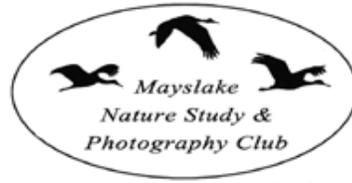


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due to the holiday

Welcome new
member Mike Lake



The Art of Motion: Expanding Creativity

By Don Carter

Using motion, extremely slow shutter speeds, as a creative tool is a way to expand your creativity and help you become a better photographer. Using slow shutter speeds to create images that don't look a mistake takes practice and some technical know how.

Cameras today are so technically superior that using them to their fullest eludes a lot of us. In addition to our own creativity, there are a few technical settings that our cameras have that will allow us to enhance our abilities. During this presentation ideas will be discussed that will help expand your photographic skills and maybe encourage you to try some new techniques.

In this hour, we will look at some basic camera settings, e.g. shutter speed, auto ISO, to the more advanced capabilities such as using "trap focus." We will also look at using other tools such as the use of neutral density filters and variable neutral density filters.

Don, a Mayslake member, is a retired professor who is taking photographs full time while traveling around the country with his wife and springer spaniel in their RV. Don also works with the North American Nature Photography Association as the regional events photo shoot coordinator.



Image of the Year

Vermilion Lakes by Steve Ornberg

Congratulations to Steve Ornberg! His Image *Vermillion Lakes* was selected as the Image of the Year at Members' Night held on May 4.

Attendees at Members' Night selected Steve's image from the top 10 selected by members during the on-line voting. The other nine images included in the voting were:

Ron Cullum	On Golden Stream
Greg Hull	Merganser Trio
Marcia Nye	Desert Butterfly
Steve Ornberg	Bow Lake
Steve Ornberg	Moraine Lake Log Jam
Charles Peterson	Northern Pintail
Fran Piepenbrink	Feed Me NOW
Charlie Zhang	PEACE
Charlie Zhang	Antelope-Canyon



Congratulations to these members and to all the members whose images won awards during the competition year.

Thanks to the Club members who voted in this year's Image of the Year selection process. And a special thank you to Gail Chastain and Steve Baginski for managing the voting.

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County is offering the following classes here at Mayslake Peabody Estate this June.

Lightroom II

Lightroom 2 continues the 'Develop' module which provides an extensive array of tools and techniques for optimizing images, many of which are also included in Adobe Camera Raw; however most find the way in which these are organized and used in Lightroom to be more intuitive than is the case in ACR. The last two sessions in the Lightroom 2 class discuss the Print, Slide Show and Book output modules.

Instructor; Fred Drury

Thursdays, June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16; 6:30 to 9:30 pm

Class Fee: \$150 plus \$20 materials fee. To register for this Mayslake class, please call (630) 206-9566.

Introduction to Photographic Composition

This class builds upon the introduction to composition that my "intro" class gives and expands greatly on the finer points of composition. You'll learn about subject placement, creating depth in a landscape, special shapes we call power shapes, the mechanics of composition, and much, much more from a master of composition;

Instructor; Will Clay

June 3, 10, 17 Weeknights 6:30 to 9:30 pm, Saturdays June 6; 4 to 7 pm, June 13; 7-10 pm.

EXHIBITS

Janice Henry

The current exhibit in our space "Insects & Flowers" has been up for a month and will be on display until the end of August, so you still have time. Start thinking about what you might like to put in the exhibit that starts in September, "State Parks & National Parks". This can be anything you may have shot on any outings or trips you may have taken to a State or National park.

Remember: Hand of Man does not apply to exhibits so if there is a fence or a bridge in the image, it's OK. When you are framing your image, do not use a frame with sawtooth hangers, they do not work well with our hanging system.

I will remind you again next month. If you know what you want to put in the exhibit, send me an email at jnhenr@att.net with the following:

- title
- size
- whether you want to sell the image, (selling your piece is optional).
- Price if you want to sell.

