

The Focal Point

Official Newsletter of the Linn Area Photo Club

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A Word from the President

This week is one of the Club's best/biggest events of the year... an opportunity for our Club to shine and be a part of the art community. Hopefully all of you are signed up for the Canon *Explorers of Light* seminar. If not, get yourself and any of your friends/family who have an interest in photography signed up. This will be another great learning event sponsored by our Club!

Last month's photo contest was a lot of fun and I was very excited to see all the great photos and the creativity of the club members. I hope you enjoyed this photographic challenge as much as I did. I know I spent a lot of hours thinking about how I was going to attack this challenge and how I could incorporate my **RED BALL** into my "artistic vision". Great job by all of you who participated!

Next month's photo contest (May 16th) is **Architecture**. Architecture not only includes different structures (office buildings, bridges, smokestacks, homes, churches, etc.), but also includes several different points of view of such structures such as:.. doors, windows, fountains, stairs, ceilings, stained glass, to name a few. Get your cameras out and capture that perfect image.

Coming up in two short months are the entry deadlines for the 2010 State Fair... June 21st /June 27th. To help you prepare for this event, the June 13th club meeting's photo contest is the **Iowa Family Farm**. It is this year's State Fair special theme. Spring is a great time to shoot some farm pictures as the crops emerge and the flowers are blooming.

Go to the State Fair Photography Solon website and get the details at:

- <http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/pdfs/10photo-salon-theme.pdf>
- http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/pdfs/10premium_books/ifl/photography_rules_form.pdf

See you next month on May 1st and May 16th .

Rick Young

President – LAPC



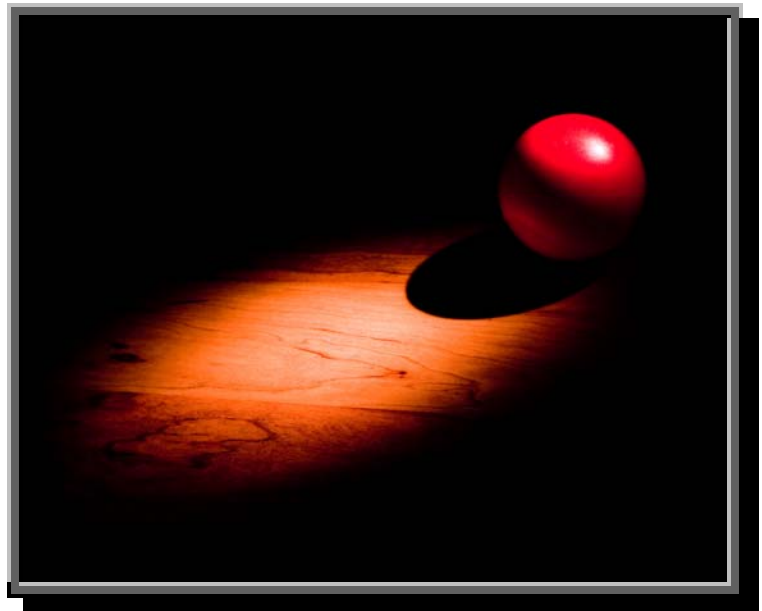
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April Meeting Recap
Regular Meeting – April 11, 2010
Monthly Contest Theme: The RED BALL

What can be said? We hit the road... met in an old school in another town many miles away... had no featured guest speaker... and we still have a great turnout!

The meeting itself was relatively short. Our President, Rick Young, went over some information from last month's meeting and some upcoming events. We judged the photo contest... The **RED BALL**... which proved to be an especially challenging and rewarding task. It was obvious that this one made people think, and it was just as obvious that everybody came through admirably.

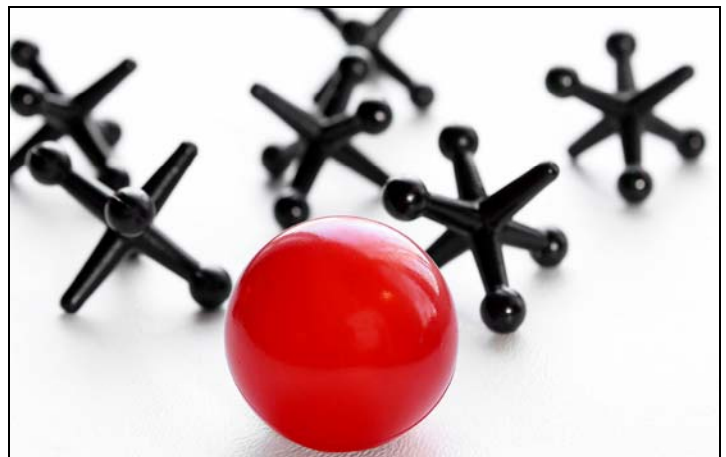
The winning photos are shown here, and it is nothing short of amazing the creativity that was displayed. Rick also brought forth several photos that he felt were noteworthy and discussed the concept of the contest in general. Don't be surprised to see another similar contest theme next year.



