



The Viewpoint

April 2020



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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. We are preparing for a “virtual” board meeting and other technology-based ideas being considered.

2020-2021 PACT Board Elections - March 5

Elections for the 2020-21 PACT board took place at our March meeting. For the coming year the board is:

President	Michele Kipplen	michelekipplen@gmail.com	419-283-4616
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President's Message

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. I know we are in a very difficult and trying time right now. We will get thru this and it will pass.

The board has been in communications and will continue to do so. As of today, all in person committees, group activities and meetings have been cancelled for the entire month of April. We will continue to post on our Facebook Page and Website. The board is also looking towards other forms of interaction with our membership in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you Wennie Anderson for your longevity, and dedication to Photo Arts Club of Toledo. Your successes as President has been an asset to our club. Past board members thank you for your service and commitment as well. I have learned so much from you in the past 4 years.

As President I am looking forward to my term and seeing us grow in the coming months. Please feel free to contact me via phone or email if you have any questions or concerns.

In the meantime, I continue to challenge you as photographers to keep photographing in a safe manner as outlined by our governor.

Sincerely, Michele Kipplen

Newsletter Editor

After 6 years of editing this newsletter, Steve Stalker has passed the torch. Chris Boesel has agreed to take on the challenge. If there is something that you would like to see included, please drop him a note with your suggestions.

Monthly Contest

After managing our monthly contests for the past several years, Ben Anderson has chosen to hand off these responsibilities to Jerry Lohman. Be on the lookout for any potential changes as Jerry takes over this important task.

Remaining categories for the year:

May	Abandoned Structures (Print)
June	No Contest (Summer Vacation!)
July	No Contest (Summer Vacation!)
August	No Contest (Summer Vacation!)
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

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

Shoot!

- The good news is that our incredible Metroparks remain open (Fingers crossed they stay that way!). As long as you remain safe and “socially distant”, go shoot! The weather is finally improving and getting outside is fantastic therapy.

Learn!

- I have noticed a tremendous amount of free learning opportunities landing in my inbox over the past several weeks. Since just about all of the workshop operators have suspended operations, they are sitting home looking for way to connect with current (and future) clients. There have also been some excellent, thought-provoking blog posts on a wide range of subjects. Below are just a few of the opportunities that I have come across:
 - Great thought starters on “finding your style” at the end
 - <https://www.michaelfrye.com/2020/03/29/soft-images-in-a-harsh-landscape/>
 - Nikon School content is free for the month of April:
 - https://www.nikonevents.com/us/live/nikon-school-online/?&utm_source=MKT&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=FreeN SO-4-1-2020&utm_content=btn&utm_term=startnow&ET_CID=3269339&ET_RID=354721554&SC_ID=003240000mNKcvAAG
 - PPA(Professional Photographers of America) is offering free webinars to members and non members.

- <https://www.facebook.com/OurPPA>
- This Webinar offers creative composition critiques and how to use Lightroom to achieve your goals (editors' note: I participated in the first installment this week. It was VERY helpful!
 - <http://creativepathworkshops.com/webinars/creative-critique-live-02>
- Some good Lightroom tips
 - <https://muenchworkshops.com/blog/resources>

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)