



# Southern Illinois Photographic Society

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## March / April 2016 Newsletter

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### Calendar of Events

#### April

Meeting: Apr. 5

Program: Tips for Photographing People

15 Minutes of Fame: Chris Evans

Contest: Shallow DOF and Bokeh

Outing: Trillium Trail / LaRue Pine Hills (dates TBA)

Planning Meeting: Apr. 19

#### May

Meeting: May 3

Program: Deep Depth of Field

15 Minutes of Fame: TBA

Contest: People

Outing: TBA

Planning Meeting: May 17

#### June

Meeting: Jun. 7

Program: How to Freeze Motion

15 Minutes of Fame: TBA

Contest: Deep Depth of Field

Outing: Picnic

Planning Meeting: Jun. 21

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### Inside...

All the SIPS news, announcements, and upcoming events.

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### February Meeting

At our February meeting, Dave Hammond gave a very informative talk on black-and-white photography. It must have had an impact, because we had a lot of entries at the meeting contest in March.

We had a couple new attendees this evening: Amber Hopkins, interested in portraiture, and Jim Justice, a retired engineer and experienced photographer. Welcome!

Our contest for February was "Color," and we had 13 entries. The winners were:

1st place: Jim Osborn, "Gumballs"

2nd place: Jim Osborn, "Chihuly Glass"

3rd place: Karen Carlton,

"Complimentary Leaf"

Congratulations to these winners!

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### March Meeting

Our speaker this month was Cathie Hutcherson, a local expert on hummingbird behavior, migration, and banding. She catches and bands anywhere from 5,800 to 6,200 hummingbirds every year, and collaborates with others to track the migration patterns of ruby throated hummingbirds who return to our region every spring.

In her presentation she gave us a wealth of insight from her years of interacting with hummingbirds. She noted, for example, that many hummingbirds make a 500-mile and 10 to 12 hour journey across the Gulf of Mexico during migration. Cathie recommends [www.hummingbirds.net](http://www.hummingbirds.net), a web site maintained by a local hummingbird expert in St. Louis, as a good resource for learning more about these tiny but resilient birds.

For our technical topic this month, Joanna Gray and Mike Hicks led a discussion on shallow depth of field. As usual, this anticipates next month's contest on the same subject. Mike showed images of orchids that demonstrated shallow depth of field from his recent visit to the Missouri Botanical Garden's annual Orchid Show.

Tom Rabideau had a show and tell

featuring his granddaughter. His presentation also illustrated the capabilities of Pro Show Producer, a powerful tool for creating slideshows with a variety of effects and accompanying music.

Our contest this month was "Black and White." We had quite a few entries. The winners in a competitive field were:

1st place: Jo Dodd, "Stump Hole"

2nd place: Jim Osborn, "Flower"

3rd place: Jim Osborn, "Owl"

Congratulations to these winners! Our April meeting contest topic is "Shallow Depth of Field and Bokeh."

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### Outings and Announcements

We had several people make the trek up to St. Louis in March to see the annual orchid show at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Attendees included Mike Hicks, Joanna Gray, Jim Osborn, and Cathy Jennings. This show is always an oasis of color and form for photographers.

This month, we have a couple outings in the works. Katy Carl will lead a walk along the Trillium Trail and Giant City State Park. Also, we will have a group go see the wildflowers blooming at LaRue Pine Hills.

Tom Ulrich gave his annual presentation at SIU in late March, celebrating his 40th year as a photographer. This year he gave us "An Evening of Images: Stock & Whatnot," illustrating what makes good stock photos. It was well-attended, including lots of SIPS members.

The LEAA Art at the Fair exposition is set for May 14 and 15, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The cost is \$35 per 10' x 10' booth, which can be shared by two people, if desired. Set-up is Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday. Only handmade arts and crafts may be sold -- no commercial sale items. The deadline for registration is April 22. Call Bonnie Davis at 995-2694 or Tom Rabideau at 998-8530 if you have questions. Registration forms are available at the LEAA arts center on the Marion Square.