



The Viewpoint

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Coming Attractions

February 3 – Tuesday – Improve Your Photography – Photographic Lighting – Clubhouse – 7-9 pm.

February 4 – Wednesday – Photoshop Elements Group – Clubhouse – 7-9 pm

February 5 – Thursday – Conference Center – Mounting and Matting Workshop. Cover contest.

February 10 – Tuesday – Clubhouse – Improve Your Photography – Editing your photos – 7-9 pm

February 12 – Thursday – Clubhouse – Board meeting – all are welcome to attend.

February 17 – Tuesday – Clubhouse – Improve Your Photography – Putting it all together – 7-9 pm

February 19 – Thursday – Conference Center – Monthly Contest Night – 7:30 pm

March 4 – Wednesday – Clubhouse – Photoshop Elements Group – 7-9 pm

March 5 – Thursday – Conference Center – Learning your camera's histogram – Program presented by Steve Stalker. Cover contest

PAC Updates

Renewals and New Members: PAC welcomes the new members – Art Mabrey, Stacey Dietrich, Suzanne Alexander, Alysia White, Wayne Escott, Leonard and Pam Kantola, Scott Layher, Barbara Hahler, Richard Chappellear, Justin Music, Jenna Rose, and Victoria Newton. Thank you Doug Wiemer for renewing your membership.

Monthly Contest and Cover Contest: Bad weather did not permit us to meet for our Monthly and Cover contests this month, so nothing to report from that front. We hope that gave us some time to capture the natural beauty of the wonderful weather we have had so far... seems like a lot of snow pictures will be displayed at the next month's contest.

Photoshop Elements Group: The Photoshop Elements group did not meet on January 14th due to bad weather. The next session is scheduled for February 4th at 7 pm at the clubhouse. The following items will be covered:

- Basic Sharpening
- Create Oval Mask
- A bit of color in B/W
- The brush tool
- The eraser tool

You may bring your laptop, but it is not required. You need not have attended prior meetings. Please email Steve Stalker (sstalker@ameritech.net) prior to the meeting so he knows how many handouts to make.

Another Volunteer Hours Opportunity

PAC members have another great opportunity to help the TBG and at the same time help our club. The annual Seed Swap is coming up in February and the TBG needs help in sorting seeds into envelopes. The sorting will take place on Wednesday, February 18 from 1:00 to 4:30 pm in the Terrace Room at the Conference Center at TBG.

If you can help, please call Toni Moore at her new number: 419-536-5592 or call Mike Essi. Help for an hour or stay for the entire time; all help is appreciated. No experience or special knowledge is required (trust me, I know). ~Mike Essi

Additional Volunteer Opportunities in 2009: There are several other times throughout the year that TBG can use our members to volunteer their time while at the same time

benefiting the club. Listed below are up coming events at TBG and the dates. Sometimes volunteers are needed the days of the event and other times volunteers are needed prior to the event to help in setup.

Here is a preliminary list for 2009:

Spring Plant Sale	May 7, 8, 9 & 10
First Sunday Open Art Days	May 3; Jun 7; Jul 5; Aug 2
Crosby Festival of the Arts	Jun 26, 27 & 28
Jazz in the Garden Concerts	Jul 9, 16, 23 & 30 Aug 6, 13 & 20
Noon Tunes	Fridays in July & August
Arts in the Garden	Aug 2
Heralding the Holidays	Dec 5, 6 & 7

Learning your camera's histogram

Program for March 5 - Presented by Steve Stalker

Improving your photography using your camera's histogram

- What is a histogram?
- Different types of histograms
- What does it tell you?
- What does it not tell you?
- Guidelines for using a histogram
- When to pay attention to the histogram
- When to ignore a histogram
- Basic editing using the histogram

This program will be held at the Conference Center along with the monthly cover contest. Feel free to bring a friend and your camera.

Photo Tips: On January 31st, a few members of the club attended a Masters Workshop at the National Center for Nature Photography. Art Weber arranged a workshop on High Dynamic Range Photography, hosted by Kenneth West. Ken currently has a wonderful exhibit at the center of his HDR photographs.

Ken explained, "HDR photography allows a greatly expanded range of light to be reproduced in a single photographic image". In order to make these photographs you take 3 photos of the same scene at 3 different exposures to capture all of the highlights and all of the shadows. Then using special software these images are merged together into a single image.

The software allows you to make adjustments to the image along the lines of contrast, brightness, saturation and luminescence. The final image is much closer to what we see with our eyes with much more shadow detail and a sky that looks natural and not overexposed.

You can download a trial version of the software that we used in the class. It is fully functional. The only catch is that the final image contains a watermark of the company, Photomatrix. There is a tutorial on the website that steps you through the process. The website is www.hdrsoft.com. The software costs \$99 if you decide to purchase it.

I won a coupon for a free version in the door prize drawing! As always it was another great program by the National Center for Nature Photography. ~~~~~Jack Myers

Annual Photo Contest

It is that time again!!! – Entries are open for Photo Arts Club of Toledo's Annual Photo Contest. All contest entries will be on display at the National Center for Nature Photography located at the Secor Metropark for two weekends in March (March 21-22 and March 29-30 – Saturday and Sundays).

Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday, March 20th from 6-9 pm at the National Center for Nature Photography.

Prizes and ribbons will be awarded in all categories for first, second, third and honorable mention. A best of show & peoples' choice will also be awarded. The categories are:

Color—People	Color—Places
Color—Flora	Color—Open
Color—Fauna	Black & White

Contest details and rules along with the labels are available on the Photo Contest brochure being circulated at various photography-related locations in and around Toledo. The contest brochure can be picked up from the Photo Arts Club of Toledo.

The contest is open to general public you can enter as many entries as you like.

Need help mounting and matting?

On Thursday, February 5, 2009, the Photo Arts Club will have a program on "Mounting and Matting Your Photos." There will be a demonstration of cutting mount boards and mats. Bring a photo and we will help you mount and mat it for no charge. The program starts at 7:30pm in the Conference Center at the Toledo Botanical Garden.

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