



The Viewpoint

February 2010

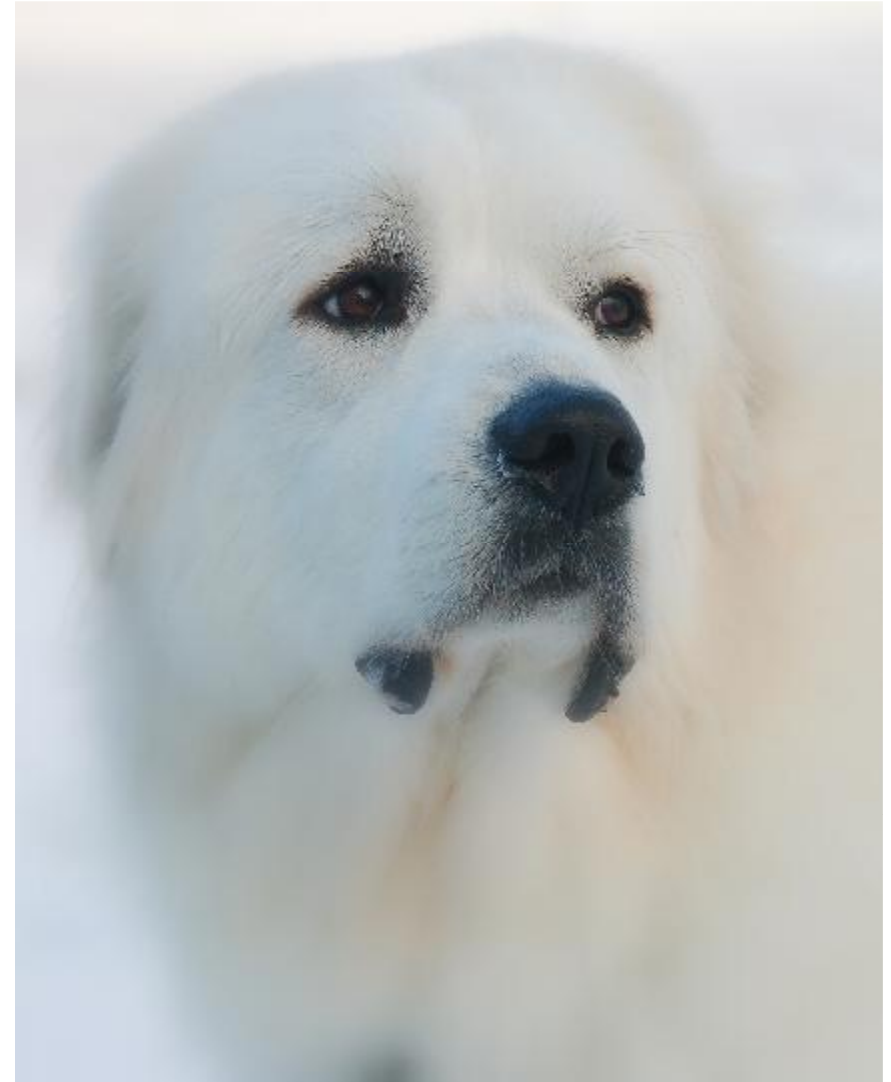


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Coming Attractions

February 2, 2010 - Tuesday - Improve Your Photography - Session III - 7 pm - Conference Center

February 4, 2010 - Thursday - Cover Contest - Mounting and Matting Workshop - Conference Center - 7 pm

February 9, 2010 - Tuesday - Improve Your Photography - Session IV - 7 pm - Conference Center

February 11, 2010 - Thursday - Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

February 16, 2010 - Tuesday - Improve Your Photography - Session V - 7 pm - Conference Center

February 18, 2010 - Thursday - Contest Night - Conference Center - 7 pm

February 23, 2010 - Tuesday - Improve Your Photography - Session VI - 7 pm - Conference Center

PAC Updates

Membership: PACT welcomes the following new members - Sunita Banerjee, Christine Holiday, Kali Makula, Lynn Clark, Bob Karrick, Gayle Rothmeeler, Sara Dastagir, Jeff Kale, Darcy Williams, Carol Martin, Marta Toma, Jayabalan Arumugam, Natalie McCormack, Rhonda McCormack, Shawna Keener, Noelle Anderson, Phil Whaley, Rachel Morrow and Renee Ruetz.

PACT thanks the following members for renewing their membership - Beverly Monahan, Suzanne Alexander, Richard Chapplear, Scott Layher, Cathy Douglas, Chuck Sattler, Doug Haag and Robert LeMaitre.

Elements Group: First Monday's of the month - Clubhouse - 7 pm - Questions: e-mail Steve Stalker: sstalker@bex.net

Studio Group: Second Saturday's of the month - Clubhouse - 10 am - Questions: e-mail John Dillon: jdillon356@aol.com.

Critique Group: First Tuesday's of the month (will restart after the IYP program) - Questions: email Joe Pizzuto: joepizzuto@yahoo.com

Monthly Contest Schedule

The board decided to create a schedule for 2010 for our monthly contest to make it easier to decide what and where to shoot in advance. Please note that some contests are open (no specified subject) and some have a specified category as well an open category. Any category specified is meant to be subjective. Please feel free to interpret.

