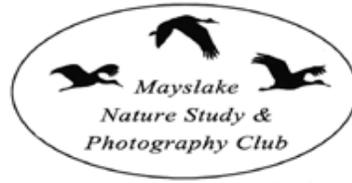


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Newsletter of the Mayslake Nature Study and Photography Club
Hosted by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
www.naturecameraclub.com

Up Coming Programs

*June 5th - Themed shoot at Mayslake Peabody Estate
SPECIAL TIME 6:30pm*

*July 3rd - No
Meeting due to holiday*

*August 7th - From Snap Shot to Great Shot
by John Fan*

June 5th

Early Start time of 6:30 pm

Themed shoot at Mayslake Peabody Estate (Inside and Outside)

Members come armed with their camera and an empty card. At the beginning of the shoot members will be given a theme to capture. For the next hour and a half members may roam the grounds as well as inside Peabody Estate and shoot their interpretation of the theme. At the end of the time each member can submit two images to be shown. Because this is on the fly; members will be asked to shoot jpeg - no additional processing is allowed. This would also be an opportunity for members to shoot at Mayslake and submit images for the 2017 Discover Mayslake event.



Welcomę New Members

Melvin Harrison

Mary Healy

Michael Norris

Elizabeth Seigala-Lamb

Lindsay Holsten

Candace Pręmo

Conservation News

by Jack Shouba

The Illinois Environmental Council (IEC) is the eyes, ears, and voice of the environmental community in Springfield. They represent about 60 environmental and community organizations as well as individuals. They publish an environmental scorecard so you can see how your senator and representative voted on environmental issues. Their newsletter and emails describe issues being considered in Springfield so you can contact your elected officials when it would do the most good.

Some current or recent issues debated in Springfield include:

Budget (funding for IEPA, IDNR, Soil & Water Conservation Districts)

Natural Areas Stewardship

Milkweed protection

Recycling education

Local food and sustainable agriculture

Protecting groundwater

Bobcat hunting

Farmers markets

Lead paint and lead in drinking water

If you want to keep up-to-date on what is happening in conservation on the state level and have an influence on the results, I highly recommend the IEC. Check their website at ilenviro.org for more information.

CACCA Interclub Competitions

Prints from Mayslake's March Competition that won Honors at CACCA:

Maker	Photo Title	Honor	CACCA Mtg.
Chuck Klingsporn	Tough Place to Grow	Award	April
Steve Ornberg	Cathedral Rock - Sedona	Honorable Mention	April
Ron Szymczak	Cattle Egret	Award	May
Karl Knapp	Wagner Falls	Honorable Mention	May

For the year, Mayslake I & II finished in 3rd & 4th places, respectively, in Class A prints (out of 12 Class A clubs).

Digital Projected Images from Mayslake's March Competition that won Honors at CACCA:

Maker	Photo Title	Honor	CACCA Mtg.
Gary Saunders	Ice Castle	Award	April
John Janunas	Whitelined Sphinx Moth	Honorable Mention	April
William Ludemann	Pretty Bird	Award	May
Chuck Hunnicutt	Boneyard Surprise	Award	May
Charles Peterson	Tricolored Heron with Young	Award	May
Ron Szymczak	A Perfect Autumn Day	Honorable Mention	May

For the year, Mayslake I & II finished in 1st & 4th places, respectively, in Class B DPI (out of 16 Class B clubs).

August 7th
From Snap Shot to Great Shot
by John Fan

What is the difference between a snap shot and a great shot? What do we tell our viewers through our photographs? The talk will discuss some of the key composition aspects in modern ages, and explore ideas behind photo making.

UPCOMING OUTINGS

June 11th Nachusa Outing

MNSPC member, Dee Hudson, has volunteered to host a photo outing to Nachusa Grasslands on June 11th, 2017 for interested MNSPC members. Dee is part-time staff and a volunteer at NACHUSA and has arranged for MNSPC to have access to areas not usually available to visitors. We will meet at 7 am to shoot flowers in the early morning and then enter the bison unit in a Nachusa vehicle. Later in the morning, Dee will give members a tour of the preserve. Dee can show us shooting locations outside the bison unit so you can come back on your own in the future. There are some impressive limestone formations in the savanna that few people know about that could be of interest. There is a lot to see and do. The pale purple coneflowers should be in full bloom in mid-June. There should be plenty to photograph though, even if the coneflowers are not at their peak.

Dee will be there before sunrise to meet club members. The Nachusa truck can hold 10-12 people total. **11 people have already signed up but Dee has established a waiting list and if we get up to 11 more people then Dee will attempt to acquire an additional vehicle and Nachusa volunteer.** Please respond to Dee at ddailenehudson@gmail.com as soon as possible if you intend to go.

Area lodging: Lincoln Way Inn in Franklin Grove <http://www.lincolnwayinn.com/> or Patchwork Inn in Oregon <http://www.lincolnwayinn.com/>

Attendees should consider an optional donation to The Nature Conservancy or Friends of Nachusa Grasslands, <http://www.nachusagrasslands.org/donate.html> to support ongoing restoration of Nachusa Grasslands.

About Dee Hudson:

In 2012, Dee first visited Nachusa Grasslands (owned and operated by The Nature Conservancy) to begin a photography project documenting Illinois prairie restoration. Now, years later she is part-time staff and one of Nachusa's photographers; she also regularly volunteers as a land steward to restore agricultural fields back to prairie. Her prairie images have been seen in magazines and exhibited in fine art galleries. To see more of Dee's photos, visit her photo site, <http://www.deehudsonphotography.com>.

