



# The Viewpoint

June 2020



Photo courtesy of club member Ronald Bohland.

## PACT Schedule and Events

Due to these unprecedented events that we are in the midst of, all face-to-face club activities are suspended until further notice.

## President's Message

Michele Kippen, President

Outdoor nature photography seems like the perfect activity where we can practice social distancing, get outside and take advantage of the beautiful spring and summer days ahead.

I have been collaborating with the Events and Education Coordinator for Black Swamp Conservancy, a land trust dedicated to protecting agricultural land and natural areas in northwest Ohio. In the midst of our current pandemic, they are seeking to find ways to continue programming that allows our community to enjoy the natural areas that they protect. These are private lands that we would have access to on specified dates and times.

As more details are confirmed I will be in communication thru email as the dates are set. There will be set restrictions and accessibility guidelines put in place for everyone's safety.

RSVP's will be required, Social distancing, face-masks will be required to be carried for those moments of closer than 6ft. Limited numbers of people will be able to attend and a waitlist will be established.

Please continue to work on your Assignment lists through the summer months and I will see everyone very soon.

## Improving Your Photography Class (IYP) Wrap-Up

Steve Stalker, 2020 IYP chair

Considering the pandemic, it is a wonder we had any IYP at all. We lost most of the students because of the 7-week delay between week 1 & 2. The two remaining students were faithful thru the end of IYP. We still plan on holding a hands-on session (meetup) at a local park this summer for the IYP students. It will be a teaching meetup designed to replace the hands-on session usually held during week 3. As it turned out, holding the class via Zoom has as many benefits as detriments.

## Annual Contest Update

Charlie Mather, Event Chair

Regrettably, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Photo Arts Club board decided to cancel the contest. All prints were collected from the drop off places and returned to the clubhouse. Cancellation notices were sent to those who submitted entries, along with the judges and Metroparks Toledo. Three time periods were communicated for folks to pick up their prints, the last being Saturday, May 30th 10 am - 2 pm. None of the payments were deposited. Prints not picked up will be destroyed.

## Lighting Group

Todd Grinonneau, Group Leader

The Lighting Group will be meeting online, **Saturday June 13th, at 10am via Zoom.**

Please feel free to join us and email [todd.grinonneau@gmail.com](mailto:todd.grinonneau@gmail.com) if you're interested so he can send you the link to join. People usually learn something new from the meetings regardless of their photography experience.

We will be following up on an assignment from last month's meeting. The assignment was to make an image of a shoe or shoes by modifying available and/or artificial light. Our successes and challenges will be viewed and discussed.

## Remaining Monthly categories for the year:

Note: due to the cancellation of events this spring, the three categories from March, April and May have been added to the end of our schedule.

September	Churches (Inside, outside or landscape that Includes the church (Digital)
October	All about Rain (Print)
November	Exposure of 5 seconds or longer (Digital)
December	No Contest
January('21):	Eyes (Digital)
February('21):	Reflections and or Shadows (Digital)
March('21):	Abandoned Structures (Print)

## New Members

Welcome to new members from our IYP class, Cassie Lorenzen and Liz Dickens

## Lightroom Group

Charlie Mather, Group leader

We have had two successful "virtual" meetings using Zoom in April and May. The online format seems to work extremely well for this type of meeting where participants can share their desktop and demonstrate both best practices and issues. Although we normally go on "hiatus" in the summer, we plan on meeting again on June 15th at 7 pm using Zoom. Those wishing to participate, please send a note to both Charlie Mather ([matherc@yahoo.com](mailto:matherc@yahoo.com)) and Chris Boesel ([boeselc@gmail.com](mailto:boeselc@gmail.com)) so we can forward the meeting request and URL. ***As always, please include suggestions for topics!***

## Editor's Note

Chris Boesel, Viewpoint editor

*This is the LAST edition for the season. The Viewpoint will be on hiatus for the summer, returning to your inbox in early September. Have a great summer (even if there is no Mud Hens baseball!)*

## ...So what does a photographer do when you're stuck at home!

### Shoot!

- Unless you are a REAL morning person, getting good sunrise shots this time of year is a bit of a challenge. On the flip side, sunsets are late into the evening now so that dinner plans are not interrupted. Get out and take advantage of the time of year we are enjoying!

### Learn!

- Great learning opportunities continue to show up in my inbox.
- Below are just a few of the recent ones that I have come across:
  - Two great articles Michel Frye on photographing forests and a Hyperfocal Tutorial.
    - <https://www.michaelfrye.com/2020/05/26/photographing-forests/>
    - <https://www.michaelfrye.com/2020/04/20/how-to-get-everything-in-focus/>

- Muench Workshops offered a detailed explanation on Focus Stacking.
  - <https://muench-workshops.s3.amazonaws.com/FocusStacking.pdf>

Hopefully you find some of this information helpful. Also, If you have come across a learning opportunity that you want to share with the club, just send it to me (Chris Boesel, [boeselc@gmail.com](mailto:boeselc@gmail.com))

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## **Members Photos Out and About**

If you have winning photos in other contests or have your photos displayed for the general public, let me know so we can share it with the club.

## **Members Equipment For Sale**

If you have a piece of photo equipment you are either looking to sell or looking for, this newsletter will be an option for you.

## **Hints & Tips:**

If you have an area of interest that you feel would be of interest to the club, this editor would welcome contributions. Creating an article for a newsletter normally results in learning as well as contributing.