

The Viewpoint - December 2013



Cover Shot Winner – Antoinette Knecht

There are quite a few events coming up in December as follows:

Date/Time	Event	
Mon Dec 2, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<u>Elements Group</u> <i>Club House, Toledo OH</i>	<u>Leader - Steve Stalker</u>
Thu Dec 5, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<u>Board Meeting</u> <i>Club House, Toledo OH</i>	<u>All are welcome to attend</u>
Fri Dec 6 to Dec 8, 2013 All Day	<u>Heralding the Holidays</u> <i>Club House, Toledo OH</i>	
Thu Dec 12, 2013 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<u>Christmas Potluck</u> <i>Crosby Conference Center, Toledo</i>	
Thu Dec 19, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<u>No Regular Meeting</u> Special Zoo Outing - details follow	

Improving Your Photography Seminar: The PACT presents its annual "Improve Your Photography" seminar on Tuesdays beginning January 14, 2014 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. The class runs for 6 consecutive Tuesdays. A brochure is available at photoartscluboftoledo.com. If you want to go beyond shooting snapshots and start creating photographs, this seminar is for you. If you know someone that is thinking about attending, enrollment is limited and the class usually fills up fast.

Heralding the Holidays is an annual event at the Toledo Botanical Gardens and an important event for our club. Last year over 700 visitors stopped by to see our clubhouse and member photographs. We are setting up a Gallery of Framed Photographs where you can show and sell your photos. The photos must be framed and ready to be hung. Bring your photos to the clubhouse by December 5th with a title, your name, and price. We also need hosts and cookies for this event. Contact Wennie (wennie1@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to volunteer.

Our Christmas Potluck is on December 12. The club furnishes ham, chicken, and utensils. You may bring a dish (veggie, desert or whatever). You may also bring a guest but please let Wennie know if you be attending and also how many guests (Wennie1@sbcglobal.net). At this event we will show photos submitted by club members. If you would like to have your photos shown (up to a maximum of 15) contact Charlie Mather no later than November 30th (potluckpics@toast2.net).

December (and winter) is a great time for night photography. For night photography:

1. A tripod is a must
2. The "best" night photographs are often taken 30 to 60 minutes after sunset when the sky is a very deep blue and the outline of buildings is still visible. After this time the sky will be black.

3. Wide angle lenses often work well. Look for unique angles.
4. A lens hood minimizes lens flare by preventing light from entering at angles outside your frame
5. Including foreground items in your photo, such as overhanging tree branches, will create a greater depth to the picture
6. Use the rule of thirds, specifically $\frac{2}{3}$ foreground and $\frac{1}{3}$ horizon or $\frac{1}{3}$ foreground and $\frac{2}{3}$ horizon.
7. Use your built in light meter but bracket your exposures. Don't be surprised if your exposures are anywhere from 10 seconds to several minutes.

So take your camera outside at dusk and try your hand at night photography. See how beautiful our world is under street lamps or the light of the moon.

A great place for night photography is The Lights Before Christmas at the Toledo Zoo. If you are a Zoo member you have free unlimited visits Monday through Thursday plus one free weekend visit. If you are not a member, Lights admission (3 PM to close) is \$13 for adults and \$10 for seniors. This year the Zoo also has an ice skating rink which should also offer more photo ops.

On Thursday December 19th the Activities Committee would like to do a shoot at the Zoo. Let's plan on meeting at the Big Spruce Tree by 7 PM. Be sure to bring your camera, tripod and (most likely) warm clothes.

If you have any questions about any of the club activities please feel free to contact any of our officers or board members.

Jim Hagan

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