

The Focal Point

Newsletter of the Linn Area Photo Club

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Quick Calendar

June 2009

14th – Regular Meeting

July 2009

18th Photo Shoot & Picnic

August 2009

9th – Regular Meeting

September 2009

13th – Regular Meeting

TBA – Photo Shoot

A Word from the President

Let's make the Linn Area Photo Club Iowa's premier photo Club and the envy of the State! My goal is to get at least 20 of our members submitting one or more photos to the 2009 State Fair for judging. So members, get your photos ready! We as a Club have had several photo shoots, contests, workshops, and opportunities to take some great photos over the last twelve months. There are a lot of categories in which to enter your photos, so check them all out below and get those photos ready for submission.

During the June 14th meeting, all members are encouraged to bring up to eight (8) photos you are considering as entries into the State Fair. (As outlined below, the State Fair allows up to four (4) photos.) If you are like me, I have several to pick from and I am not sure which one(s) to enter. So... let the Club members help you decide which photos to submit.

There will not be a contest in June. There will not be a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place award. Instead, the Club Members will provide you an idea of which of your photos they like best by ranking your top photos. You might say everyone is a winner! Hopefully, that feedback will assist you in your State Fair selections.

Inside this issue are some important facts you need to know about the 2009 State Fair Contest.

Rick Young
President – LAPC

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June Meeting Schedule & May Recap

Logan Graphics Mat Cutting Seminar

Sunday, June 14, 2009 – 1:30 p.m. – Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center

The June 14th meeting will feature Amanda Delvalle from Logan Graphics. Amanda will be our guest speaker. She will demonstrate mat cutting using several of the Logan tools. Instruction will include educating our club members on how to cut a basic mat, oval mat, mat groves and double mats.

In addition, Logan Graphics is donating to the club a #450 Intermediate Mat Cutter for our members to utilize. The mat cutter will be available before each meeting and during the breaks for members to use and experiment in cutting their own mats. Join us during the June meeting and learn a new photographic skill set to enhance the presentation of your photos! For more info, visit... <http://www.logangraphic.com>

Last Month's Meetings and Activities

Sunday, May 17th – Photo Shoot

Due to our regular meeting needing to be rescheduled, we embarked on a casual and informal photo shoot at a couple local area courthouses. First up was the Linn County Courthouse in downtown Cedar Rapids. How can I put a positive spin on this? It was, ummm... uninspiring. There, I said it.

We then went to the Benton County Courthouse in downtown Vinton. This one was truly worthy. There is really something to be said for those older courthouses. The total number of people from our club was around 9 or 10, and we all spent a couple hours in the afternoon and late into the evening getting some fantastic shots.

Sunday, May 31, 2009 – Regular Meeting

Dave Johnson from PhotoPro, with Joe Bishop assisting, was our guest speaker at meeting. In a slightly different agenda from his usual format, Dave spoke at length about upgrading from point & shoot cameras to DSLRs, and the pros and cons of making such a move.

To finish up, after the break, Dave did a show-and-tell with many nifty photo gadgets and new releases from some of the major camera manufacturers.

We also had two members showcase their work, Lynn Reihman and Steve Thompson, both of which placed as winners in the monthly photo contest. You can see their winning photos in this newsletter.

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2009 Iowa State Fair 70th Annual Photography Salon Information

CONTEST ENTRY

ENTRY FEE: \$5 per photo. Each photographer can enter up to four (4) photos. There is a limit of one photo per class. Make checks payable to the Iowa State Fair. NOTE: Photographers who enter four photos will receive a free copy of the Photography Salon book. Photographers who enter less than four photos will be able to purchase one copy of the Photography Salon book for the reduced price of \$3.00. Additional copies can be purchased during the Iowa State Fair for \$5.00 each.

