

The Focal Point

Newsletter of the Linn Area Photo Club

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A Word from the President

The Cedar Rapids Gazette is once again sponsoring the annual "Call of the Colors" photo contest. The Gazette photo staff will select the top five photos submitted to be published in the newspaper on Thanksgiving Day... so let's have our club fill all five of the selected photos this year!

Get your camera out, and start taking some outstanding fall photos here in Eastern Iowa. The contest rules are pretty simple:

1. Category... Fall Colors
2. Photos must be of an Iowa scene
3. Entry deadline is Monday, Nov. 2
4. Send entries to photocontest@gazettecommunications.com
5. No more than three photos per person
6. Entries must be jpg files, 200 dpi and at least 8" wide
7. Online (digital) submissions only

In that spirit, this Sunday's LAPC meeting will support this goal. Our monthly photo contest theme is Fall Colors. This is your chance to bring in your photos and get some feedback so you can make some adjustment prior to your submission.

Go to <http://gazetteonline.com> for more details.

Speaking of this month's meeting, we are meeting out at Wickiup at 1:30 and our own Bob Randklev will be presenting to us "Raw" and "HDR". According to Wikipedia... *"HDR; High dynamic range imaging (or HDRI) is a set of techniques that allow a greater dynamic range of luminance's between light and dark areas of a scene than "normal" digital imaging techniques allow. This wider dynamic range allows HDR images to represent more accurately the wide range of intensity levels found in real scenes ranging from direct sunlight to faint starlight."*

In other words, some new digital software combined with some simple photo steps utilized at the time the photo is taken, allows photographers to produce a final photo that captures all the details of the dark areas of the scene (underexposed) as well as all the bright area of a scene (overexposed).

Likewise according to Wikipedia... *"Raw; A camera raw image file contains minimally processed data from the image sensor of either a digital camera, image or motion picture film scanner. Raw files are so named because they are not yet processed and therefore are not ready to be used with a bitmap graphics editor or printed. Normally, the image is processed by a raw converter in a wide-gamut internal colorspace where precise adjustments can be made before conversion to a "positive" file format such as TIFF or JPEG for storage, printing, or further manipulation, which often encodes the image in a device-dependent colorspace."*

Confused? So am I. Join us this Sunday and let Bob educate and show us on the big screen these great photographic tools!

Rick Young
President - LAPC

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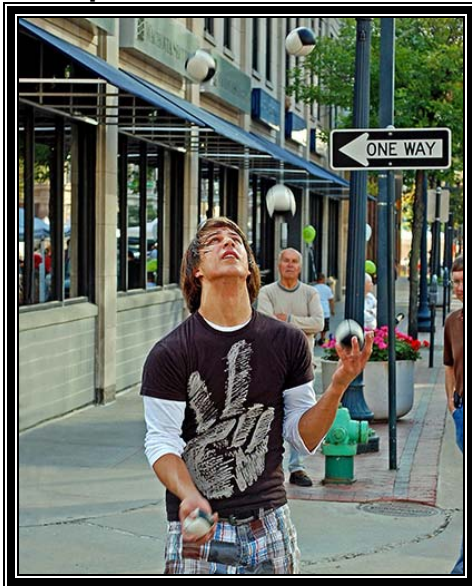


September Recap
Regular Meeting – September 13th

We had a field trip last month. Nina Scott of Mt Vernon was gracious enough to invite us into her portrait studio for a lengthy and in-depth presentation of portrait and studio photography. Nina was very patient and answered all of our questions, and even let out a secret or two. She had some very good work on display, and is a great example that one does not have to have “the latest and greatest” equipment to produce quality work.

It should be noted that our own Doug Shaffer made a very nice guinea pig... er, ummm... lighting model, and in all seriousness his willingness to assist helped get Nina’s point across very well.

September 2009 LAPC Monthly Photo Contest Winners (Theme: Motion)



1st Place

Photographer:

Steve Thompson



2nd Place – Allison Kamerling



3rd Place – Doug Shaffer

Upcoming Events

October Meeting - Sunday, October 11, 2009 – 1:30 p.m. - Wickiup

Our webmaster Bob Randklev will give a presentation on HDR. This is probably going to be a significant option in digital photography for years to come, so it is most certainly timely and worthwhile. No doubt you have seen the more “cartoonish” HDR attempts, but you’ve also probably seen some that were so well done that you just thought it was a well-exposed photograph. As with most any finishing process, it can be overdone, but it also can be an excellent compliment to finish off a good shot. Personally, I’m looking forward to it.



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Linn Area Photo Club Annual Photography Contest Sunday, November 8, 2009 – 1:30 p.m. - Wickiup

Got your photos ready yet? It’s that time of year again and it’s creeping up on us. Next thing you know Halloween will be a memory and you’ll be scurrying about looking for mounting supplies. The full rules are farther down in the newsletter, but I’ll repeat the seven categories here...

