



The Viewpoint

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Photo Arts Club of Toledo
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Coming Attractions

October 1 - Thursday - Cover Contest - Donna Gotschalk's presentation - Conference Center - 7 pm.

October 5 - Monday - Photoshop Elements group - Clubhouse - 7 pm - Steve Stalker leads this group - First Mondays of the month

October 6 - Tuesday - Critique Group - Clubhouse - 7 pm - Joe Pizzuto leads this group - First Tuesday of the month through spring

October 10 - Saturday - Studio Group - Clubhouse - 10 am - John Dillon leads this group - Second Saturdays of the month from Fall through Spring.

October 9 - 15 - The World Up Close/It's a Small World Exhibition - Toledo Museum of Art

October 15 - Thursday - Monthly Photo Contest - Conference Center - 7 pm

November 2 - Monday - Photoshop Elements group - Clubhouse - 7 pm - Steve Stalker leads this group - First Mondays of the month

November 5 - Thursday - Photo Walk Slide Show - Cover Contest - Conference Center - 7 pm

November 6 - Saturday - Nature Center's "Celebrating Nature through Photography"

November 12 - Thursday - Board Meeting - Clubhouse- 7 pm

November 14 - Saturday - Studio Group - Clubhouse - 10 am - John Dillon leads this group - Second Saturdays of the month from Fall through Spring.

PAC Updates

Renewals and New Members: PAC welcomes Deborah and William Rankin, Laura Addington, Jessica Sloan, and Carol McVicker as new members of the club.

Monthly Contest Winners:

Last month's contest was a digital contest with the theme "People at Labor" and an Open Category. The winners are:

People at Labor - First place for Steve Stalker's image titled "Mrs and Mr Claus." Second place for Wennie Anderson for her image titled "Reproduction." Third place for Cathy Douglas for her untitled image. Honorable mentions for Wennie Anderson for her image "Mooring the River Queen."

Open Category - First place for Wennie Anderson for the image titled "Foote pond Overlook." Second place for Wennie Anderson's image titled - Tawas Point Lighthouse. Third place for Wennie Anderson's image "Autumn in the air." --- Congrats for the complete sweep!! Honorable mentions for Ben Anderson for his image titled "Polished Brass."

Photo Tips by Ben Anderson

To improve your photography, give yourself an assignment such as your own personal photo walk. It could be around your own backyard, around the block, at a park or wherever you choose. Give your self an assignment such as -- Flowers, buildings, animals or what ever you like. You might also take photos with the idea of converting them to black and white to improve your skills at converting to and seeing in black and white.

-- Set a schedule such as everyday, once a week or set a time limit such as one hour or what ever you can afford.

Editing Tips: Using the rectangular or elliptical tools in Photoshop:

-- When you use the marquee tools, you can create a perfect square or circle by holding down the shift key as you drag.

-- When you hold down both the shift and alt keys when you drag you can create a perfect square or circle as you drag from the center out.

-- If you continue to hold down the mouse button and release the alt and shift keys and now hold down the space bar, you can now move the selection to a better position.

-- Still holding down the mouse button resume holding the shift and alt keys to continue dragging out or reducing your square or circle

Photowalk in Monroe, MI - October 17 - 8:30 am

Ed Pflager, who facilitated the Scott Kelby's Worldwide Photowalk earlier this year, is planning a photo walk in Monroe, MI.

In his words - "My thought was to start around 8:30 am in Monroe (yes I know its early, but gotta get that early morning sunlight!) at the General Custer statue that is at the corner of Monroe and Elm in downtown. If you are coming up I-75, you can get off at exit 14. Take a right and just follow Elm into Monroe. There is a large free public parking lot right after the statue on the left. If you prefer surf streets, you can come up Detroit Ave into Monroe, and turn left at Elm. The statue is right there."

There are a lot of photo opportunities and there is no fees or award involved but just a bunch of photographers getting together and doing what they like do the most. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Fall Photography - by Jim Hagan

Autumn landscapes can become boring if they are just photos of big vistas with nothing but miles of colored leaves. Don't overlook a stream with fallen leaves floating in it. Or pumpkins piled up for sale with leaves scattered all around. How about kids raking leaves or playing in huge piles? Find a tree with golden leaves and a nice blue sky. Then shoot up. Be

imaginative and creative. Look at your subject from various angles and heights. Don't limit yourself to just those photos of grand vistas

PAC Volunteers Did It Again - by Mike Essi

"I'm happy to report that through the effort and time of many of our members, the Photo Arts Club was able to exceed its goal of 200 volunteer hours for the Toledo Botanical Gardens for this past fiscal year." A big "Thank You" to all of you who volunteered even one hour to help us reach our goal. As you know, reaching the 200-hour level allows us access to the Conference Center in the winter months for our meetings and holiday party. An additional benefit is that in the eyes of the TBG, we are one of the more supportive clubs in their organization.

I won't have the exact number of hours for a few weeks yet, but I'll be sure to let everyone know as soon as that is determined.

If you would like to be a volunteer for one of the many activities at TBG, I'll be posting a schedule of opportunities in future articles of the Viewpoint. In the meantime, start thinking about volunteering at Heralding the Holidays which is coming up December 4, 5, & 6th. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact mei for more information.

Hello from Betty Houston - Betty Houston sends her hello and best wishes to the club. For the new members who have not met Betty - Betty is a Lifetime member of the club and a great volunteer to help us meet the 200-hour volunteer requirements for the TBG --she has been getting us almost half of those hours.

Betty is an avid photographer and a wonderful teacher and mentor. "Improve Your Photography" program is an offshoot of her similar program until last year that she single-handedly

organized for quite a few years. She has been unable to participate in a lot of events but she will be there the day we process images and to help the club.

TMA exhibition - Important Reminder

The opening reception for the NWOCC: The World Up Close exhibition will be Friday, Oct. 16th, 2009 from 6-8pm. (Please note that this is a change from the originally scheduled date of Oct. 9th).

Reminder also: Artwork pick-up dates are November 20 and 21 from 1-4 either day. Invite your family and friends to join us for the Opening Reception. ~~~ Todd

NCNP - Celebrating Nature through Photography contest

On Friday November 6th, the Naturalists' Camera Club of Toledo (NCCT) will present a program as part of the opening of the National Center for Nature Photography's 6th Annual Photography Contest Exhibition. The reception begins at 5 p.m. with light refreshments. The NCCT meeting and three short programs start at 7:30 p.m. These events are free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome.

Photography in Your Back Yard: Carole Spence, an enthusiastic photographer and naturalist, will explain how to take great nature photographs in you own back yard.

Metroparks of the Toledo Area: Bill Blanton is an outstanding photographer and will take you on a photographic tour of our parks.

A Brief Tour of the Universe: Larry Low, an award winning photographer, will show you a variety of ways to capture images of our universe from your backyard.

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