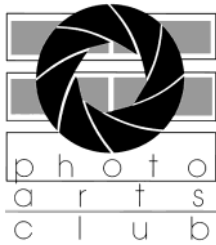


Tie for First Place
Basic Assignment

November 2023



The Viewpoint

Letter from the President

Greetings Club Members,

It has been a very busy October. As some of you know I took time with my family and traveled out west. It was a great experience and enjoyed by all. It gave us a chance to slow down, listen, and put aside all distractions. Many of you shared your stories of your travels out west but I could not relate until I truly experienced it. So thank you for the tips, the stories, and ideas of places to visit.



Monthly Contest The monthly contest for October was well received this month. The assignment was Waterfalls. We had so many beautiful images, however, there was very little attendance during the review of the images. Those who did attend were able to discuss their image, the location, and how they processed it which was great. But there were many images that the photographers were not present. I encourage you to attend the monthly contest nights. They are held mostly on the Zoom platform for convenience so our members can interact from the comfort of your home.

Michele Kipplen michelekipplen@gmail.com



First Place
intermediate
Assignment



First Place
Advanced
Assignment



Events for Heralding The Holidays-

This year we have decided NOT to provide sweets and beverages in our clubhouse because of the outside food vendors that participate. We want to respect these vendors. Every year at multiple events the food vendors give of their time and cost to be at the artists events and do not charge to come. We appreciate them always being flexible and supportive of our events.

So, since the gift card raffle was a big success last year it has been suggested we continue this raffle. If you have gift cards you would like to donate, please let Wennie Anderson Wennieanderson120@gmail.com know via email of your interest in donating gifts cards.

It's also a perfect time to display your works in the club house during the event. If you would like to bring art in for display or for purchase the club house will be open on, Nov. 11th 11am-4pm, Nov.30th 4pm till 8pm. Please reach out to Michele Kipplen michelekipplen@gmail.com if you have any questions or plan to drop off works.

Heralding the Holidays Work Day – Thursday, November 30th 4pm till 8pm

We will be decorating the club house for the event. Those interested in helping with set up please reach out to Wennie Anderson. The duties include but are not limited to, decorating Christmas tree, hanging art, assembling the panels for displaying framed art. Filling buckets for path luminaries.

If you are unable to come to work day , how about volunteering for the various time slots as a greeter. Wennie is accepting volunteers for Friday, Dec. 1, Sat. Dec. 2 and Sun. Dec 3rd. Contact Wennie to get your first pick of time slot. Wennieanderson120@gmail.com

Family Portraits- We have an opportunity to set up a portrait station during Heralding the Holidays. The space is at Unruly Arts Studio.

Before we commit to their space we need to know if club members are interested in assisting with the sessions. During Heralding the Holidays visitors can come and have their photo taken by a member of Photo Arts Club.

We would need volunteers to sign up to take photos, greet visitors and get their contact info from them.

Anyone interested contact John Dillon by email at jdillon356@aol.com

For Photographic Print contests in the clubhouse

Size and mounting: Photo must be a minimum of 8" x 10" excluding matting. Maximum size including mat is 16" x 24". Photo must be mounted on mat board, foam core, etc. The photo is not to be framed, contain glass or be in a plastic sleeve.

Naming: The photographers name or similar information must not appear on the front of the print. The photographers name and the title of the photo should be attached on the back of the print at top center. Labels are available on the website under Organization>Documents>Membership Brochure and Club Documents>Other Documents>Print Contest Labels.

Judging: will be done by a panel of three members, in good standing. Judges cannot enter the contest. Use the three categories, Artistic/Wow, Composition/Creativity and Technical for judging criteria. Total scores will be available at the end of the contest. 1 is the lowest score and 9 is the highest score. Decision of the judges is final.

ARTISTIC / WOW FACTOR

This is the most important and possibly the simplest. The judge should ask, does this image have impact? Does it stand out? Is the image appealing? Does the image interest the viewer; provide the viewer pleasure/ interest or effectively communicate a message?