August: Alma Daybreak

As announced at previously, Barbara Dunn is organizing MNSPC's annual outing to Richard Day's Daybreak Sanctuary in Alma, IL to photograph dragon flies, damsel flies, butterflies and birds on August 6th. To sign up, contact Barbara Dunn at Bdunn23@sbcglobal.net

October: Upper Peninsula

Several MNSPC members will be attending a remote, fall outing in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, staying in Ontonagon, MI from Oct. 1-5. If you would like to join us, please contact Steve Ornberg at steveornberg@yahoo.com.

2017 CAPS

The highly popular biennial Chicago Area Photographic School (**CAPS**) will be held again this Fall, the weekend before Thanksgiving, at the Elgin Community College Business Conference Center. This is one of the best values in photographic education anywhere; courses cover a diverse range of topics and there are classes for both the beginner and experienced photographers. Brochures will be available at the next Mayslake meetings, but there are some optional workshops that have limits on attendance and are available first-come, first-served via *online registration only*. CACCA's online registration is already up and running at: <http://caps.caccaweb.com/>

EXHIBITS

Fred Drury

The new 'Fur, Fin or Feather' exhibit is now up at Mayslake and will run to about the end of August. Thanks to Diane Marton, Noriko Buckles, Marcia Nye, Chuck Klingsporn, Steve Ornberg, John Janunas and Barbara Dunn for participating in this show. Make sure to take a look at this new exhibit the next time you're in Mayslake.

Looking ahead to our fall Mayslake exhibit, its theme is '**National & State Parks**'. That exhibit will run from about the end of August until the end of October. FWIW: I'm applying a 'liberal' interpretation to 'National & State Parks' to include wildlife preserves (e.g. Jasper Pulaski, etc.), and County Forest Preserves (e.g. Messenger Woods, Fullersburg Woods, etc.) Reserve your spots in the show. For each image you'd like in the show please email me: Title, Location (where shot), Size, and Price (or 'Not for Sale').

If you have any suggestions for **next year's exhibit themes** or for additional exhibit locations, or of suggestions which would encourage increased member participation, please drop me an email at: fred@marklandimaging.com or give me a call at 630 665 6598.

Membership Renewal Reminder

Annual membership renewal was due in May. If you haven't yet renewed, please bring your payment to Mitch Stemler at the June 5th meeting.

2016/17 Season Competition Report

Image of the Year

Based on the voting, there was a tie for Image of the Year. Congratulations to the following two individuals:

Marcia Nye for *Harris Hawks on Alert* and **Steve Ornberg** for *Jordan Pond Starry Night*



The other ten images that were voted to be in the top twelve are as follows:

Elk Meadow by Ron Szymczak

Hosta Highlight by Bill Dixon

Lean-In Cheetah by Rick Schoenfield

Manly Beacon by Bill Dixon

Peek-A-BOO Ermine by Rick Schoenfield

Resting Butterfly by Marcia Nye

Satisfied Green Kingfisher by Rick Schoenfield

The Mantis by Chuck Hunnicutt

White lined Sphinx Moth by John Janunas

A Mirror Image by Ron Szymczak

Based on the highest average score for the 2016/17 monthly competitions, the first and second place finishers in each category are as follows:

Class A Prints

First Place: Marcia Nye
Second Place: Steve Ornberg

Class B Prints

First Place: Ron Szymczak
Second Place: Karl Knapp

Class A Digital

First Place: Marcia Nye
Second Place: Ron Szymczak

Class B Digital

First Place: Rick Schoenfield
Second Place: Chuck Hunnicutt

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all members who submitted images.

The Club Budget for 2017-18

At the last meeting of the club's Board on February 27, the budget for our new year was approved. Per requirements of the club constitution, it is "Balanced" as to income and expenses. This summary is also required by our constitution and as general information for our members. If any of you reading it would like to see the full detail as approved, please send me an E-mail: it will be provided.

For the new year, we anticipate total **Income of \$2,875**, mainly from member dues (\$2,040) and ticket receipts for the annual Member's Night in May (\$405) along with money from Fred Drury's F P D Photo Classes (\$300). We also expect about \$130 from miscellaneous sources.

On the **Expenses** side, also totaling **\$2,875**, there are a variety of club organizational costs such as CACCA membership, liability insurance, PSA membership, equipment maintenance and the cost of photo exhibitions, in the aggregate \$865. We have budgeted \$1100 for the annual Member's Night and meeting refreshments. We expect that costs related to club competitions will amount to \$510 and that we will spend \$400 for programs.

If you would like to see the full budget, send an email to: northrockies@aol.com.

Chuck Klingsporn – Treasurer

The Club's Finances – End of 2016-17

The club's fiscal year ended on April 30, 2017; it is a requirement of our constitution that the Treasurer provide a report to the membership about how the Board did in managing the club's financial affairs. This is that report, of course, if any member wants more detail I will be pleased to provide the full report.

In the context of our 'Balanced Budget' requirement, the approved budget showed planned **Income and Expenses of \$3,160**. On the Income side, we received \$2,904 a shortfall of \$256 or 8%. On the Expense side, we spent \$2,557, \$603 less than budgeted, 19%. So while neither number hit the target, the net result was better than budget, thus slightly improving our cash balance. (\$603 under on expenses and \$256 under on revenue = \$346 improvement).

As we enter the new fiscal year, our cash reserves are adequate to fund the Board's plans for programs, competitions and outings and to fulfil the general obligations of the club such as insurance, CACCA and PSA memberships and other general costs.

If you want more detail or have any questions, send me an email: northrockies@aol.com

Chuck Klingsporn - Treasurer