Digital contest need to have files e-mailed to Steve Stalker (sstalker@bex.net) no later than the Monday before the contest. It takes some time to put the presentation together.

Monthly contest rules available at photoartscluboftoledo.com under the "Activities" tab.

January 21	Print - Open + Cover Contest
February 18	Digital - Open
Mar 18	Digital - "Available Light" (no flash used) + Open
April 15	Print - Open
May 20	Digital - Open
June 17	Digital - Black and White
July 15	Print - Open and Cover Contest
Aug 19	Digital - "Framed" and Open
Sept 16	Digital - Open
Oct. 21	Print - Open
Nov 18	Digital - "Emotions" + Open

December - No contest. Holiday Potluck and member slideshow (tentatively scheduled for December 9th)

Improve Your Photography (IYP 2010) - Next Session

IYP Jan-Feb enrollment and participation has been excellent. However, approximately 15 potential students/members were turned down. So, PACT would like to conduct another IYP class in March through April (tentatively Mar 9 thru April 13 - location to be finalized based on enrollment). We already have a good number of members sign up for this session. If you know somebody who missed out or would like to join these interactive sessions, please contact Donna Gottschalk (ddcampbell53@aol.com). Topics include:

Camera 101 - Ben Anderson

In this session you will explore the basic menu items and how to navigate your way through them to get to the settings you need. You will learn how to change your white balance, flash modes and different shooting modes from automatic to manual and some of the different scene modes.

Exposure 101 - Steve Stalker

In this session you will learn how lens apertures, shutter speeds and ISO Inter-relate in a properly exposed photograph. We will explore the various metering modes and the pros and cons of using different equivalent exposures.

Composition - Tajinder Singh

This session will demonstrate techniques for controlling the contents of your photo, to raise it beyond a snapshot, by increasing its impact, and keeping the viewer's attention where you want it.

Photographic Lighting - John Dillon

Light is everything in a photograph. In this session we will look at how we can control and modify light to our advantage with the goal of greatly improving the final result.

Editing your photo - Steve Miller

Learn to use Photoshop Elements to do basic editing to improve on "what the camera shot".

Putting it all together - Joe Pizzuto

Now that you have been through all of the "how to" sessions, this final exercise will help you put it all together for one finished product. We'll look at examples of people's work and offer some additional suggestions to complete the image.

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

Exposure 101 program

If you want to understand what happens when you take your camera off of "Program", the March 4th meeting is for you. Bring your camera, owner's manual, and flash (optional). We will discuss how the camera determines exposure, how to make adjustments, and the difference between the different "modes." We will have a couple of items set up for you to shoot while the camera adjustments discussed in the presentation are still fresh on your mind.

Photo Opportunities in our Metroparks

Upcoming special event at the National Center of Nature Photography - Secor Metropark - Peregrine Falcon Update - Saturday - March 13th at 2 pm - Join Scott Butterworth, a Wildlife Biologist with the Ohio Division of Wildlife, for a presentation highlighting both the local and regional lifestyles of peregrine falcons. These fascinating birds of prey actually reside in Toledo. Admission is free.

A new series of "Nature Shoots" in the field photography classes offered through the NCNP begins February 6 with a special opportunity to photograph reptiles at the Toledo Zoo.

Oak Openings Birds of Prey is on February 20 and an Oak Openings Photo Primer on Woodpeckers is March 6.

Details and registration information is at naturephotocenter.com or by calling 419-407-9757.

NWOCCC - 2010 Trek To Northwestern Michigan

In 2010, we are planning a Trek to the northwestern portion of the lower peninsula of Michigan. Our stay will be based in Traverse City (just a five hour drive) from which two beautiful peninsulas jut out north from the city. Nearby cities include the lovely towns of Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Charlevoix. We will have a great time enjoying quaint towns, lighthouses, wineries, roadside fruit stands, lakeside views and the Sleeping Bear Dunes. The Trek will be from Sunday June 6, 2010 through Friday June 11th. Contact Jim Hagan at jimhagan@bex.net to be placed on his mailing list and to receive detail information.

Tips For Cold Weather Photography by Jim Hagan

- Check your batteries - Make sure they are fully charged. Batteries are less efficient in cold weather so don't start out with weak batteries.
- Carry your spares batteries close to you body to keep them warm.
- Protect you camera and lens from snow and rain. I find that a shower cap works fine - available without charge when staying at a motel.
- Carry a small terry cloth towel to soak up any moisture.
- Bracket your exposure when lighting is either very bright or very dark. My camera's "normal" exposure is almost always the best but every so often the 2nd exposure is better. My 2nd exposure is usually minus .7 stop.
- During your outing keep the camera in your camera bag when going inside for a break or lunch – otherwise the lens will fog up.
- Most "good" photos have a simple background. A busy background is distraction. Use pristine snow to cover clutter.

*****REMINDER: Our Annual Photo Contest is fast approaching. We look forward to your participation and also helping out the Club for setup, processing, and pull down. Please contact any Board Member for details.**

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