



The Viewpoint

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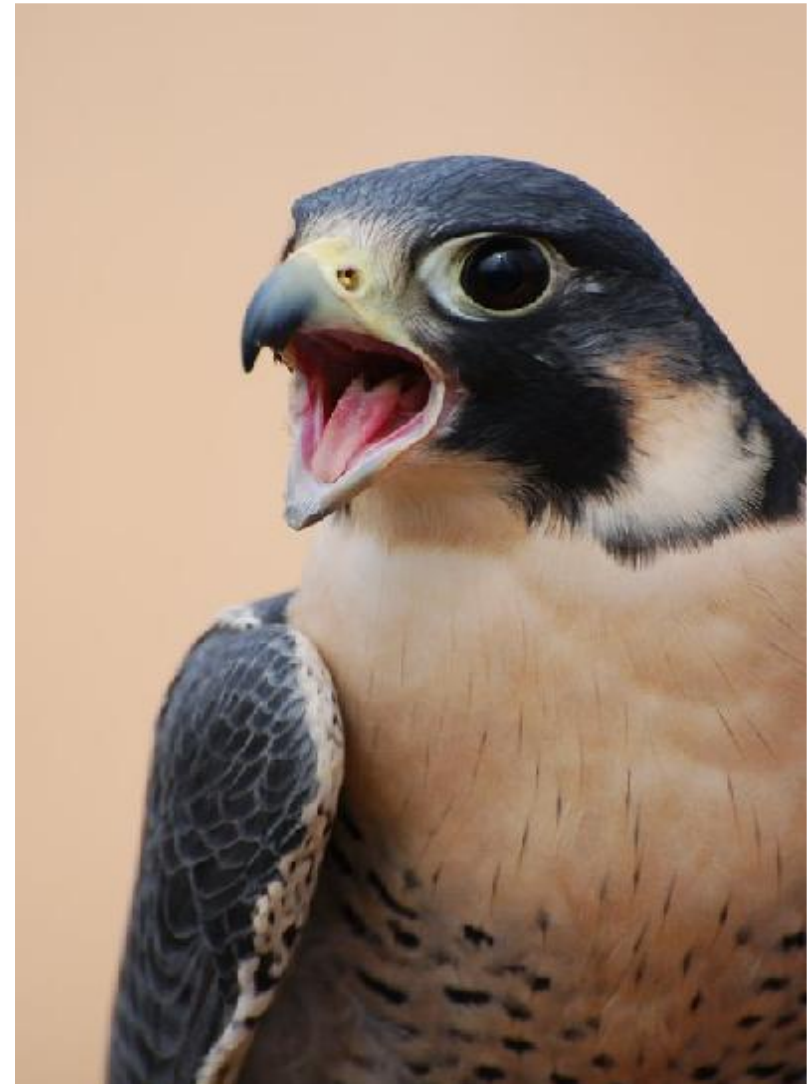


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Coming Attractions

June 4 – Thursday – Clubhouse – Cover Contest – Scavenger Hunt - 7 pm

June 7-13 – Club Members will be travelling to Acadia National Park in Maine.

June 18 – Thursday – Clubhouse – No Monthly Contest – 7 pm to 9 pm - TMA – The World Up Close – Presentation by Jennifer Bandeen.

July 2 - Thursday - No club meeting

July 4 - Saturday - Downtown July 4th Fireworks and Independence Day festivities - photo shootout - details to be e-mailed to members.

July 16 - Thursday - Clubhouse - Cover Contest - Scavenger Hunt results and picture sharing.

July 18 - Saturday - Downtown Toledo - 10 am to 12 pm - Scott Kelby's Second Annual Worldwide Photo Walk

PAC Updates

Renewals and New Members: PAC welcomes Gary R Williams, Christie Materni, and Matt Materni as new members.

Thank you Joseph Pizzuto, Douglas Sweet, Ron Schnapp, and Lori Ann Ford on renewing your membership.

*** TBG – Gate Closing Policy!!!!

As per TBG's gate closing policy, PACT has adjusted all of its events to begin at 7 pm rather than 7:30 pm, so that members' cars are not locked in when the gates close at 9 pm.

May's Monthly Contest – Digital Only

Last month's monthly contest was a digital only contest with two categories - Spring and Open. A total of 26 pictures were submitted for both categories together. Excellent pictures were put on display and the winner in Spring Category was Todd Grinonneau with a picture titled "We are hungry." Joe Pizzuto took the second spot with his picture titled "Rained Out." Larry Low was awarded the third place with his picture titled "Clone Flower." Ben Anderson and Suzanne were awarded an honorable mention ribbon each. Open category winner was Scott Layher with his picture titled "Fisherman's Wharf Boats." Ben Anderson took the second place ribbon with his picture titled "Cat and Mouse." Wennie Anderson was awarded the third place with her picture titled "Those were the days." Larry Low was awarded the honorable mention with his picture titled "Julia Longwing at the Hibiscus Café."

First Sunday Open Art Days 12 pm to 4 pm (Sunday June 7, July 5 and August 2) – TBG Event. We have been asked by the TBG to have our clubhouse open during the event with family-oriented activities. The CD of pictures displayed in our Christmas potluck party was a big hit in May. We will continue to display those pictures and have a laptop handy to show some basic photo editing skills. Club can also use some framed pictures to hang in the club's gallery. Please remember to mark your pictures for sale or not for sale.

Photo Editing Tips and Techniques

Ben Anderson demonstrated the following two basic photo-editing techniques during our May first club meeting. He was kind enough to put them down in writing for the members who could not attend the event. Please note that this does require software that allows layers, e.g. Photoshop Elements or higher:

Dodge and Burn Technique

1. Add two blank layers above background layer. Label one "lighten" and the other "darken".

2. Change both of these layers blending modes to overlay.
3. Select a soft edged brush with an opacity around 50%.
4. Set foreground and background colors to the default of black and white.
5. Paint with white on the "lighten" layer to lighten areas you want lighter. You may want to change the opacity for each stroke to season to taste. If you are using Photoshop, go to the Edit menu and choose fade stroke.
6. Do the same with the "darken" layer to darken areas only paint with black.
7. If you over paint an area you can use the eraser brush to remove excess.
8. Do not lower the opacity of either layer until you are done and you think necessary.
9. You can then trash either layer if you do not like what you have done, giving you a way to back out with out damaging your original background layer.

Adding Smoke or Fog to your pictures

1. Add a blank layer above your background layer.
2. Use the rectangular tool or the lasso tool to draw a selection set to a large feather of 100 pixels (depending on your resolution) on this blank layer.
3. Go to the filter menu > render > render clouds and fill the selection with render clouds. Click OK.
4. Go to filter menu > blur > gaussian blur and set a large radius and click OK.
5. Go to image menu and select transform > free transform, now drag the side handles way out to distort clouds (fog). Click OK.
6. Change the blending mode of fog layer to screen and the blacks and grays will disappear.
7. You can now use the move tool to reposition this layer or you can free transform the layer again if needed and lower the opacity as needed. If you are working with Photoshop, you can also use the warp tool when you are in the transform mode.

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