***People/Portraits - Nature/Landscape - Still Life - Anything Goes
Beginner - Plants/Flowers - Animals***



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Canon Explorer’s of Light Seminar & Photo Workshops Saturday, May 1, 2010 – Seminar Sunday, May 2, 2010 – Photo Workshops

Lewis Kemper from Canon will be leading both the seminar and the workshops. The Sunday program will include a morning workshop for advanced photographers, and an afternoon workshop for beginning photographers. Save the date(s)!!!

By-Laws Change

At last month's meeting, the By-Laws were amended by the LAPC members present as such.....

Previous language:

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

The officers of this Club shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers shall be elected, for a period of one year, from the membership in good standing. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer may not serve more than two terms consecutively in the same office.

Approved change:

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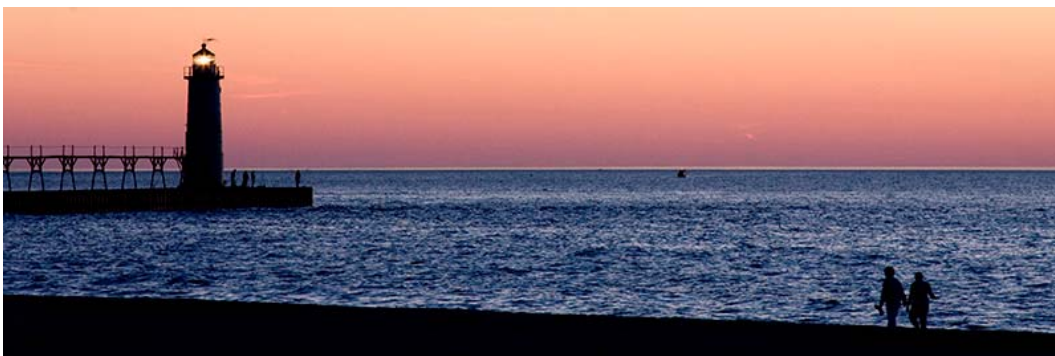


The section of our by-laws concerning how to amend the by-laws:

ARTICLE XIII-AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any member of the Executive Board.

1. A two thirds majority vote of at least a quorum of members present at any official meeting will ratify such amendment to the Constitution.
2. A special meeting may be called for this purpose provided the members are given seven days notice and an explanation of the meeting.
3. A proposed amendment may NOT be voted on at the meeting in which it was proposed, but shall be voted on not later than the second meeting following its submission.



© Ken Boardrow

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2009

Rick thanked Cherie Flint for the treats at the last meeting and Brian Ray for coming to our meeting and sharing his photos on motion.

Ken Boardrow will be our showcase photographer for the month of October. September theme contest is motion. October theme will be fall colors.

Reminder that November will be our annual photo contest. Porters agreed to sponsor the photo contest. Paul Adams from Porters has agreed to be our judge.

On October 3rd Linn Area Photo Club will offer a Fall Photo Shoot Class – David Chung has agreed to teach this class. October 11th club member Bob Randklev will discuss shooting RAW.

With elections in November, we needed review the by-laws. President can't serve more 2 years, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer can serve for more than two years. Gene Dupree moved motion and Robert Hill seconded. By laws were changed. Bob Lancaster will get the by-laws changed. If interested in running for an office please see Bob Lancaster, David Byrnes or Kris Hoeger.

Bring photos from State Fair to the next meeting.

Nina Scott was kind enough to share her studio with us and how she photographs her clients. She started out shooting weddings for fourteen years. She no longer shoots weddings. Doug Shaffer was kind enough to be her model, thank you Doug.

Nina picked out three honorable mention photos for motion – they were:

Doug Shaffer – Baseball; Tony Johnson – son on Bike; Rick Young – Marching Band

3rd Place – Doug Shaffer – Horse

2nd Place – Allison Kamerling - Swimmer

1st Place – Steve Thompson – Juggler juggling balls

Remaining 2009 Meeting & Event Schedule

Date	Meeting Topic	Contest Theme	Refreshments	Where	Time:
October 2009					
Sat Oct 3	Fall Colors photo shoot & class			Wickiup	10 am
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

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 by the October meeting.
2. Entries must be in print form. The seven (7) categories for the Annual Contest are:
**1) People/Portraits – 2) Nature/Landscape – 3) Still Life – 4) Anything Goes
5) Beginner – 6) Plants/Flowers – 7) Animals**
3. Winning entries for each category will receive an award for 1st Place, 2nd Place and 3rd Place. Honorable Mention certificates may also be awarded, up to a maximum of ten (10) awards given for each category. There will also be one award given as a Best of Show for the winner of the overall contest, and may come from any of the categories.
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 Best of Show, 1st Place, 2nd Place, or 3rd Place in any Annual 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 with LAPC or any external 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 cannot be framed.
9. All prints must have competitor's name and image title clearly printed on the back of the mount.
10. Members must be present to enter and receive an award.
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.
8. 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.
9. Members must be present to enter.
10. Nude photos are not eligible.



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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.

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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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