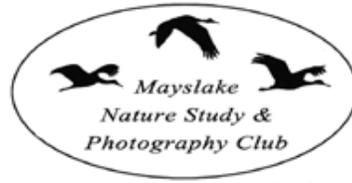


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Newsletter of the Mayslake Nature Study and Photography Club
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Up Coming Programs

*January –Conservation at
Brookfield Zoo*

*February –Underwater
Photography in the Indonesian
Islands*

Goodbye and Good Luck to Tom!

Tom Richardson, our current Vice President, has recently moved to Tucson, Arizona. Tom has been a camera club member for many years, serving as president from 2007-2010. He has given many hours to the club, planning and ensuring that club events ran smoothly by working as our DuPage County Forest Preserve liaison. Tom will be attending the Holiday Party, his final meeting at Mayslake. We wish him much luck and happiness!

Mayslake Christmas Party

December 7

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

We will have a “Four Seasons” slideshow of members’ images. (To be included, images are due December 2nd).

In addition to the slideshow is 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 an appetizer or dessert to share. As always, beverages, napkins, plates and cups will be provided.

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

Competition Report

The second competition of the Club year was held on November 16. A total of 34 print images and 40 digital images were submitted for judging. Thank you to our judges and thank you to members who volunteered to help with some of the administrative tasks on competition night, especially to Sheila Newenham who ran the competition. Results are as follows:

Class A Prints

Awards:

Ready	Noriko Buckles
A River Runs Thru It	Steve Ornberg
Weathered	Steve Ornberg
Dawn Reflections of East Beckwith Mountain	Steve Ornberg

Honorable Mentions:

Juniper at Black Canyon	Bill Dixon
Tree of Life	Bill Dixon
Common Yellowthroat	Marcia Nye
In Flight Refueling	Marcia Nye

Class B Prints

Awards:

Cascading Purple Link Orchid	Janice Henry
Mossy Little River	Harry Hitzeman
Screaming Eagle	Sandy Karasek

Honorable Mentions:

Great Blue Heron	Ron Szymczak
Autumn Reflection	Ron Szymczak

Class A Digital

Awards:

Redtail with Attitude	John Janunas
Running Thru the Woods	Steve Ornberg
Passion Play	Bill Dixon
Friendship	William Ludemann
Sad and Lonely	Steve Ornberg

Honorable Mentions:

Black Partridge Autumn	Bill Dixon
Out for a Stroll	Marcia Nye
Sunday Bunny Brunch	John Janunas

Class B Digital

Awards:

Vibrant Lily	Barbara Dunn
On Watch	Ron Szymczak
Safe and Secure	Ron Szymczak

Honorable Mentions:

Gibbon	Suzanne Zumstein
Yellow and Red	Diane Hamernik
Great-horned Owl	Ron Szymczak

Congratulations to the members who received awards and honorable mentions. Thank you to all members who submitted images.

Our next competition is January 18. We continue to encourage members to consider participating in competition and/or attending the judging on competition night.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sue Gajda, Competition Chairperson, at segnet1025@yahoo.com.

See you and your digital images and prints on January 18.

Congratulations to Marcia Nye for winning an Honorable Mention for her picture Northern Flicker Family in the PSA Nature competition. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Steve Bartos

December 12th Photo Outing

Join other photo club members for Chicagoland's largest holiday lights festival at the 34th annual 'Holiday Magic' at Brookfield Zoo on December 12th. The Holiday Magic event has over one million LED lights, interactive Polar Lights and Tic-Tac-Snow light displays, ice carving demonstrations, zoo chats, shows by local music and dance troupes, and just under 550 X-mas trees decorated by local community organizations. Holiday Magic hours are 4-9PM, but I highly recommend arriving earlier to avoid any traffic. Most indoor exhibits will be open until 8PM, and admission to the new Wild Encounters exhibit will be free. Zoo admission is \$16.95 for adults and \$11.95 for children ages 3-11 and seniors 65 and older. Children 2 and under are free. Car parking is \$10. If interested, please e-mail Paul Eberhart at paul.w.eberhart@gmail.com for additional information on this outing (along with a few insider tips)."

EXHIBITS

Janice Henry

This is the final month for our exhibit, "State and National Parks" so you only have a few more weeks to check it out.

Same amount of time before the next exhibit in our space, "Winter In All Its Glory". IT IS NOT TOO LATE... You can still participate, if you are interested, please send me the following information about your image(s) by email to jnhenr@att.net:

- ✦ From January 1 – March 31st 2016
- ✦ Title(s)
- ✦ Size(s)
- ✦ Do you want to sell your image(s) (optional)
- ✦ Price(s)

Remember:

- ✦ Hands of man does not apply
- ✦ All images need to be framed
- ✦ A label with your name, the title and price (if applicable) needs to be attached to the back of your image(s).
- ✦ Your image(s) need to be dropped off at Mayslake either at the Holiday Party on December 7th. or at the Mayslake office during regular business hours Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM until Tuesday, December 29th.



CACCA Interclub Award

This fall, Mayslake was awarded Third Place in the 2014-15 Interclub Small Color Prints for Class A. This is the second year in a row that we have won Third in Interclub Competition at CACCA.

