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Newsletter of the Mayslake Nature Study and Photography Club
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Highlights

October 3

Elements 9
Mark Southard

October 17

"What is Natural? –
The Boundaries of Nature
Photography in Post Production"
Kirk Hallowell

November 7

TBA

November 21

Competition

Kirk Hallowell
October 17

Kirk Hallowell is a volunteer at Nachusa Grasslands, a project of The Nature Conservancy. Nachusa Grasslands is currently restoring over 3000 areas of farm land to native prairie. Using "remnants" of original prairie as a blueprint, naturalists are propagating a species mix that approximates prairie structure prior to agriculture. Kirk will provide an overview of the purpose, process, and outcomes of the Nachusa Grasslands projects. Nachusa is an exciting and rewarding space for photographers and offers a remarkable variety of wildlife and landscape variety.

In addition to volunteering on work and fire crews, Kirk is an armature photographer and works with a team of volunteer photographers to keep the Friends of Nachusa (our volunteer organization) supplied with strong promotional and documentary photography and videography. Kirk will also engage the group in a discussion of "What is Natural? – The Boundaries of Nature Photography in Post Production" and looks forward to an engaging conversation about the essence of nature photography.

Welcome
Greg Hull
from Wheaton

COMPETITION

Sheila Newenham

Our first competition of the year was held on September 19th. We had 64 digital images and 31 print images. A big thanks to our judges, Bill Pehrson, John Janunas and Bruce Van Pelt, who gave us good feedback and did a wonderful job! I also appreciate the help of Rose Janulis, Steve Baginski, Suzanne Zumstein and Karin Grunow for their happy help in keeping us organized and moving along. Thank you! I am glad to see so many of you participating and enjoying competition. Congratulations to the following who earned honors:

CLASS A PRINTS

AWARD

Tom Richardson for "Smokies Cascade"

HONORABLE MENTION

Lou Petkus for "Crested CaraCara"

CLASS B PRINTS

AWARDS

Bill Dixon for "Seven Mile Point"
Bill Dixon for "Low Tide/ Torrey Pines"
David Schooley for "Tiger Swallowtail"
David Schooley for "Three Amigos"
Harry Hitzeman for "Warm Creek Gold"

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Bill Dixon for "Poverty Savanna"
Marcia Nye for "A Face Only a Mother Can Love"
Atala Toy for "Yosemite Dawn"
Steve Baginski for "Lunchtime?"

CLASS B DIGITAL

AWARDS

Gary Saunders for "Colors of Bridalveil"
Harry Hitzeman for "Warm Creek Bay Dawn"
Harry Hitzeman for "Hosta Cuddle"
Sheila Newenham for "Got it!"
Sue Gajda for "Wild Geraniums"
Sue Gajda for "One Wild Geranium"
Pei Tang for "Searching"
Steve Ornberg for "Mesa Arch at Sunrise"

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Gail Chastain for "Watchful Eye"
Dennis Walz for "Lily with Reflection"
Dennis Walz for "Opossum Up a Tree"
Pei Tang for "Morning at Mesa Arch"
Steve Ornberg for "Lilly with the Dragon Tattoo"

CLASS C DIGITAL

AWARDS

Steve Baginski for "Quiet Day at the Beach"
Barbara Dunn for "Sudden Stop"
Demetrios DeMet for "Heron with Lunch"
Marcia Nye for "Want a Fight?"
David Schooley for "Bug Eyed Monster"
David Schooley for "Hummingbird Moth"
David Schooley for "Smooth Landing"

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Diane Hamernik for "Water Lily"
Steve Mayer for "Bosque Thin Ice in Winter"
Marcia Nye for "California Coast"

Our next competition is Monday, November 21st.
Digital Images are due by Sunday, November 13th.

OUTING

Gail Chastain

Fall Colors and Graveyards of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

Monday, October 24

Our summer trip to Midewin in Wilmington, IL was such a success, let's do it again!! We'll do an afternoon shoot this time to take advantage of the late day sun. It looks like we may have an early fall, so it may be a little late for the height of the Fall colors, but there should still be lots of photographic opportunities. The Cemeteries are the Settlers, Farmers, Merchants and Soldiers that came to the area in the 1800's. It's a slice of Midewin history that many never see. Surrounded by the nature of Midewin, the graveyards are in very picturesque sites. So the photographic opportunities for you to choose from, are many.

It will be a Car Caravan again, into areas of Midewin that the most of the public never sees. There is a limit to the number of cars we can have in the Caravan, but no limit to the number of people in the cars! So gather together those you want in your car, or we can gather together when we get there.

For more information, such as meeting place and starting time, email: gachastain@hotmail.com

FOR SALE

New Panosaurus Head Available

I have decided that the new Panosaurus panorama head I recently purchased with the club purchase doesn't fit my style of panoramic photography and wouldn't be used. So, if anyone that didn't get in on the club sale wants one, mine is available, never used, still in the box it arrived in. Same price I paid, \$75, first come first served; call me at 708-447-7215 or email at northrockies@aol.com. Thanks.

Chuck Klingsporn





Bill Dixon©



Beth Olin©

Chicago Botanic Gardens September 24, 2011 Outing Report

It was a party of nine that headed up north to the Chicago Botanic Gardens for a morning shoot. There had been an early rain, so along with rain drops on the flowers, an overcast sky with nice muted light, and little to no wind, it was a great morning. At least that is until the skies opened up, and rain came down hard and fast. With a large crack of thunder overhead, we all headed to what shelter we could find. Some made it back to the Visitor Center, but others were stranded elsewhere. Steve Baginski with a large umbrella in hand, came to the rescue finding our lost and wet Mayslakers. We had an early lunch, having had a great morning in spite of the rain. And it would seem that nothing keeps Mayslakers from taking pictures, especially Bill Dixon. For when he saw what looked like a the tornado funnel cloud, he did what all photographers do . . . he took a picture!! In the end we heard it was only a water funnel, but it still makes for a nice story.

Visit the Mayslake Outing Blog Website to see Bill's funnel pictures and more from our venture up north.



Water Funnel©
Bill Dixon



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