



The Viewpoint

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Coming Attractions

December 4-6 - Heralding the Holidays - Clubhouse and Toledo Botanical Garden.

December 10 - Thursday - Holiday Christmas Potluck - 6 pm - Conference Center.

December 12 - Saturday - Studio Group - Clubhouse - 10 am

December 17 - No meeting.

January 4, 2010- Monday - Elements Group - Clubhouse - 7 pm.

January 7, 2010 - Thursday - Cover Contest - "Exposure 101 - Taking Your Camera off Auto" - Conference center - 7 pm

PAC Updates

Thursday Meetings Rescheduled for December: Normal first Thursday meeting in December has been moved to Dec. 10 (Christmas potluck) and the Board Meeting has been rescheduled for Dec 3rd. There will be no cover contest or photo contest this month.

Christmas Potluck - Dec. 10 in the conference center. The club will furnish table service, drinks and ham. Members are requested to bring a salad/desert/dish to pass.

Slide show at the Christmas Potluck - Each year Al Henderson creates a beautiful slide show to music of our members photos. Each member may submit up to 20 photos. Please reduce to 1024 on the long side. Deadline for photos is Dec. 3rd. You can e-mail them to Al: blackswamp@buckeye-express.com or bring them on CD or flash drive to the board meeting on Dec 3rd in the clubhouse

Elements Group: Meets Dec. 7th in the clubhouse @ 7:00 pm. Topic: Gradients. Questions: e-mail Steve Stalker: [sstalker@bex.net](mailto:ssalker@bex.net)

Studio Group: Meets Dec 12th in the clubhouse @ 10:00 am Topic: Close-up photography. Questions: e-mail John Dillon: jdillon356@aol.com.

Critique Group: Meets Dec 8th in the clubhouse @ 7:00 pm Questions: email Joe Pizzuto: joepizzuto@yahoo.com

Volunteers Needed - Heralding The Holidays:

Our clubhouse will need volunteers to be present during the Heralding The Holidays open hours.

Friday, December 4, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday, December 5, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 6, noon - 5 p.m.

You need not be an expert, just enthusiastic about photography. If you can spare a few hours, please email Steve at [sstalker@bex.net](mailto:ssalker@bex.net) or sign up at the next meeting on Nov. 19th.

We are also looking to update the photos on the wall of the clubhouse. If you have a photo that has been on the wall for a while, our visitors would appreciate a new photo.

Improve Your Photography

Starting January 19th for 6 Tuesdays, the PAC is presenting its annual Improve Your Photography classes. Topics include:

- Camera 101
- Exposure 101
- Composition
- Photographic Lighting
- Editing your photo
- Putting it all together

Cost is \$45, free to members. Membership is included with each paid application. Each session is taught by a different

member of the club. If you know someone just getting into photography or would like to take their photography to the next level, IYP is tailor made. Applications are available on our website, photoartscluboftoledo.com

Tips For Holiday Photos by Jim Hagan

- Compose creatively - Instead of placing your subject in the center of the scene. Move the subject off to the side balanced with something in the background on the other side of the photo e.g. a candle on the right side with a Christmas tree blurred softly in the background.
- Move in close to fill the frame with your subject and avoid a distracting background.
- For better group photos take a lot of shots and select just the best one.
- Shoot first. Have your camera ready to capture a fleeting moment of a child opening a present or playing with a toy.
- If possible avoid using flash indoors as flash lighting is often harsh and flat.
- Look for reflections of holiday decorations especially on wet surfaces.
- Blur, swirl and zoom Christmas lights. Try slower shutter speeds. Be creative.
- Plan ahead. Make sure your memory cards aren't full and your batteries are charged.

Monthly Contest: Last month's contest theme was a digital only Black and White. A total of 40 amazing pictures were on display. First-prize winner was "Where to next?" by Suzanne Alexander. Second-prize winner was "Self Portrait" by Joe Pizzuto. Third-place winner was "Frigid Frigate" by Larry Low. Honorable mentions were "Stairs to Nowhere" by Tajinder Singh and "Colorado mining" by Donna Gottschalk.

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