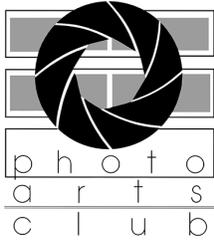


First place
Assignment
Basic

December 2022



The Viewpoint

Greetings Club Members,

The holiday season is upon us!

We have wrapped up our last major event of 2022,
Heralding the Holidays!

Thank you to all the volunteers & members who
submitted works & refreshments, we could not have
done it without you.

We tried something new this year and had asked
members to donate gift cards so that we could offer a
raffle prize. So thank you to those who donated. I
appreciated it.

Here is an approximate rundown from the event.

volunteers who hosted & set up- 15

Approximate total of Photographic sales- \$426.79
(Before club commission)

Total Raffle tickets sold- 173 Approximate sale of
tickets- \$710.00

Total # of Visitors - 561

I can not express how much appreciation I have for our
members stepping up to help make this a successful
event.

Michele Kipplen



First Place
Assignment
intermediate



First Place
Advanced
Assignment





Heralding The Holidays

PACT PAPARAZZI was out documenting the event this year. I've heard a lot of great comments from the various clubs within the Artists Village. If you have not seen the collection of images check out the following social media posts and album links. Thank you to our club members for volunteering their time to capture this event.

We are always looking for more members to document the Artist Village special events throughout the year. Contact Michele Kipplen for more details and upcoming 2023 event schedule.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/861153631597010/?sfnsn=mo&mibextid=6aamW6>

<https://www.facebook.com/artvillage419>

<https://photowall.smugmug.com/Heralding-the-Holidays-2022/n-BbJBgb/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PhotoArtsClubOfToledo>

<https://www.michelekipplenphotography.com/proofing/2022-heralding-the-holidays>

Free Articles and Files About Photography

Photography Life has pages of free articles about the ins and outs of photography;

What is a DSLR?

Beginner, Landscape, Wildlife photography

Portraiture

Post processing and Advanced tutorials

Choosing camera equipment

Photography tips and much more

All free. photographylife.com.

Jack Myers

Files and Presentations on Our Website

<https://www.photoartscluboftoledo.com/Club/>

We are in need of a **secretary** for our board. We do record the meeting so that should make it easier. Come join us! Let Michele Kipplen know if you are available.

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Local Libraries Looking for 2023 Displays

Attention all photographers our local Toledo Public Libraries are looking for art to be displayed on their walls. Please reach out to the following Branches for more information and the logistics.

Sanger branch- Tamera Davis- at tamara.davis@toledolibrary.org

Phone: 419-259-5370

<https://form.jotform.com/212345830957157>

Waterville Branch – William Harbauer- ph: 419.878.3055

Email: William.Harbauer@toledolibrary.org

*Please let us me know if you have works being displayed so that we can encourage others to see your work.

Committees and Classes

The **Studio Group** will be meeting on Saturday Dec 10 at 10 am. Please let **John Dillon** know if you plan on attending. jdillon356@aol.com.

Lightroom will meet the third Monday of the month. This month, it will be Monday December 19th at 7:30 pm. We'll explore any areas that you are interested in. **Charlie Mather** matherc@yahoo.com

Board Meeting

The Board Meeting is Thursday, December 8th at 7:30 via Zoom. Check website for link <https://www.photoartscluboftoledo.com/club/>

The Annual Contest Meeting

The Annual Contest Meeting is December 13th at 7:00 via Zoom. Check website for link. <https://www.photoartscluboftoledo.com/club/> All members welcome. Come join us.





Michele Kipplin

Photographing Seasonal Lights

Outdoor Lights

Use a slow shutter speed.

Use a tripod. Set it up before dusk on a stable surface. With a slower shutter speed the photos will be effected by any wobbliness or movement. If you are using a phone invest in a tripod that is made for your phone.

Shoot with a low ISO to avoid grain. Shoot between 400 and 800 ISO. Lower is better. Try a few photos at different ISO's looking for the best ISO for your lighting situation.

Create Bokeh with Shallow Depth of Field.

Outdoors, aim to shoot at dusk. Too early and they won't look lit. Too late and you won't be able to see the background. Plan to get to the lights 15 to 20 minutes before dusk.

Take many pictures so that you have plenty to choose from.

Choose how close you'll be to the lights. Of course, a whole house picture will require you to be farther away than a picture of the ornaments on a tree. If you want to capture a close up of a tree for details of the ornaments, it will require less light than a picture of the whole house after the sun has set. Avoid using the flash as it will dull the brightness of the Christmas lights.

For capturing an ornament or decoration on a Christmas Tree, use a macro lens. For an entire house or grouping of trees use a wide angle lens. You can purchase a wide angle lens for some cell phones.

Set the aperture to a lower setting likely between $f/2.8$ and $f/8$. You need as much natural light as possible. $F/2$ or below will capture the lights floating. Higher f-stop will show the lights in focus.

Use the shutter speed between $1/8$ of a second and $2/5$ of a second.

On your phone use an app like Camera+2 to slow down the shutter.

Switch your white balance to Daylight or Tungsten . These settings will make the lights clearest and accurately colored.

For your cell phone use an app like the VSCO Cam.

Find a great spot and take plenty of trial shots. Great spots will follow in the newsletter.

Indoor Lights

If you are photographing indoor lights, your lighting within the room is crucial. Take your pictures from several different angles ahead of time to see which one looks best.

Avoid backlighting so your picture doesn't come out very dark.

At night, dim your house lights so that the tree stands out but can still be seen.