ENTRY RULES

1. JURIED COMPETITION: Only those photos selected by the panel of judges will be “exhibited.”
2. ELIGIBILITY: Photos previously “exhibited” at the Iowa State Fair are NOT eligible for entry.
3. ORIGINALITY: Photographers must use their “own” ideas and concepts when creating their photos. Do NOT copy or duplicate the ideas of other photographers or previous winners.
4. ENTRIES: Each photographer can enter up to four (4) photos. There is a limit of one photo per class.
5. CLASSES: Classes are determined by the “main” subject matter of each photo. The same photo or similar photo cannot be entered in multiple classes.
6. BACKING: All photos must be mounted on 11” x 14” foam core that is at least 1/8” thick. NOTE: Due to the heat and humidity, it is recommended that photos be dry mounted. (Available at most art supply stores and frame shops.)
7. PHOTO SIZE: Photos can be any size up to and including 11” x 14”. Note Entry Rule #6.
8. MATS: We judge your photo NOT the mat. Mat colors should NOT compete with your photo. Mats are optional.
9. TITLES: We judge your photo NOT the title. Please limit titles to three or four words.
10. ENTRY: Photographer’s name, photo title, date of photo and other text must NOT appear on front of entry.
11. PRESENTATION: All photos must be unframed. Do NOT cover entry with cellophane, acetate or glass. There should be NO hooks or wires attached to the back of entries. There should be NO spray adhesive or self-stick adhesive “exposed” that could damage another person’s photo.
12. REPRODUCTION: The Iowa State Fair reserves the right to reproduce in any form any work submitted.



**Clock Tower, Delaware County Courthouse,
Manchester IA
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ENTRY SCHEDULE AND ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries Accepted: Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Cultural Center.

Entry by mail: Do NOT mail before Monday, June 8. Entries by mail must be postmarked by midnight Monday, June 22 and must include entry fee in the same package. Send to: Iowa State Fair, Photography Salon, P.O. Box 57130, Des Moines, IA 50317.

Entry Deadline: Any photos received after 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 28 will NOT be judged.

**2009 Iowa State Fair
70th Annual Photography Solon Information (continued)**

ADULT DIVISION: COLOR AND BLACK & WHITE
(Must be 18 & over.)

AWARDED IN EACH ADULT CLASS
FIRST PLACE \$100
SECOND PLACE \$75
THIRD PLACE \$50
HONORABLE MENTION

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ADULT DIVISION: COLOR
Class Category
11 THEME: IOWA COUNTY COURTHOUSES
12 PEOPLE
13 IOWA PLACES
14 USA PLACES
15 INTERNATIONAL PLACES
16 THINGS / STILL LIFE
17 PLANTS / FLOWERS
18 ANIMALS / INSECTS / WILDLIFE

ADULT DIVISION: BLACK & WHITE
Class Category
21 THEME: IOWA COUNTY COURTHOUSES
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Want to visit some courthouses?

Need a resource to find the better ones?

Visit

<http://www.iowacourthouses.org/home.html>

Upcoming Events

LAPC Picnic & Photo Shoot

Saturday, July 18, 2009 – 5:00 p.m. – Noelridge Park, Cedar Rapids

Join us for our 2nd Annual LAPC picnic. We will be doing this at Noelridge Park in Cedar Rapids again this year. Meats and such will be provided by the club. Members are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert. No doubt that when we're done eating we will venture over to the flower garden for some great photo opportunities.

If all goes as planned, we will also have a photo shoot with Bob Compagna that same morning. Photo shoots with Bob are always both fun and educational. If you're not familiar with Bob and his work, you can visit his website at <http://www.abbecreekgallery.com>

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May 2009 Monthly Photo Contest Winners Theme: Night Photography

