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Newsletter of the Mayslake Nature Study and Photography Club
Hosted by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
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Highlights

February 7

Competition

February 21

**“Reptiles and Amphibians
of Northeast Illinois”.**

Pam Otto, St. Charles Park District

March 7

“Enhance Your Images”

Bailey Donnally

March 21

Carl Strang

Dupage Forest Preserve District

Message from the President Sue Gajda

There has been some communication recently regarding the use of the Club’s membership listing. In checking through the Club policies, the Board found that there was not a specific policy related to the use of the information. In this era of electronic everything, the Board felt it would be good for the Club to have more specific guidelines on the use of member information. We are working on that right now. We want to be sure member information is protected but still allow for the flow of information among Club members on topics of interest.

In the interim, we’re asking members to restrict the use of the member information on the roster to Club business. For any other uses, individual members must contact a Board member to get pre-approval from the Board on use of the information. Also, the roster information must not be shared with any individual/organization without the pre-approval of the Board.

You’ll be seeing a “Restriction to Use” Statement on the next release of the Member Roster.

If you have any questions, please let me know. As always, we appreciate your input on this or on any other aspects of the Club.

COMPETITION

February 7, 2011

April 4, 2011

"Reptiles and Amphibians of Northeast Illinois"

Pam Otto is the manager of nature programs and interpretive services for the St. Charles Park District where, with the aid of an outstanding staff, she oversees the district's award-winning environmental education programs. Among these programs are classes for area schools as well as summer day camps and events for preschoolers, youth, teens and adults.

She also produces signs and other interpretive media for the district, including a weekly newspaper column on our natural world.

Pam holds a master's degree in outdoor education from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, and a bachelor's degree in Foods in Business from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is a huge fan of the outdoors and all the wonders it holds. She tries to spend at least a little time outside every day, preferably in a natural area, and encourages others to do the same.



Green Tree Frog



Painted Turtle



Tiger Salamander

COMPETITION

Sheila Newenham

Our third competition of the season is almost here! I would like to make a plea to those interested in print competition. Our print entries have been diminishing. We need to have more than one or two competitors in each class in order to continue. We are happy to hold print competitions for as long there are sufficient entrants. There are two competitions left this season. If you would like to see us continue with this category, bring your print images on February 7th and April 4th.

NEW COMMENTARY PROTOCOL

In order to keep within our allotted time-frame during competitions, we are implementing a new commentary protocol effective with the February 7th competition. Each maker will write just one commentary (limited to 50 words) for digital and one commentary for prints regardless of the number of images submitted. For the other images you submit, complete the top of the commentary card (name, date, location, title) and write only the name of your subject within the body of the commentary. If you are submitting 3 images, you will have one full commentary and two that just have the subject name. If you have make-ups and are, for example, submitting 5 images, you will still just have one full commentary, but four that just have the image name. See the attached sample commentary cards. We will be doing this on a trial basis for the next 2 competitions (February 7, April 4).

As always, we appreciate early submissions of digital entries (e-mail them today!). If you have any questions about competition or your entries, I am happy to help.

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COMMENTARY CARD

Maker:	Location:		
Sheila Newenham	Denali		
Date of Competition:	Date Photo Taken:		
February 7, 2011	September 2009		
Title:			
On the Prowl			
Description: (name, ecology, other data about the subject)			
Denali National Park is known as one of the best places to catch a glimpse of the Canada Lynx (<i>Lynx canadensis</i>). They can be found wherever their favorite meal, the snow shoe hare, gathers. The cats hunt on the ground, they can climb trees and can swim swiftly.			
Class: B	Score:	Award	
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COMMENTARY CARD

Maker:	Location:		
Sheila Newenham	Katmai		
Date of Competition:	Date Photo Taken:		
February 7, 2011	September 2009		
Title:			
Salmon Face			
Description: (name, ecology, other data about the subject)			
Brown Bear (<i>ursus arctos</i>)			

Annual Honors Banquet 2011

**Monday
April 18, 2011
6:00 pm**

Dan Hollister, Social Chairman

Mark your calendars for this most important Club event. The banquet will be held at a new location: The Holiday Inn & Conference Center, Willowbrook. The Inn is located one-half mile north of I55 on the Kingery Highway (Route 83).

We are very fortunate to have Kristen Westlake as our guest speaker. Kristen is a professional photographer from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. She will be showing us some of her wonderful Wisconsin images as well as telling us the stories behind those images. I am sure her presentation will instill in you a strong desire to travel to those locations to make some of your own masterpieces. Visit her website at <http://kristenwestlake.net/>

A registration form and specific directions on how to drive to the Holiday Inn will be in the March and April Focus.



