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Newsletter of the Mayslake Nature Study and Photography Club
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Highlights

December 2
Competition

December 16
Christmas Party

Mayslake Christmas Party **December 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

Barbara Dunn

Join your fellow club members as we celebrate the holiday season at the annual Holiday Party. The party will be held during our regular meeting time on Monday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. It will be a great chance to relax and enjoy two exciting events.

Come and spend a holiday evening with your fellow club members. There will be time to talk photography, munch on some holiday treats and enjoy two special programs.

Every year, our club enters the Glennie Memorial Nature Salon of the Merrimack Valley Camera Club (MVCC) in Massachusetts. This is a premier, international all-nature club competition of digital images known for its diversity of subjects which range from animals to botany to landscapes.

Last year, images were entered from almost 100 participating clubs from 8 countries and many US States. The MVCC has compiled about a third of the highest scoring images into a slideshow that will be part our program for the evening. Be ready to see some amazing nature images.

In addition to the slideshow, we'll be having our annual Swap and Shop. One thing photographers always have is "gear" - sometimes too much gear. Bring some of your no longer used equipment to sell or swap. What you no longer use may be something another member has been looking for. Whether you are a buyer, seller or swapper, this is great opportunity.

Finally, throughout the evening, we will enjoy food and beverages. Members are asked to bring a treat to share, either an appetizer or dessert. As always, beverages, napkins, plates and cups will be provided.

Guests of members are welcome. Looking forward to seeing you at this celebration!



CACCA

Way More than Club Competitions

Chuck Klingsporn

Over the years, many of us have come to think of CACCA as monthly competition between member clubs. We foster this view by the way in which we regularly report about how our members images have scored and the awards won. This is surely important and the main reason we as a club have chosen to be a part of CACCA for many years.

BUT, CACCA is much more; there are many opportunities that you may want to consider. For instance, a number of us have begun to compete in the annual Postcard contest and our members have done very well in the last couple of years. That opportunity comes again next April. This past year we have also had quite a few members enter the Salon competition in March; Dave Schooley and Greg Hull had great images in Large Color Prints for example.

Every month there is also an individual digital competition based on a theme. These competitions are entered on the CACCA web site under the Competition tab. They are called Special Category Competitions and instructions are found under the heading, Special DPI Instructions. Themes for the remaining months this year are, December - Wind, January - Reflections, February - Romance, March - Repetition, April - Temptation, and May - Steeples. If you can think of an image or images in your portfolio that fit any of those categories give it a shot; you may be a winner. Hand of man rules do not apply.

Finally, although the large majority of our members now shoot digital, many of us also still have large collections of slides. This is the last year that CACCA is holding slide competitions so you may want one last chance to have your best older images win an award.

There will be an Individual slide competition in January; the theme is 'The Color Yellow'. The last one this year is in March and the theme for March is, '2 or More People'.

To get started, go to the CACCA web site, caccaweb.com. Take the time; you'll be glad you did.

CACCA

Our Club Results to Date

Chuck Klingsporn

There have now been two months of CACCA Interclub competitions so far this year and our members have done well. (I don't yet have all the November print competition results so we'll hold that report for next month.)

In October digital competition, Greg Hull received an AW for his image titled, 'Yellow Warbler'. In October prints, Bill Dixon received an HM for his print titled, 'God's Garden' while Dave Schooley received an AW for his print titled, 'Wings of Gold.'

In November digital, Karin Grunow received an HM for her image titled, 'Butterfly Glow'. Pei Tang received an HM for her image titled, 'Grace'. Dave Kolbush received an HM for his image titled, 'Wood Duck.'

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

EXHIBITS

Janice Henry

The current exhibit in our space is “Night Photography” which has received many compliments. This show runs until January 31, 2014 so, stop by and see it before it’s gone.

The next exhibit which starts in the beginning of February will be appropriately titled “Winter Wonderland”. So start thinking about what images you might like to have in that exhibit. Remember the, hands of man rule does not apply to exhibits. So, if you have winter themed images that include nature but also have buildings, fences, etc send me an email with the titles and sizes, my email address is jnhenr@att.net.

More details to follow in January.

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