



The Viewpoint

March 2015



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PACT Schedule and Events**

- **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 Oct.-April and in the clubhouse May-Sept. All special interest groups meet in the clubhouse.

This month events:

- March 2 - Elements Group - 7:00 clubhouse
- March 5 - Best of the Best results - 7:00 Conference center
- March 5 - PACT Officer and Board elections - 7:00 Conference center
- March 5 - Photos from the IYP class - 7:00 Conference center
- March 10 - Basics of Studio Class - Clubhouse - Class is full
- March 12 - Board meeting 7:00 clubhouse - all welcome
- March 14 - Studio Group - 10:00 - Noon clubhouse
- March 16 - Lightroom Group - 7:00 clubhouse
- March 17 - Basics of Studio Class - Clubhouse - Class is full
- March 19 - Digital contest - "Clocks" category & Open
- March 24 - Critique group - No meeting this month
- March 24 - Basics of Studio Class - Clubhouse - Class is full
- March 31 - Basics of Studio Class - Clubhouse - Class is full

Monthly contest categories

- March - "Clocks" - digital
- April - "Old & abandoned Buildings" - digital
- May - "After sundown" - digital
- June - no contest (Scavenger Hunt on 1st Thursday)
- July - "Lone Tree in the field" - Print
- August - "Reflections" - Print
- September - "On the Shore" - Print

PACT Elections

Elections for officers and board members will be held on March 5. If you feel you can contribute to the club and would like to run for a position as an officer or board member, contact Wennie Anderson at wennie1@sbcglobal.net.

Elected positions are listed at the end of this newsletter.

February Monthly contest results

Due to our lovely, but brutal Winter, no contest was held in February.

Photo Arts Club weather policy

If Toledo or Lucas County issues a Level 1, 2 or 3 snow emergency,

activity will be postponed or cancelled. Decision based on current status made at 4:00 p.m. for evening meetings.

PACT Roster Updates

New members:

Renewal

Bill and Deb Rankin

Mark V'Soske

Judy Stead

Jim Hagan

Jill Bonnough

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.

Kay received a call from Ben Kendrick, a student, and he is interested to see if a mentor would be available for the months of March and April. He has a Nikon 3500 and is leaving for Japan in May and would like to learn how to use it. If anyone is interesting in helping him, his phone number is 419-490-1870.

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.

Backup your digital photos - Glass half empty

If you've been into digital photography for even only a short while, it's staggering how many photos you'll already have stored on your computer. And why not? One of the great benefits of digital is banishing the cost of film and processing, with most of us coming back from trips or shoots with many more pictures than ever before. Besides, hard disks have never been bigger or cheaper, so running out of space will rarely be an issue.

But as your folders of photos steadily grow, it's crucial to remind yourself hard disks don't last forever. Each has a finite lifespan and will fail at some point, taking your data with it. This may not happen for years, but it will happen. I know: one of my own hard disks died several years ago, taking the only copies of a number of photos permanently with it. I was lucky, as they were only old test shots, but they could as easily have been photos of a marriage or a trip of a lifetime.

This is the big problem with digital photography. We go out, stuff our cards with images, then wipe them clean once they've been copied onto the 'safety' of our hard disks at home. In many cases this hard disk could contain the only copy we have of certain images – and if we're being honest, this is probably the case for the vast majority of our collections. Most of us are putting a great deal of faith into a single electro-mechanical device, which will fail at some point in the future.

Ironically this was one of the benefits of shooting on film. While both it and the prints would eventually fade, you did at least normally have two copies of your photos; or three if you also scanned them. Of course film could equally be faulty or accidentally wiped by over-zealous x-ray machines, but then memory cards can also become corrupted. There'll always be defective media, but the important thing is not living in denial about your storage back home. As I've said, the rise of digital photography has meant many of our most precious memories are stored only in one place.

Protecting yourself against disk failure, or of course accidentally deleted files, is fortunately very simple: you just make a backup. The big problem with digital images though is the amount of data you're looking at. Keen photographers could easily accumulate Gigabytes of images, or tens of Gigabytes if they regularly shoot with the highest resolution cameras or in RAW formats. And whatever backup solution you choose, it should be as quick and easy as possible, or the fact is, most of us won't bother doing it more than the first few times.

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Blessed are the pessimists for they hath backed up.

Officers and Board Members for 2014-2015

Board year is April 1 - March 31

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