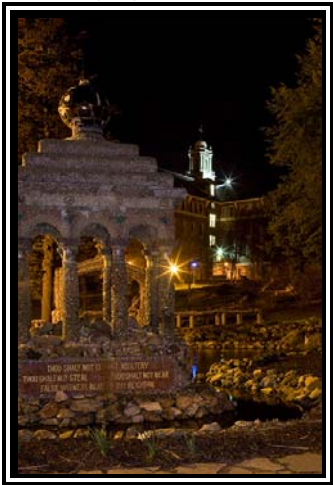


←- 1st Place – Rick Young



2nd Place – Steve Thompson ->

3rd Place (tie) – Bob Lancaster



3rd Place (tie) – Lynn Reihman



Contest Rules

Annual May and/or November Contest Rules

1. Competitors must be members of the Linn Area Photo Club and must have paid their dues.
2. Entries must be in print form. The seven (7) categories will be published in the newsletter.
3. Winning entries will receive an award... 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, and Honorable Mention... with a maximum of ten (10) awards given for each category. There will also be one award given as a Grand Prize for the winner of the overall contest, and may come from any category.
4. Each entry must be the original work of the competitor and must have been taken within the previous two (2) years.
5. Any photo that wins the Grand Prize, 1st Place, 2nd Place, or 3rd Place, in either the May or November contest, may never be submitted for any LAPC contest again.
6. Each competitor may submit one (1) photo in each of the six (6) primary categories. The Beginner category is reserved for members who have never won a contest.
7. Minimum print size is 5x7 inches. Maximum print size is 11x14 inches.
8. All prints must be mounted on rigid boards no larger than 11x14 inches. Prints may be matted, but it is not a requirement. Maximum 11x14 inch size includes matting, if applicable. Prints must **not** be framed.
9. All prints must have competitor's name and image title clearly printed on the back of the mount in the bottom right corner with a prominent arrow indicating the "up" orientation.
10. Members must be present to enter.
11. Nude photos are not eligible.

Monthly Contest Rules

1. Competitors must be members of the Linn Area Photo Club and must have paid their dues.
2. Entries must be in print form. There will be one (1) category which will be published in advance. Entries may be either color or black-and-white.
3. Three (3) winning entries will be selected. Only the 1st Place winner will receive a prize.
4. Each entry must be the original work of the competitor and must have been taken within the previous two (2) years, and cannot have been a prior contest winner.
5. Each competitor may submit up to two (2) photos in each monthly contest.
6. Minimum print size is 5x7 inches. Maximum print size is 11x14 inches.
7. All prints must be no larger than 11x14 inches. Prints may be mounted and matted, but it is not a requirement. Maximum 11x14 inch size includes matting, if applicable. Prints must **not** be framed.
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Remaining 2009 Meeting & Event Schedule

Date	Meeting Topic	Contest Theme	Refreshments	Where	Time:
June 2009					
Sun June 14	Matting demo by Logan Graphics	none	Doug Hoeger Kris Hoeger	Wickiup	1:30 pm
July 2009					
Sun July 12	**Photo Shoot & Picnic**	Panorama/anything goes	none	Noelridge Park	5:00 pm
August 2009					
Sun August 9	How to shoot motion	Color theme: Yellow	Cherie Flint (need a volunteer)	Wickiup	1:30 pm
September 2009					
Sun Sept 13	State photos/studio photograph	Motion	Steve Thompson Tim Wilcox	Wickiup	1:30 pm
September (late)	**Photo Shoot**	none	none	Palisades Park	4:00 pm
October 2009					
Sun Oct 11	Photo swap/TBD	Fall Colors	Bob Lancaster Rick Young	Wickiup	1:30 pm
November 2009					
Sun Nov 8	Annual Photo Contest Member Showcase	Annual Photo Contest	Pat Birkett-Roby Betty Johnson	Wickiup	1:30 pm
December 2009					
Date TBD	**Photo Shoot** Holiday Lights	none	none	TBD	4:00 pm

TBD = To Be Determined



Lake Michigan Sunset

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About the Linn Area Photo Club

The Linn Area Photo Club was established in November 2003 in order to bring together individuals in the greater Linn County, Iowa, area who are interested in acquiring and developing an appreciation of the art and techniques of photography. Dues are \$15 for renewals and \$20 for new memberships. Monthly meetings are normally held at 1:30pm the second Sunday of the month at Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center in Toddville. (See Calendar of Events for details) Club membership is open to photographers of all skill levels. Members participate in a variety of educational programs, field trips and photo shoots. There is an informal monthly theme contest and an annual club contest that drew over 90 entries in its first year. Members range from beginners to professionals and use both digital and traditional photographic technology. LAPC is a great place to meet and learn from other photo enthusiasts.

Contact Information

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Newsletter Information

Deadline for submissions to **The Focal Point** is the 25th of each month for the next month's newsletter. **The Focal Point** will be published on approximately the 1st day of each month.

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