



Southern Illinois Photographic Society

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January 2015 Newsletter

Calendar of Events

January

Meeting: Jan. 6

Program: Tessellations, Karen Carlson

15 Minutes of Fame: results of

Veteran's Day documentation

Contest: Patriotic

Outing: Reelfoot Lake, date TBA

Planning Meeting: Jan. 20

February

Meeting: Feb. 3

Program: Photography Fundamentals,

Bill Randall

15 Minutes of Fame: TBA

Contest: Hats

Outing: TBA

Planning Meeting: Feb. 17

March

Meeting: Mar. 3

Program: TBA

15 Minutes of Fame: TBA

Contest: Playtime

Outing: TBA

Planning Meeting: Mar. 17

Inside...

All the news that's printed to fit!

November Meeting

Our November program was Panorama Construction, given by Mike Hicks. Mike began experimenting with panorama on his New Hampshire trip last year, and brought several samples from his own work to demonstrate.

The first step is to decide what you want to do, and take a group of shots to work with. Put them by themselves in a isolated folder to work on. Photoshot Elements can build panoramas, but the photos have to be 8-bit color to be able to be merged, so downconvert first if necessary. Panorama files can be very large as well, so you may need to reduce the constituent file sizes first if the computer can't handle it. Once the layers are merged, the adjustments, cloning and so forth can be done. In his panorama compositions, Mike uses as few as 3 images, and up to 12 or more.

Mike showed several panoramas, including Mt. Rushmore, scenes from Idaho, and the Mormon Tabernacle - an unusual vertical panorama. He finished with some of his favorites from out West.

As a second mini-program, we also finished up the insect video, covering the last two segments on bees, wasps, and flies, a segment on beetles, and one on the praying mantis.

Instead of a 15 Minutes of Fame, this month we held a swap meet. A number of people brought items, and deals were duly made.

For Show and Tell, Bill Randall brought pictures from a Rocky Mountain School of Photography event he attended. He recommends trying their Photo Weekend events, which take place around the country. See www.rmssp.com/weekends

Mr. Koolz is continuing to host member photos each month. See the signup sheet at a meeting or contact Joanna Gray.

We are in discussions with the John A. Logan Museum to have a club display, probably in February or March. Dave Hammond is leading this effort; stay tuned for details.

We had several members place in the

Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge annual photo contest. Jim Osborn won in the Landscape category. Jo Dodd had one second place and two third place entries. Lori Mascal received an honorable mention. Finally, Jo Dodd's granddaughter won the Youth division.

In other contest news, Dave Hammond and Jo Dodd were accepted into the Shrode photo contest, while Dana Tetzlaff received an honorable mention. Dave Hammond also won the Chasing the Light "Autumn" contest. See chasingthelight.info to check out his winning photo.

Our club contest for this month was the calendar, which was turned in for outside judging. These results were announced at Christmas party (see below).

December Meeting

For our December meeting we held our annual Christmas dinner party at the Carterville Community Center. Our delicious meal was catered by Cathie Bollmann, with Cupcakes by Katelyn for dessert. Members also brought wrapped matted 8x10 photos for a gift exchange.

Our evening's program was given by nature photographer Al Perry, of Evansville. He shared many terrific photos from his travels all over the world, and gave us a sense of what he goes through to get that perfect shot (case in point: subzero overnight temperatures in Iceland). Some of his most amazing creations were time-lapse videos of the aurora borealis, stitched together from still frames.

We had several contest winners to announce at the party:

Calendar: Dana Tetzlaff

Photographer of the Year: Dave Hammond

Member of the Year: Joanna Gray
Congratulations to these members! Our contest for January is "Patriotic."

Missing Newsletter?

If you think you missed the December newsletter, that's because it didn't get made. Your editor apologizes and will get back on track for next month!