© Eric Tastad – 1st Place



© Cherie Flint - 2nd Place (tie)



© Rick Young – 2nd Place (tie)

April Meeting Recap (Continued)

In addition to the regular contest rules, the rules for this contest were pretty simple...

- 1) be creative and use the **Red Ball**(s) in your photograph with any type of photo... people, pets, landscape, flower, water, etc.
- 2) the **Red Ball**(s) can be photographed separately and incorporated into a photograph
- 3) the **Red Ball**(s) should be obvious in your photograph
- 4) If your creative idea involved the need for more than one red ball, you can incorporate up to three **Red Balls** in your photo.

Our April Showcase Photographer was Rae Lowenberg. Rae showed us a wide range of photos and discussed her primary interests and motivations, which included... macro, family, etc. Rae has been taking a photo a day this year as part of a "365 Project". From their website...

What is the 365 Project?

The 365 project aims to collect photos documenting 1 year of your life. We want to build a picture of the little day to day things that make your life so special and unique. Everyone can take part and join in! All you need is a camera.



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More details can be found at... <http://365project.org> . A couple sample photos from Rae can be seen at right.

After the fantastic snacks, we adjourned to the surrounding town of Mt. Vernon and Cornell College to go get some architectural shots. It was not unusual to see individuals and groups of photographers roving the streets with cameras and tripods. It was quite the sight to see.



© Rae Lowenberg



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May's Events

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



Lewis Kemper

It's here! If Linn Area Photo Club has a "Big Event"... if anything can be bigger than our Annual November Photo Contest, of course... then our Annual *Canon Explorer's of Light* Seminars and associated workshops are it. This year we will be entertained and educated by world-renowned photographer Lewis Kemper. The seminar will be split into two sessions on Saturday, May 1, 2010, and there will be two hands-on photography workshops... one for advanced photographers, and one for beginning photographers... on Sunday, May 2, 2010.

The seminar is free and will be held at Wickiup Outdoor Learning Center. There will be a catered box lunch available for \$8. The Sunday workshops are \$45 each, but as of the writing of this newsletter both workshops have already filled. There is a lot of excitement over both the seminar and workshops, and the workshops in particular will be worth every cent. If there's anything you want to learn, this is the place.

Seminar Topics will include:

- Getting the Most from Your Digital Camera
- Raw processing
- Correcting Exposure
- Correcting Color

Sponsors:

In addition to sponsoring and hosting by Linn Area Photo Club, this seminar is also sponsored by Porter's Camera and PhotoPro. Linn Area Photo Club would like to thank these two local businesses for not only helping sponsor this event, but also for their continued support of Linn Area Photo Club throughout its existence.

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May's Events (Continued)

May Meeting Regular Meeting – May 16, 2010 Monthly Photo Contest Theme: Architecture

Back indoors. Deviating from our normal 2nd Sunday of each month meeting schedule... can't compete with Mother's Day, ya know... our next regular meeting will be on Sunday, May 16th. Taking advantage of our recent photo shoot in Mt. Vernon, the contest theme is "Architecture".

Don't feel restricted to photos from only the last photo shoot, of course. You can enter any architectural-themed photo from anywhere in the world taken anytime as long as it meets the regular contest rules as noted elsewhere in this newsletter. Last month's newsletter also had a good "How to..." article about architectural photography with plenty of great examples.

Doug and Kris Hoeger will be our Showcase Photographers, and we are hoping to have a guest speaker from the *Iowa Academy of Creative Arts* to discuss histograms and the use of curves in Photoshop.

LAPC Member Websites

Paul Adams – Paul Adams Fotography
<http://www.adams-foto.com>

Ken Boardrow
Iowa Landscape Photography
<http://www.iowalandscapephotography.com>

Gary Hamer – Gary Hamer Nature Photography
<http://www.naturescapes.net/portfolios/portfolio.php?cat=10239>

Robert Allen Hill – RAllenHill Photography
<http://www.rallenhillphotography.com/rallenhill/Welcome.html>

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Bob Lancaster – Wildflowers Photography
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Bob Randklev – Bob Randklev Photography
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Lori Seals – Lori A. Seals Photography
<http://loriasealsphotography.zenfolio.com>

This, and past, issues of
The Focal Point can be found at
<http://linnareaphotoclub.org/category/newsletters>

Contest Rules

Monthly LAPC 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 LAPC contest winner.
5. Each competitor may submit up to two (2) photos in each monthly contest.
6. Minimum print size is 5"x7". Maximum print size is 11"x14".
7. All prints must be no larger than 11"x14". Prints may be mounted and matted, but it is not a requirement. Maximum 11"x14" 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 participate.
10. Nude photos are not eligible.

