



The Viewpoint

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Coming Attractions

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

January 14, 2010 - Thursday - Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

January 19, 2010 - Tuesday - Improve Your Photography - Session 1 - 7 pm - Conference Center - Stables Room

January 21, 2010 - Thursday - Contest Night - Conference Center - 7 pm

January 26, 2010 - Tuesday - Improve Your Photography - Session II - 7 pm- Conference Center - Stables Room

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

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 - Stables Room

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 - Stables Room

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

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

President's Message

With the close of 2009, I hope all is well with the membership and 2010 brings a healthy economy and photo ops for all.

The PAC schedule is filling up rapidly. Be sure to check out photoartscluboftoledo.com for up to date scheduling.

Our summer trip to Traverse City will be here before you know it. If you are interested in going, please contact Jim Hagan.

We (the board) are trying to finalize a monthly contest calendar for 2010 so members know in advance what topics and what media format each month will be. I hope this will make your contest planning easier.

The "Improve Your Photography" class is proving to be very popular. We may need to move it to the conference center to handle all the registrations.

I would also like to extend an invitation to all members to attend one of our monthly board meetings. We welcome your input.

Reminder. our typical monthly schedule is a program the first Thursday, board meeting the second Thursday and a contest the third Thursday. If you have any ideas or topics for a program, please let me know.

Are you in a photographic rut? Do you leave your camera at home figuring you won't see anything worth shooting? Are you getting bored with shooting the same old thing? For 2010 I am giving myself a self-assignment and invite anyone to join me. See the Self-assignment article in this newsletter for more information.

See you in January
Steve Stalker

PAC Updates

Membership: PACT welcomes the following new members - Junita Banerjle, Lynn Clark, Rita Hayes, Joe Sarkisian, Michael Flannery, Robert Demars, Jennifer Turskowski, Jessica Conn, Katy Eisenstein, Sheila Vaculik, Lynn Harman, Debra Bercher, Cindy Findlay, Mandy Ritenour, Dawn Thompson, Sarah Hess, Linda Hernandez, Sasha Cory, Shawna Schmitt, Luke Reed, Laura Reed, Frank Martin, William Miller, Mona Weiss, Kelli Szparka, Carolyn Conley, Crystal McNutt, Jeniffer Dura, and Steffany Sass.

PACT thanks the following members for renewing their membership - Dean Hoard, Richard Dziak & Donna Gottschalk.

Christmas Potluck - Christmas potluck was a great success. There were 33 members present. There was a lot of good food to enjoy and pass around with a lively slideshow at the end. Approximately 300 photographs from 15 members were projected and enjoyed by everyone present. Thank you AI for compiling them in a DVD format. This also means that if you missed out, you can always ask AI for a copy of the DVD - (blackswamp@buckeye-express.com). If you can work it into your schedule next year, you will not be disappointed.

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

Improve Your Photography (IYP 2010)

Starting January 19th for six Tuesdays, the PAC is presenting its annual Improve Your Photography classes. Topics include:
Camera 101 Jan 19th - 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 - Jan 26th - 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 - Feb 2nd - 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 - Feb 9th - 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 - Feb 16th -- Steve Miller

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

Putting it all together - Feb 23rd - 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.

2010 Self-assignment Project

1. Assignments are for January thru November.
2. Each month's assignment must be decided upon before you start shooting in January.
3. A minimum of one photo per week must be shot for that month's assignment, giving you a minimum of four to pick from.
4. The first meeting in January 2011 will be a slide show of participant's assignments, one photo per month.
5. If you do not have all 11 months, just submit what you can.
6. New members can start when they join.
7. Keep it fun. Choose assignments that stretch your limits, but stay realistic.

My self-assignments

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| Jan | Stained Glass |
| Feb | Transportation |
| Mar | Reflections |
| Apr | 30-Second exposures |
| May | Bokeh |
| Jun | Photo-stitch |
| Jul | Sunset/Sunrise |
| Aug | Macro |
| Sep | B & W Street Scenes |
| Oct | Patterns |
| Nov | Neon |

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