

# FOCUS



Newsletter of the Mayslake Nature Study and Photography Club  
Hosted by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County  
[www.naturecameraclub.com](http://www.naturecameraclub.com)

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## **Special Meeting Judging Class**

*By Fred Drury and Hank Erdmann*

### ***Up Coming Programs***

*May 2 – Member's Night, Image of the  
Year Award and The Year in Review  
(reservations required)*

*May 23 – Judging Class*

*June 6 - Aerial Photography and  
Videography Using Drones by David  
Schooley*

Mayslake will be holding a special meeting on May 23. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide training to prospective judges. The prospective judges are Mayslake members who have scored top marks in past competition and whom the Board feels should be given the opportunity to judge at future competitions. During this meeting we will review the CACCA Judging recommendations, discuss our recommendations for Mayslake judges and give the 'in training' judges some opportunities to participate in judging.

Members who would simply like to know more about the judging process are certainly welcome to attend.

The meeting will get underway about 6:30PM and will likely conclude about 8PM.

If you have any questions, please contact Fred Drury at [630 665 6598](tel:6306656598) or at [fred@marklandimaging.com](mailto:fred@marklandimaging.com).



# **EIGHTH ANNUAL CACCA POSTCARD COMPETITION**

## **APRIL 9, 2016**

A big **THANK YOU** to all who entered this year's postcard competition. There were 114 entries in all from 18 clubs -- 11 entries less than last year but one more club participating. Mayslake Camera Club and Kankakee participated the most with 16 entries each (though they were followed very closely by Foresters with 15), and F-Stop had the most winners with four.

A big **THANK YOU** to the postcard judges: Bob Benson, Bill Brown, Phyllis Brauer, Alan Cox, Lois Ekstrand, Joe Falout, John Hewitt, Jerry Hug, Bob Mata, and John Peterson. The judges were asked to cast votes for their favorite 20 postcards -- not an easy task with such a high-quality field of entries -- and the scores were tabulated based on how many votes each post card received from the judges. All postcards receiving four or more votes achieved honors.

The winning postcards were retained and will be mounted on a display board and made available for club use. Postcards not receiving honors were returned to club representatives after the judging.



### **BEST OF SHOW**

"See History Replayed" - Dennis Arendt, Schaumburg

### **AWARDS**

"Michigan...The Color of Autumn" - Cheryl Addleman, 3-H

"I'm on Cloud Nine" - Dennis Arendt, Schaumburg

"Little Sable Light" - Roney Budz, Kankakee

"Death Valley" - Ron Capek, F-Stop

"Flora of the Smokies" - Judy Falout, Downers Grove

"Scotland - Come Play a Round" - Michael Kirkland, F-Stop

"Four Corners" - Norman Kopp, Crystal Lake

"Sunset Sailing" - Bill Parkinson, Foresters

"Visit Brookfield Zoo" - Mauri Savisky, Oak Lawn

"This is Your Park: Arches" - Kathleen Sims, 3-H

"Paris at Night" - Sandra Wittman, Crystal Lake

### **HONORABLE MENTIONS**

"Chiang Mai" - Lyle Anderson, Crystal Lake

"Music City" - Noriko Buckles, Mayslake

"Farm Machine Museum" - Ron Capek, F-Stop

"Vintage Greetings from Arizona" - Christine Foley, Downers Grove

"Chicago - Come for the Sights" - Michael Kirkland, F-Stop

"Get Close to Nature at the Indiana Dunes" - Michael Kobe, Oak Lawn

"Visit Williamsburg in January" - Marcia Nye, Mayslake

"Remember Our Vets" - Kathleen Sims, 3-H

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS AND THANK YOU TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!**

Joe and Marie Rakoczy  
2016 Postcard Chairpersons

## Special Mayslake Club Meeting June 6

7:00 PM at Fullerton Park, Addison, IL

### Aerial Photography and Videography Using Drones with David Schooley

Technological innovations have come together around 3 aspects of photography/videography that are enabling new freedoms and creativity in image-making:

1. Low-cost multi rotor aircraft with sophisticated computer control -- commonly called *drones*
2. Miniaturized cameras with stabilization
3. Radio, and even cell-phone, technologies for controlling and communicating with the aircraft and camera

David will provide an in-the-field demonstration of these technologies, along with some handout materials that will help you get started having fun making bird's eye view photographs or movies. Additional topics will include flying safely and within local and FAA restrictions.

We will meet at Fullerton Park at 7:00 PM, weather permitting (or Mayslake if the weather is bad). Seating at the park is limited, so please bring your own lawn chairs. If you can, please carpool to the park with a friend to ensure there will be sufficient parking.

A map and directions to Fullerton Park parking area is here:  
[http://www.dupageforest.com/Fullerton\\_Park\\_Map.aspx](http://www.dupageforest.com/Fullerton_Park_Map.aspx)



#### *New Club Brochure*

Thank you to JoAnn Barnes, for designing and updating our club brochure. It will be available at Peabody Estate and other DuPage County Forest Preserve locations to attract and inform potential new members.

## EXHIBITS

Janice Henry

Our current exhibit, "Spring Flowers and April Showers" is on display. You will have plenty of time as it will be there until the end of July.

This is my last one as Exhibit Chair for the Mayslake Club. I have enjoyed my time in this position and look forward to the future exhibits with Fred.

Thank you to my helpers for the past 5 years, Noriko Buckles and Gary Saunders. And to all the people who participated in the exhibits.

Information on the next exhibit will come from the new Exhibit Chair, Fred Drury.

