



The Viewpoint

December 2014



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PACT Schedule and Events

Please check our updated Schedule on www.toledophotoartsclub.com.

- **Educational Meeting** (1st Thursday of the month)
- **Board Meetings** (2nd Thursday of the Month)
- **Photo Contest** (Third Thursday of the Month)
- **Critique Group** (4th Tuesday of the Month) Diane Lewis
- **Photoshop Elements Group** (1st Monday of the Month) Steve Stalker
- **Studio Group** (2nd Saturday of the Month) John Dillon
- **Lightroom Group** (3rd Monday of the month) Charlie Mather
- **Other events**, such as IYP Classes, TBG Events, etc.

**Our Board ensures that adequate notice is provided to the members if there are any event changes. Any errors or misses are regretted. Please refer to the Schedule on our website or watch your e-mails or follow our Facebook page for the latest happenings!!

Note that the 2 monthly general meetings are in the Conference Center and special interest groups meet in the clubhouse.

This month events:

December 1 - Elements Group - No December meeting

December 4 - Board meeting 7:00 clubhouse - all welcome
December 11 - Annual PACT holiday potluck - 6:00 Conf. Center
December 13 - Studio Group - 10:00 - Noon clubhouse
December 15 - Lightroom Group - 7:00 clubhouse
December 18 - No contest in December
December 23 - Critique group - No December meeting

Note: Due to Heralding the Holidays, the December first Thursday meeting and second Thursday board meeting dates are swapped.

Heralding the Holidays



Heralding the Holidays is a free, three-day winter celebration centered around family, art, holiday cheer, commerce, and community.

Wander around the Toledo Botanical Garden as we turn the Artist Village into a winter market. There will be a horse drawn carriage giving free rides through The Garden, storytellers, Santa Claus, live music, workshops, a garden elf hunt, hot cider, and food. The Artist Guilds are having open houses and performing demonstrations, there will be strolling carolers and a juried holiday market for finding great art and unique handcrafted holiday gifts.

Note that the clubhouse is open during the HTH open hours. Wennie and Ben Anderson chair the event and have a list of volunteers that will make sure we are available to welcome our visitors and answer questions. I am sure we still need cookies as we have 700-800 visitors a weekend to our clubhouse. Email Wennie at wennie1@sbcglobal.net if you can help with the cookies.

Annual PACT holiday potluck

The Horde-ores are pre dinner and will be ready for your enjoyment at 6:00-6:30 PM. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM. For the group, the club is providing the meat, plates, napkins and eating utensils. Beverages, including coffee, tea and soda will be provided, you may bring your own wine, nothing stronger please. Please bring a dish or more to pass and include your serving utensil.

Monthly contest categories

December - No contest - Christmas Potluck presentation
January - "Black and White" - Print
February - "Broken" - digital
March - "Clocks" - digital

April - Old & abandoned Buildings
May - After sundown
June - no contest
July - Lone Tree in the field Print

November Monthly contest results

Assignment (Color)

1st place: "Aurora Meteor" by Ross Ellet
2nd place: "Grand Tetons National Park" by Ben Anderson
3rd place: "Pretty In Pink" by Mickey Ross

Open Division

1st place: "Electric Concentration" by Ross Ellet
2nd place: "Garrosh's Barn" by Terry Lewis
3rd place tie: "Rainy Day" by Diane Lewis
3rd place tie: "Snowey Owl" by Mickey Ross

Improve Your Photography class dates set

If you want to go beyond shooting snapshots and start creating photographs, this seminar is for you. The classes are geared toward digital cameras although the majority of the information applies to film as well. Appropriate cameras include Digital SLR's and point and shoot cameras that have the capability of non-automatic modes (manual, shutter priority and aperture priority).

Classes are held on 6 Tuesdays beginning January 13, 2015 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Classes are held at: Toledo Botanical Garden Conference Center
5403 Elmer Drive. Toledo, Oh 43615

Note: Camera and manual are recommended for all sessions.

If Toledo or Lucas County issues a Level 1, 2 or 3 snow emergency, class will be postponed and remaining classes will be shifted one week.

Brochure/application available on the website. Class size is limited

PACT Roster Updates

Renewals

None reported

New Membership

None reported

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.

For Sale or Looking For

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.

Key settings for

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



Most town centres are transformed by the sparkle of Christmas lights. When setting the exposure, watch out for lost highlight detail in the lights themselves. You may need a tripod for long exposures at lower ISO settings.

Exposure mode	Manual
Focus mode	Manual
Shutter speed	1/15 sec
Aperture	f/5.6
ISO	800
Lens	18 to 24mm
Drive mode	Single shot
White balance	Daylight or Tungsten

TOP TIP Good high ISOs and image stabilisation mean you can hand-hold many night shots. Try bracing yourself against a wall to get sharp results.

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Board year is April 1 - March 31

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