COMPOSITION / CREATIVITY

What compositional or creative elements such as color, light leading lines, subject placement, cropping, etc. -make the image work and add to the composition or take away from it? In the assignment division, does the image relate to the subject of the assignment?

Cropping

Subject Placement

Rule of Thirds

Lines

Shapes

Texture

Good Eye Movement

TECHNICAL

How do the technical elements such as exposure, selective focusing, print quality, Sharpness, etc. contribute to the image?

Appropriate to the Category

Quality of the Presentation (mounting)

Subject Sharp

Good Background

Unique Angle or Treatment

Good Use of Color, Tone, Contrast

Contest Committee and Board members reserve the right to exclude any photo or title that is deemed offensive, controversial, or otherwise inappropriate for our membership, including but not limited to nudity, criminal or illegal activities and inappropriate language.

2023 Event Schedule Indiana Rail Experience
Submitted by Anna Koperczak

Dates, venues, prices, and trip details are subject to change. – December are to be announced.

Diesel-powered train rides departing Angola, Indiana. Tickets start at \$15.00.

NOVEMBER 24th-26th – CHRISTMAS CABOOSE RIDES

Traditional diesel-powered Christmas train rides and group charters aboard Santa's caboose in New Haven, Indiana. Tickets start at \$10.00.

DECEMBER 8TH-10th – INDIANA SANTA TRAIN

Diesel-powered holiday excursions and events departing Pleasant Lake. Tickets start at \$35.00.



DECEMBER 15TH – 17th – INDIANA SANTA TRAIN

Diesel-powered holiday train excursions and events departing Pleasant Lake. Tickets start at c [Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society](#) and the [Indiana Northeastern Railroad Company](#). *Dates, venues, and trip details are subject to change as needed.*

Commitees

We are holding a **Studio Group** meeting on Saturday November 11th from 10am to noon in the clubhouse. Since there has been interest in a "Back to Basics" that is what we will be doing. If you know nothing about studio lighting, you know a bit, or want to play with our extensive supply of neat stuff, this is for you. If you are just starting photography, there is no better way to learn about light than in the studio setting. All are welcome.

Contact **John Dillon** at jdillon356@aol.com if you plan on attending.

Lightroom group will meet on Monday, November 20th at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Open to suggestions for topics to be discussed.

The **Getting Started with Lightroom Classic** will meet again on November 27th at 7pm via Zoom for Part 4. We will continue exploring the editing options in Lightroom.

Charlie Mather (<mailto:matherc@yahoo.com>)

Improving Your Photography

At the last IYP class there was interest in having an additional night, to practice with their cameras. I did do another meeting the following week, and saw yet more interest in more meetings. So, I will be hosting meetings in the clubhouse as a follow-up to the IYP classes. Everyone is welcome, it is not just for IYP students. I will review things covered in the classes-focus, aperture, exposure, whatever comes up. The first meeting will be Tuesday October 31 at 7 PM. Experienced members are welcome to pass on their camera knowledge.

The **November Education** night is TBD.

The IYP classes concluded on October 10th. It was an enthusiastic group. 'No new classes other than the additional classes, are scheduled at this time.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Jack jrmeyers@roadrunner.com

Membership:

We have 71 members, 3 of which are in the grace period.

Membership renewals:

Doug Johnson

Monthly contest: The October monthly contest had 43 entries from 15 members. The assignment was Waterfalls. The November competition is a print contest in the clubhouse. S The assignment is Barn(s), new or old. We will need members to assist with conducting the contest. We need 2 members who are not entering to be judges.

