by and take a look.

Our display at Mr. Koolz in Marion continues, with Bill Thomas up through the end of October. If you would like to participate, just add your name to the signup sheet at a meeting, or contact Joanna Gray.

We had a couple of items for Show and Tell this month. Jim Osborn brought pictures from his trip to the southwest, featuring cacti in bloom and Gates Pass in Saguaro National Park. Bill Thomas had photos from his recent trip to Nova Scotia, including Halifax City Hall, waterfront at night, Peggy's Cove, a tall ship, and low tide on the Bay of Fundy (where there is up to 16 feet difference between high and low tides).

Out contest for the month was "Wildlife." The results were:

1st place: Joanna Gray, "Sun-kissed (black belly whistling ducks)"

2nd place: Nancy Beasley, "Screech Owl"

3rd place: Cathy Jennings, "Frog in Lily"

Congratulations to these winners! Next month, our contest is the annual calendar. The theme for this is up to you. Bring your completed calendar to the meeting, where they will be collected for judging. Results will be announced at the Christmas Party (first place wins all entry fees, with second and third place certificates).

Speaking of the Christmas Party, it's coming up soon, and we will have a signup sheet at the November meeting. See the separate article in this newsletter for details.

Calendar of Events

November

Meeting: Nov. 4

Program: Panoramas, Mike Hicks, & insect video, Karen Carlson

15 Minutes of Fame: Swap Meet

Contest: Calendar

Outing: Studio Lighting

with Dave Horning, Nov. 8

Planning Meeting: Nov. 18

December

Meeting: Dec. 2 (paid only)

Program: Christmas Party

15 Minutes of Fame: none

Contest: none

Outing: none

Planning Meeting: none

January

Meeting: Jan. 6

Program: Tessellations, Karen Carlson

15 Minutes of Fame: results of
Veteran's Day documentation

Contest: Patriotic

Outing: TBA

Planning Meeting: Jan. 20

Inside...

All the news that's printed to fit!

Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party this year will be held at the Carterville Community Center (same place as last year), on Dec. 2. Attendance is limited to members, who may bring a guest. As usual, this is a catered dinner, so attendees must signup and prepay. Signups will be taken at the November member meeting. The cost, though still being finalized, is expected to be about \$20 per person. Our speaker for the evening is Al Perry, a professional nature photographer from Evansville, IN.

Election Results

Our election for the 2015 board was held at the November member meeting. We had 28 ballots cast. The results were:

President: Linda Bundren

Vice president: Bill Thomas

Treasurer: Dana Tetzlaff

Secretary of Technology: Jonathan Springer

Secretary of Records: Joanna Gray

Board Members: Dave Hammond, Sharon Wittke, Jo Dodd, Myers Walker, Mike Hicks

Thanks to these people for agreeing to serve. The board will officially transition at the Christmas party.

Please note that the board welcomes helps for any and all members. The board meets the third Tuesday of every month (except December) at a local restaurant. Any SIPS member is welcome to attend these meetings! Our next one will be on Nov. 18 at 6:30pm at Bennie's Italian Foods in Marion.

Want to Write?

Besides relating the results of our meetings and events, the SIPS newsletter is a place for member-written content. If you have a photography-related topic or event you'd like to write about, why not give it a try? Articles should be sent in by the date of the planning meeting to be assured of inclusion in the next month's newsletter. Please contact Jonathan for details.