EXHIBITS

Janice Henry

As you have seen from my emails and from the announcement I made at the last meeting, we are participating in the Wonders of Winter event at Mayslake on Saturday, February 5th. I currently have 28 pieces that will be on display. If anyone else who hasn't decided to participate would like to, IT'S NOT TOO LATE...

If you would like to participate, send me an email and let me know how many winter themed pieces. You have until noon on Friday, February 4th to drop them off. They can be dropped off in the office at Mayslake Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. They will put them in our storage room until the hanging on Friday. Please include your entry form with your pieces and attach a label to each with your name and the title so I know which piece is which. Make sure you attach a wire to hang the pieces, this year I have the use of a display stand for the event.

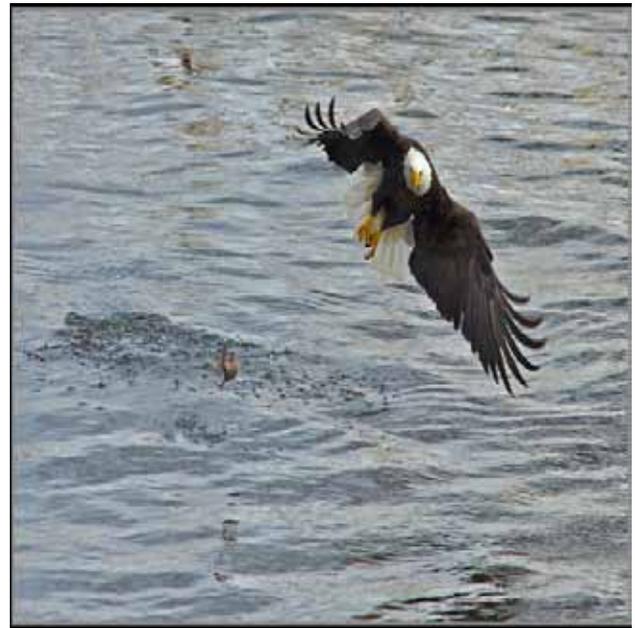
Also please note that the "Hands of Man" rule does not apply and that you can offer your pieces for sale during this event. 20% of the sale price goes to Mayslake and can be paid at the next meeting. I also announced at the last meeting that as at last year's event, we will be having the public attending the Wonders of Winter vote on the pieces in the show. Ribbons will be awarded for the pieces that get the most votes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Best of Show.

EXCITING EAGLE PHOTOGRAPHY AT LOCK AND DAM 14 ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Jon Snyder, Outings Chairperson

Jon Snyder and Charles (Chuck) Klingsport met at the Mississippi River last Saturday for exciting Eagle photography. Many birds were fishing and going through their aerial acrobatics as we spin our cameras around trying to catch the best shots.

The day was cold with mostly overcast skies so high flight shots were not the best but when the birds approach the water opportunities improve. Unfortunately some members were detained by the weather and slippery roads and could not join us, our regrets. Hopefully we can schedule another trip out on a sunny day, so stay tuned. Thanks to all those who showed interest in this event. Happy shooting.....



Eagle Dropping Fish©Jon Snyder



©Chuck Klingsport



Eagle Attack©Jon Snyder



©Chuck Klingsport

CACCA NEWS

Lou Petkus

CACCA (Chicago Area Camera Club Association) has about forty Chicago area photography clubs as its members. The objective of CACCA is the development of fellowship among member Clubs and promotion of photographic interests and accomplishments. CACCA sponsors photo competitions every month in which our club participates. Their website is <http://caccaweb.com/>

CHICAGO CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBITION

CACCA will have a photography exhibit at the Renaissance Gallery at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street, Chicago- February 18,2011 through March 27, 2011. The title of the exhibition is "The World as seen by Chicagoland Photographers."

Two of our club members will have images in the exhibition; Fred Drury and Lou Petkus. On February 25th there will be a reception from 4 to 6pm. You are all invited to attend the reception. Concurrently a magnificent exhibit by Vivian Maier, a phenomenal street photographer, will be held in an adjacent gallery.

SPRING SALON

On March 19th CACCA will be holding its annual Spring Salon competition. This competition is open to any member of a CACCA club. Both print and digital entries are allowed. This year a special panorama print category has been added. Entries must be submitted by March 12th. Entry forms can be picked up our next regular meeting.

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