Ben Anderson has sent two PDFs on how to photograph Holiday subjects. [Tips for Telling a Holiday Story with Photographs](#) is the first one . [How to Photograph the Holidays](#) is the second one. They are both located on our website.

Where to find the light...

December is the perfect time to capture the holiday spirit. The bright lights the various colors and symbolic displays. There are many places to photograph the lights in our area. Annual Holiday light parades, winter fests, in your neighborhood, scenic drives and public displays. Here are just a few:

The **Toledo Zoo** offers Lights before Christmas an outstanding display of thousands of lights arranged in delightful shapes and varying sizes. <https://www.toledozoo.org/lights>

The Holiday Light Show™ Featuring dozens of dazzling, larger-than-life holiday themed displays to delight the entire family! Visitors are welcomed to bundle up in their car, pack a favorite snack or beverage and tune their radio to enjoy the synced light performance as they travel the more than 1 mile route through the Holiday Light Show™! Located at the Lucas County Fairgrounds. <https://www.holidaylightshow.com/lucascounty>

Children's Wonderland- if you are looking for something indoors offering classic holiday displays then this would be the place. <https://www.playsylvania.com/childrens-wonderland/>

Some Nearby Zoos with Lights

Columbus Zoo <https://columbuszoo.org/>

Detroit Zoo <https://wildlights.detroitzoo.org/>

Cleveland Zoo <https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/>

For Sale

For sale Fuji X100F - very nice condition - silver with Fuji leather case

\$700

Zelig Lindemann

Relentless IT, Inc.

Desk: 419-615-6025

Cell: 419-906-0287

zelig@relentlessit.com

Want to Purchase

I am looking to buy film cameras and lenses. Any format or age, I have a particular soft spot for vintage. 419-906-0287 or

zelig@relentlessit.com

Contests

The November contest had 30 entries from 11 members. The assignment was Repeating Patterns. There were 19 entries in the assignment. The assignment always has more entries. As always, all the photos entered in the previous month's competition are posted on the website. The December contest has started. The assignment is Columns.

Competition assignments

January 2023 - Wild Animals

February- Black and White

March - Mechanical item or parts of

April - Beams of light, Natural or man-made

May – Shot of glass in any form or function

Competition Title		Level	Image Title	Author's Name	AWARD
November Assignment, Repeating pattern	Assignment	Basic	It's Full of Squares!	Doug Johnson	2nd
			Marina City Repeat	Doug Johnson	1st
		Intermediate	Buffalo Plaid	Wennie Anderson	
			Stepping Stones	Jamie Van Natta	
			My Floral Lace Dishes	Wennie Anderson	
			Grids and Curves	Jamie Van Natta	
			Do you do windows?	Nancy Walles	Honorable Mention
			State Park Bridge	Wennie Anderson	3rd
			Industrial Art Deco	Jamie Van Natta	2nd
			Cacti	Mary Mather	1st
		Advanced	Kayaks at Rest	Charlie Mather	
			Otsego Park	Charlie Mather	
			Open Door Policy	Ben Anderson	
			Feathers	Jack Myers	
			Whats Your Point	Ben Anderson	
			Holy Family Shrine, Gretna, Nebraska	Anna Koperczak	Honorable Mention
			Zebra	Ben Anderson	3rd
			St Pat's ceiling	Jack Myers	2nd
		B&O Roundhouse, Baltimore, MD	Anna Koperczak	1st	
November Open	Open	Basic	Gold Coast, Blue Water	Doug Johnson	1st
		Intermediate	Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House	Mary Mather	Honorable Mention
			Don't ask how I got here!	Nancy Walles	3rd
			I've got the course down.	Nancy Walles	2nd
			Jellyfish at Toledo Zoo	Mary Mather	1st
		Advanced	Great Lakes Shipping	Jeff Walles	
			Kissed in Pink	Charlie Mather	
			Canter	Jeff Walles	Honorable Mention
			Moon Glow	Jeff Walles	3rd
			Patterson Park Observatory, Baltimore, MD	Anna Koperczak	2nd
Sally Lightfoot crab	Jack Myers		1st		

Membership

There are 53 members, 30 are eligible to compete. If you would like to complete, please email me, jrmymers@roadrunner.com.

New Members:

Charles Nagy

Bonnie Nowak

Renewals:

Leah Williams

Jinnie Corthell

Greetings Club Members,

I wanted to pass along some updates regarding photos being displayed in the clubhouse that are FOR SALE.

Traditionally we have not asked for a commission percentage when items are sold.

Myself and our board members have researched and thought long and hard about this.

We have met with other artists in the village and they have a % commission within their clubs; clubs such as Toledo Artists, Stained Glass and the Potter's Guild.

It is in the best interest of the club that we receive 15% of the total sale of the piece sold.

If the item is paid for by cash or check then it would be 15% returned to the club.

If the item is paid for using a credit transaction then it would be 15% plus the processing fee.

We are working very hard to finalize the ability to accept credit card payments.

All payments would be made out to the PHOTO ARTS CLUB OF TOLEDO. The treasurer would then send the artist the check after the commission/ credit fees are deducted.

The commission rates would go into effect immediately.

Michele Kipplen

PACT President

Constitution and Bylaws

The Constitution and Bylaws have been reviewed by the Board and are available for download on the website. <https://www.photoartscluboftoledo.com/Club/Downloads.aspx>

The President also sent an email with an attachment of the Constitution and Bylaws.

Open
Basic
1st
Place



Open
Intermediate
1st
Place



Open
Advanced
1st
Place



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Competition Chair - Jack Myers- jrmyers@roadrunner.com

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Newsletter - Mary Mather- mmather@toast2.net

For more information about the happenings or Zoom links to the meetings please check out the website.

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