



The Viewpoint

May 2018



Jan Glatzer

PACT Schedule and Events**

- **Educational Meeting** (1st Thursday of the month)
- **Board Meetings** (2nd Thursday of the Month)
- **Photo Contest** (3rd Thursday of the Month)
- **Photoshop Elements Group** (1st Monday) Steve Stalker [sstalker@bex.net](mailto:ssalker@bex.net)
- **Lighting Group** (2nd Sat.) Todd Grinonneau todd.grinonneau@gmail.com
- **Lightroom Group** (3rd Monday) Charlie Mather - matherc@yahoo.com
- **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: Effective 2015, all special interest groups need to have a minimum of 3 participants not including the facilitator. Please RSVP to the facilitator.

For those that have not attended any of our special interest groups, now would be a good time to check it out. Our special interest groups are a great benefit of club membership. You don't know what you are missing unless you check them out!

President's Message

Last year's transition to the Metroparks was confusing and full of surprises. Many plans and projects were put on hold or curtailed due to the uncertainties of our position within Metroparks' vision. Our annual IYP was abbreviated in size due to the loss of use of the Conference Center. The acquisition of a new monitor for the clubhouse, replacement of the door entry system, and other improvements were delayed because we simply did not know if we would be able to retain our clubhouse. Your board believed it would be unwise to invest the money if we did not have a long term commitment from Metroparks.

On Thursday, April 12, your new Board met for the first time. With a new contract in effect, we now have some confidence in moving things forward. The Metroparks is installing a key card system for the front door and have installed the new mailboxes for all the resident clubhouses. More information on use of the key card system will be forthcoming. The process for obtaining a larger/better monitor has been renewed. I think we are all looking forward to a better quality monitor for competition nights.

I would like to take a moment, to thank Diane Lewis and Ross Ellet for their many contributions to the Club as they step away from activities on the Board. We will miss them at Board meetings, but know they will not be far away. I also want to thank John Dillon and Chris Boesel for accepting their new positions on the Board. They ensure a smooth transition with a wealth of knowledge and experience.

On a final note, I want to extend an invitation to all club members in good standing to attend any future Board meeting. You are always welcome. This is your Board of Directors and we answer to you. Even if you just want to see what goes on, we would love to have you. We have extra chairs. If you cannot make a meeting but have a question or concern, please contact a member of the board. Your issue will be addressed.

Thanks for your confidence,
~Jerry Lohman
April 16, 2018

This month's events:

May 3: Educational Meeting – 7:00 Clubhouse – Preserving Oak Openings

May 7: Elements Group – 7:00 Clubhouse

May 10: Board meeting – 7:00 Clubhouse

May 12: Lighting Group – 10:00 a.m. Clubhouse

May 17: Contest – 7:00 Clubhouse “Textures” Digital

May 21: Lightroom Group – 7:00 Clubhouse

Note for group/event leaders

The PACT member in charge of an event or special interest group needs to call the ranger to let them know of their times in & out for their class. The new policy indicates we need to make two phone calls to make sure the Metropark staff is aware of our meeting. First, call customer service staff at 419-407-9710. I would guess that any time during normal business hours would suffice. Second, call the Wildwood/TBG ranger at 419-270-7500 thirty minutes prior to the meeting. This policy seems to be working. **The last one out must lock the gate by the clubhouse**

May 3 Education meeting

Ashlee Decker from the nature conservancy will be our guest speaker. She will present on how the Metroparks and others are working together as part of the Green initiative and how they are working together to preserve the Oak Opening region.

May 21: Lightroom Group

Monthly contest categories

May..... “Textures” - digital

June..... **No contest**

July..... “Books” (one or many in bookstores, libraries or home. Make an interesting picture using a book(s) - print

Aug..... “Reflections” - digital

Sept..... “Up or Down Stairs” - print

Oct..... “Out of the Ordinary” - digital

Nov..... “Art Deco” - digital

Dec..... **No contest**

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Jan..... “Black and White” -print

Feb..... “Puzzling Photo” (what is it?) - digital

Mar..... “Night Shot” – digital

Apr..... “Minimalism in Photography” - print

April PACT Level Winners

Assignment....."Abstract"

Intermediate:

- 1st place ----"My Nightmare" by Wennie Anderson
- 2nd place tie----"Johns" by Wennie Anderson
- 2nd place tie----"Cooler Full of Perch
- 3rd place----"Corey O" by Lonn Dugan
- H.M.----"Blood Sport in the Halls of Commerce" by Lonn Dugan

Advanced:

- 1st place----"Shutters" by Jerry Lohman
- 2nd place tie----"Light" by Diane Lewis
- 2nd place tie----"Sew What" by Charlie Mather
- 3rd place tie----"Old Light" by Diane Lewis
- 3rd place tie----"Rain" by Charlie Mather
- H.M.----"Condensation" by Charlie Mather

Open Division

Beginner:

- 1st place----"Teton Sunrise" by Jan Glatzer
- 2nd place----"Polka Dot Sky" by Jan Glatzer

Intermediate:

- 1st place----"Downtown Nashville" by Wennie Anderson

Advanced:

- 1st place----"Punchbowl Falls" by Ross Ellet
- 2nd place----"Manitoba Lights" by Ross Ellet
- 3rd place----"Union Church" by Anna Koperczak
- H.M.----"Nantahala National Forest" by Ben Anderson

PACT Roster Updates

Renewals:

Connie Swemba

New Members:

James Heltebrake

Michelle Ranville

Potential Photo Shoot

I don't know if you remember me, but I was the volunteer coordinator with TBG until last summer. I've since moved to the Black Swamp Conservancy, and I wanted to offer a photographic subject to you and the Photo Arts Club.

We have often hosted photography field trips in several of our nature preserves, and I thought it might be an opportunity for the Club to have a look at a new location sometime this year. We often hold them at our Homestead, which is at 4825 Sugar Ridge Road in

Pemberville. It includes Bell Woods, which is an almost pure example of the Great Black Swamp (and filled with trillium in the spring), as well as a prairie that features lots of wildflowers. There is ample parking here, and it's pretty accessible to I-75 and other Wood County routes.

Thanks,
Julie Pompa

If you are interested, contact any board member and we will try to organize a photo shoot.

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.

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