Also let me know if you have an image from the print competition you want to use. I have two frames that can be borrowed that will hold that size image with the board.

I look forward to hearing from you.



PSA Interclub Competition

Congratulations to Sheila Newenham for winning an honorable mention for her photo Fireworks and Charles Peterson for winning an honorable mention for his photo Ringneck Duck With Attitude in the PSA Interclub competition that was held in March.



Competition Awards

Competition awards were presented at Members’ Night on May 4. These awards are given in recognition of the photographic skills exhibited during competition. First and second place winners were members with the highest average scores for 8 or more images submitted during the 2014-2015 Club Year. The awards were:

Digital

Class A	Steve Ornberg	Marcia Nye
Class B	Bill Dixon	Fran Piepenbrink
Class C	Charlie Zhang	Bill Ludemann

Prints

Class A	Marcia Nye	Chuck Klingsporn
Class B	Steve Ornberg	Noriko Buckles

Congratulations to the winners.

Since this is the end of the competition year, I want to thank everyone who assisted me during my first year as Competition Chairperson. Special thanks to Joanne Barnes, Steve Bartos, Diane Hamernik, Harry Hitzemann, Greg Hull, Sandy Karaoke, Sheila Newenham, Marcia Nye, Steve Ornberg, Davis Schooley.

Also, thanks to all of our members who submitted images in competition this year. The next competition year starts in September. Submitting images in competition and coming to the competition judging are programs that support the Club’s objective to enhance the photographic skills of our members. We encourage all of our members to take advantage of this opportunity.

See you at the first competition in September.

Daybreak Sanctuary Outing, July 26

For an incredible opportunity to photograph butterflies and dragonflies, join this outing to Daybreak Sanctuary in central Illinois. This wildlife sanctuary is on 60 acres, including a 3-acre yard with several butterfly gardens, a 5-acre native grass and wildflower prairie, and 2 shallow water wetlands. We meet at Daybreak at 9 AM on July 26 and photograph all day. Richard and Susan Day will give an orientation talk and be available to help with photography and identification questions. This is a repeat outing that many from Mayslake have enjoyed.

Located 5 miles north of Salem, IL Daybreak is about 4 hours from Mayslake. You have a choice of driving down very early on Sunday July 26 or going down Saturday afternoon and staying overnight in Salem. Cost of the outing is \$50 to Daybreak. We will try to assist participants in ride sharing on the way down. Please contact Tom Richardson at rtom.richardson@gmail.com if you are interested and you will receive more details. There is a limit to the number of participants.



The May CACCA Report

This article reports on the results of the last competition in the CACCA year, the one held on Sat. May 11. Before we get to May, however, there is some very good news 'left-over' from April. I was unaware of it at the time but have since found out that **Noriko Buckles** print image titled, '**My Comb Over**' not only received an AW designation but it was selected as 'POM', the **Print of the Month**. There are well over a hundred prints submitted each month so to have Noriko's chosen as the best print of all those reviewed in May is high honor indeed. **CONGRATULATIONS to Noriko**, hopefully she can attend our June meeting to receive her medal and to show all of you this outstanding image.

In the May competition, we had 3 prints that received HM designations. All received scores of 23. The first was, **Bill Dixon**, for his black & white image titled, '**Vernal Regeneration**'. **Noriko** had another winning image, this one titled, '**Three's a Crowd**' and **Ron Szymczak** also received an HM for his image of a, '**Downy Woodpecker**'. Congratulations to all three; great images all.

Here is a little bit of an annual recap for those interested. Over the full 8 month CACCA year, we had 28 images that received HM or AW designations, 20 of those came in the print competition and the balance of 8 in digital. Of the 28, 13 received Awards while 15 received Honorable Mention status. So, this year, we did much better in Prints than Digital but that conclusion is for this year and probably isn't indicative of what will happen in the new CACCA year. Time to get out and shoot some of those images that will score well in 2015-16 competitions!!

2015-2016 Membership Renewal

Club year runs from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016

Individual Membership \$30.00

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