### **Last Call for Day Break Outing** Sunday, August 7, 2016 Alma, IL

Please sign up via e-mail **by May 15<sup>th</sup>** to  
Barbara Dunn at [bdunn23@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bdunn23@sbcglobal.net)

Cost for the photo shoot is \$50.



### *Thank you to Outgoing Officers*

Thank you to our outgoing officers and chairpersons: Tom Richardson, Sue Gajda, Chuck Klingsporn, and Janice Henry, for all of the dedication and time that they have devoted to the club. Their hard work as Vice-President, Competition Chairperson, Exhibit Chairperson, and CACCA Chairperson has helped the club continue to offer important benefits to its members.

## The Monthly CACCA Report

April was a good month for our members in the CACCA Small Color Print competition. We had three scores of 24 resulting in two Awards and one Honorable Mention. The HM went to **Harry Hitzeman** for his image titled, '**A Band of Light**'. The two AW's went to **Marcia Nye** for her image titled, '**Osprey Coming This Way**' and to **Steve Ornberg** for his image titled, '**Clearing Storm-Vermillion Lakes**'.

In the Digital Image Competition, **John Janunas** scored a 25 and an HM for his image titled, '**Monarch on a Thistle**'. Great images, all of them; Bravo and Congratulations!!

The meeting on May 14 is the last one of this competition year for CACCA. As such, there will be a number of Best of the Year competitions in addition to the regular monthly interclub competition. Therefore, **there will NOT be a program at noon**, before the competitions begin. If you have time, this will be a great chance to see lots of outstanding images, check it out if you have the time.

Chuck Klingsporn

### A Call for 2016-2017 Program Ideas and Member Feedback

Dear Members,

In my role as Vice President of Programs, I am responsible for arranging programs that may enhance your knowledge of nature AND may improve your knowledge or skill in applying nature photography techniques.

We are now at a point where we are planning the programs for the 2015-2016 Club year.

I am asking for your ideas and feedback, because I want to have programs that are what you -- the members -- want. By providing your feedback and suggestions for programs, especially if you have a program you'd like to present, or know of a speaker we may want to bring in -- you can help your fellow members, and yourself, have a memorable and enjoyable meeting experience during the year.

I thank you in advance for your help. You can send your response to me at [HHHITZEMAN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HHHITZEMAN@GMAIL.COM) (that's 3 H's, not 2). If you'd rather talk instead of type, just send your phone number and best times for me to call you.

Looking forward to an exciting and educational year!

Harry Hitzeman

## The Club Budget – 2016-17

On April 7, the Club Board met to discuss and approve an operating budget for the fiscal year that starts today, May 1, 2016, as required by our club constitution. This brief article is to give you a summary and to offer more information to anyone that is interested. Here is a summary of the numbers:

### INCOME:

Member Dues	\$2,325
Other Income	<u>835</u>
Total	<u>\$3,160</u>

### EXPENSES:

Programs	\$ 400
Competition	590
Social	1,200
General Club Costs	<u>970</u>
Total	<u>\$3,160</u>

Note that the budget has been reduced by about 11%. This is mainly due to a reduction in membership, from about 100 at the end of fiscal 2015 to about 80 today. (Member dues make up nearly 75% of our annual revenue) Fortunately the club has some cash reserve built up from prior years to help cushion the reduction. During this new year, your Board will be discussing a number of options to consider so as the constitutional balanced budget requirement can be met without impact on the programs and services that members want. The Board will certainly value any ideas members have on this topic. Just give your thought or question to any Board member; it will be considered. If you have questions about this budget, contact me by Email:

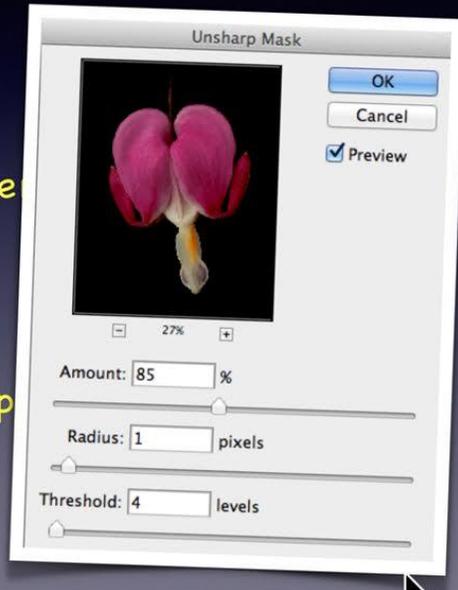
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Chuck Klingsporn – Treasurer



# Sharpening

- Always sharpen as the last step in editing.
- Go to the Menu Bar
  - Select Filter
  - Select Sharpen
  - Select Unmask Sharpen
    - Amount = 85%
    - Radius = 1
    - Threshold = 4
- More Punch (over-sharp)
  - Amount = 120%
  - Radius = 1
  - Threshold = 3



A slide from Micheal Kobe's April presentation [MLKobe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:MLKobe@sbcglobal.net)

## 2016-2017 Membership Renewal due *by May 1st*

Only current members continue to receive the FOCUS and have access to the Yahoo Groups site. Send your payment TODAY.

Club year runs from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017

Individual Membership \$30.00

Family Membership: \$30.00 for the first member, \$15.00 each add'l member at the same address

Please make checks payable to: **Mayslake Nature Study and Photography Club**

Mail to: Sandy Karasek  
7234 S Central  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

**NOTE!** Enter name only if personal info has not changed.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please do **NOT** fill in what you do not want on the Roster.