Competition assignments:

December – Trees

January – Weather, Clouds, Lightening, Raind, Wind, and or Snow

Jack jrm Myers@roadrunner.com

Competition	Level	Image Title	Author's Name	Awards
October Assignment, Waterfall(s)	Basic	Niagara From Below	Robert May	HM
		Cuyahoga Falls	Robert May	3rd
		Summer at Paine Falls	Sandy Mercurio	2nd
		Here Come the Brides	Sandy Mercurio	1st
		Great Falls Tinker Creek	Sandy Mercurio	1st
	Intermediate	Great Falls Waterfall (21109605)	Wennie Anderson	HM
		Tranquil Falls.jpeg	Kathy Fisher	3rd
		Watkins Glen	Mary Mather	3rd
		Bond Falls	Nancy Walles	2nd
		Blue Hen Falls 2(21109583)	Wennie Anderson	1st
	Advanced	Lower Falls, Letchworth State Park, NY	Anna Koperczak	HM
		Godafoss	Ben Ayling	3rd
		Layers	Chris Boesel	2nd
		Milky Way Over Ocqueoc Falls Michigan	Ross Ellet	1st
October - Open	Basic	Bee on Echinacea	Robert May	1st
	Intermediate	Cozy	Nancy Walles	HM
		Summer Walk	Mary Mather	3rd
		Just Ducky	Nancy Walles	2nd
		Concert Smoke	Micah Maziar	1st
	Advanced	Hidden Lake Gardens Conservatory	Charlie Mather	HM
		Playing in the Ocean.	Jack Myers	3rd
		Sunset	Ben Anderson	2nd
		Dahlia	Charlie Mather	1st

On October 26th some members met in downtown Toledo for a sunset photo shoot. We walked along Madison Avenue photographing the architecture then moved to the Glass City Metropark on the east side for a sunset cityscape. While there was no sunset due to clouds (I'm feeling like I'm the curse for sunset shoots, haven't had one in 4 outings), we still had a good time.

Jack jrmymers@roadrunner.com



Michele Kipplen



Michele Kipplen



Charlie Mather

Gift Suggestions, Stores and Online Sources for Photography

From last year:

Here are my Christmas thoughts should my wife be reading:

Having made a return to film photography, and having a life-long love of all things mechanical and particularly those which are finely engineered, I have a new appreciation for old cameras and lenses. I would be tickled to find under the tree a Rolliflex TLR, or a Leica M3, or a 50s to 70s Voigtlander, Konica, Canon, Petri or indeed just about anything else of that period.

Zelig Lindemann

I think the best places online to shop for photography related gear is B&H and Adorama.

Todd Griononneau

For the last 45 years, B&H. Prices have always been fair, shipping great and customer service top notch.

Recommended items for new photographers:

1. Good tripod and head
2. Nifty 50 (50mm f/1.8) lens
3. Wireless or wired remote
4. Memory cards, you can't have too many.

Steve Stalker

B&H Photo-Video-Audio From their site:

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2nd Place Assignment Basic



2nd Place Assignment Intermediate



2nd Place Assign Advanced

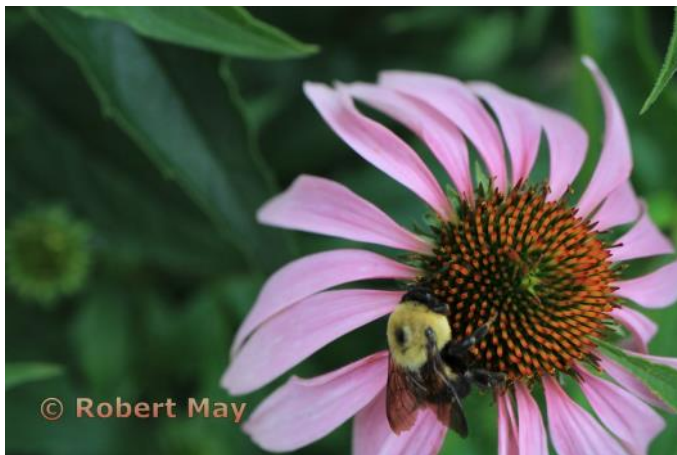


Dear Santa,

I would love a Nikon Z8. It would be great to have two camera bodies so I dont have to switch lenses quickly. The new Plena lens would be a nice compliment to the camera.

Adorama, B&H or ProCam are places I have purchased equipment from. I have had positive experiences with each place.

1st Open Basic



1st Open Intermediate



1st open advanced



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

<https://www.photoartscluboftoledo.com/club/clubschedules.aspx>.