November Table-Top Shoot

As a follow-up to the September meeting program on focus stacking, the November meeting was a table-top shoot, where members practiced their macro skills on a variety of subjects. Thanks to our members, we had a variety of subjects, ranging from animal skins and feathers from the Brookfield Zoo, art glass, rocks, crystals, glass eggs, and others.



Mike Lake



Barbara Dunn



Bill Pehrson



Fran Piepenbrink

Thank you to all who helped to make the meeting a success. Special thanks to Dave Schooley, Atala Toy, Mike Lake, Fran Piepenbrink, Karin Grunow, and Paul Eberhardt.

CACCA – The November Report

CACCA has firmed up the plans for this year both as to the competition schedule and the special programs/Events. Before we get to scheduling, however, I am pleased to report another good set of results by our members at the November Interclub competition. First off in the Digital category, **Harry Hitzeman** received an **HM** for his image titled, '**Translucent**', while **Bill Ludemann** received a score of **24** and an **AW** for his image titled, '**My Prince**'.

In the print competition, we also received two awards. **Steve Ornberg** scored 24 and was awarded an **HM** for his image titled, '**Playa Rosada, Nicaragua**'. **Noriko Buckles** had her image titled, '**Sunburst Through Joshua Tree**' score a **26** for which she not only received an **AW**, her image was selected as **Print of The Month**. ***This is Noriko's second POM in the past year, a very high honor indeed!!*** BRAVO Noriko and Congratulations to all four winners.

There is a lot of other CACCA news to report this month, starting with the schedule for several individual competitions that some of our members have participated in last year. Individual Nature Print competition will be held on Dec. 9 and Feb. 13. Creative Digital competition will be Jan. 9 and March 12. These events are in addition to the regular interclub competitions.

The titles of the monthly programs for the rest of the CACCA year have also been announced. In **December** the program will be titled, '**Africa**'. In **January**, the program is called, '**Winter Up North**' while in **February** the program is, '**Starting Out With Lightroom**'. The **March** program is, '**Improving Your B/W Images**'. Finally in **April**, the program is titled, '**Creative Habits To Developing Your Photographic Vision**'. All programs are scheduled to start at about Noon on the Saturdays of the regular CACCA meetings, the second Saturday of each month.

The annual **Postcard** competition is something that many of our members have enjoyed in recent years. (And in which we have had considerable success.) This year the postcard judging will be on April 9th with our local competition in March. More information on that sequence will come in the next couple of months. Finally, the individual **Salon** competition will again take place this year in March, this time on the third Saturday. Recall that it was not held last year as CACCA could not get anyone to run the event. The Salon is all individual events and is open to everyone with the only constraint being that images that have won at CACCA cannot be entered. In past years, some of our members have competed in large prints and others in printed panoramas. There also is competition for portrait shooters and for photojournalism. Again, more information will come later; additional information can also be found on the CACCA website, 'caccaweb.com'.

Conservation at Brookfield Zoo

Paul Eberhart

During the January meeting I will be presenting a talk on the modern zoo and its role in conservation. For many years zoos were operated as menageries simply meant for public entertainment, but over the past five decades their mission has drastically shifted toward education and preservation. I plan to talk about outreach initiatives, species survival plans, improvements in animal care, behavioral enrichment, zoological research, and both ex-situ and in-situ conservation efforts. I will also be bringing along many artifacts loaned out by the Brookfield Zoo education department for attendees to get an up-close and personal look at some of the aspects of the animals that will be talked about during the presentation. Hope to see you there!

About me: I am currently a Senior Keeper in the Ambassador Animal department at Brookfield Zoo, where I have been employed for just over a decade. During that time I have worked with over 300 species of animals, including birds of prey, reticulated giraffe, two-toed sloths, Eurasian lynx, ring-tailed lemurs, Mexican grey wolves, and Humboldt penguins just to name a few.

Mayslake Class Registration now Online

by Fred Drury

The list of photography classes available at Mayslake Peabody Estate is growing. Adding to my several classes, Will Clay is now offering Composition classes and Hank Erdmann is offering his 'Introduction to Nature Photography' class. Hank's class is especially helpful for folks just getting started. He introduces his participants to the field techniques that help you turn pictures into photographs.

More importantly, registration for these classes has become much simpler with the introduction of the Forest Preserve's new Online Registration system. To use the system, first register. Go to: https://apm.activecommunities.com/fpddc/ActiveNet_Login and click on the orange 'Create New Account' button. Next, provide the requested information, and setup your password.

Now you can go back to above URL again and login to your account. To see the currently available classes at Mayslake, click on the 'Register for Activities' button immediately below 'Online Services' which will take you to the 'Activity Search' page. Filter your search by going to 'Location' on the left side of this page and select 'Mayslake Peabody Estate'. Alternatively, you can search by going to 'Instructor' further down the page and search only that instructor's classes. Once you've decided on a class, you can 'Add to Cart' and proceed to the checkout.

Tom Richardson and I met with the folks at Mayslake a couple of weeks back and learned that there are plans to increase awareness of the Mayslake Photo program by publishing a foldout brochure which will be available at many of the Forest Preserve of DuPage CTounty parks and facilities. This should come to pass early next year and you should also expect to see the addition of some new classes and new-to-Mayslake instructors. There's also improvement planned for the Online Registration system.