Annual LAPC Photography Contest Rules

1. Who may participate?
 - Any paid member, executive committee or board member, in good standing of LAPC (at time of judging).
 - Must be present to participate.
2. Entries must be the original work of the participant.
3. All entries must be no more than five (5) years old from time of photograph.
 - No prior LAPC winning photos (1st, 2nd, or 3rd Place) may be entered.
4. Entries must be prints no larger than 11"x14", to include outer measurement of mounting and/or matting, excluding panorama photos.
 - No framing or covering.
5. All entries must have competitor's name, category, title, and an arrow indicating up, clearly printed on the back lower right of the mount.
6. Print paper has no restriction. (i.e.; glossy, matte, metallic, canvas, etc.)
7. Photos shall be placed on a rigid board of a minimum 1/8" thickness.
8. No collages are permitted.
9. Number of photos that may be submitted:
 - Each member may enter up to two (2) photos per category, with a total contest limit of eight (8) photos.
 - A person may win up to two (2) times in any category.
10. Black and white photos may be entered into any category.
11. The same photo may not be entered into more than one (1) category.

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Contest Rules (Continued)

Annual November LAPC Photography Contest Rules (Continued)

12. "Best of Show" Award shall be selected from amongst the 1st Place winners in all categories (except Annual Club-Selected Theme category), and be awarded in addition to the 1st Place Award for that category.

13. No photo shall include anything deemed inappropriate by the Rules Committee. Any photo can be disqualified from the contest by the Rules Committee for not meeting any rule or requirement.

14. Judge(s) may award up to three (3) "Honorable Mention" Awards in any category.

15. Categories:

1. People and Portraits

- Defined as individuals or groups of people.

2. Black and White

- Any permissible subject is allowed.

3. Animals

- Domestic, captive, or wild (does not include insects – see Macro/Close-Up).
- Includes birds.

4. Landscape / Scenery

- Photos that focus on natural settings.

5. Macro / Close-Up

- Macro/Close-up of anything.
- Includes insects.

6. Architecture

- Photos where man-made permanent structures are the theme (i.e.; buildings, bridges, dams, architectural elements, etc.).

7. Panoramic

- Capture of images with elongated fields of view.

8. Computer Enhanced / Manipulated

- Anything obviously and overtly unnatural and manipulated in the computer and/or darkroom (i.e.; selective coloring, unnatural-looking HDR, etc.).

9. Anything Goes

- Images that do not fit any of the above categories.
- Does not include computer enhanced or panoramas.

10. Annual Club-Selected Theme

- Subject to be decided by LAPC members each year.
- To be judged as a "Member's Choice".
- One (1) vote per member (one chip).
- 1st Place only shall be awarded.
- Not eligible for "Best of Show" Award.
- Winner will receive one (1) year's paid membership to LAPC.

Meeting Minutes April 11, 2010 – by Cherie Flint

The April monthly meeting took place in the library at the old Middle School in Mt. Vernon. There were 34 club members in attendance. President, Rick Young opened the meeting by thanking Dave Johnson and Doug Hoeger of Photo Pro for the March presentation on Printing and Printers. Thanks to Bob Lancaster for sharing his photographs during the Photographer Showcase and Cherie Flint for the refreshments.

Bob Lancaster made several announcements in regard to upcoming events. Bob Lancaster talked about the Canon's Explorer of Light Seminar that LAPC is hosting on May 1st and 2nd at Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center. The free seminar is an all day event starting at 9:30 AM on May 1st, 2010. Lewis Kemper will presenting five hours of instruction with several breaks and a catered lunch will be available for \$8.00. There is still space available. Register and pay online. The Advanced workshop is full. At the time of the meeting there were 2 spaces available for the Beginners Workshop. The cost of the Workshop is \$45.00. Registration and payment for the workshop is available online. The final details on the Outdoor Field workshops are still being finalized. Participants will be sent an email detailing the time and location to meet.



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Friday April 30th at 6 :00 pm, volunteers will be setting up for the seminar. LAPC wants encourage all LAPC members to drop off your best photographic work to be displayed at Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center during the Canon's Explorers of Light seminar with Lewis Kemper. The image(s) must be framed, maybe matted, and ready to be hung with a wire hanger so that they can be placed on the walls and on tables around the classrooms. The only requirement is that the image(s) must have been a winning entry in any photo contest; i.e. LAPC's, city, county, state or national contests.

LAPC hats are in and were available for purchase for \$11.00 at the monthly meeting. Extra hats were ordered so if you are still interested in purchasing a LAPC hat see Bob Lancaster.

Photographs that were on display in March at Barnes and Noble can be picked up from Bob Lancaster.

Meeting Minutes *(Continued)*

Upcoming Meetings:

- May 1, 2010-Canon's Explorer's of Light Seminar with Lewis Kemper at Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center starting at 9:30 AM. Register online at www.linnareaphotoclub.org.
- May 2, 2010-Outdoor Field Workshops with Lewis Kemper.
- May 16th, 2010- LAPC monthly meeting at Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center at 1:30 PM. Rick is working with Kevin from the Iowa Academy of Creative Arts as a possible quest speaker to discuss histograms and Curves used in Photoshop.

Upcoming Monthly Contests:

- May-Architecture
- June-Iowa Family Farm

Upcoming Monthly Showcase Photographers:

- May-Doug and Kris Hoeger
- June-Lori Seals
- July-??? (volunteers are needed)

Rae Lowenberg was the April Showcase Photographer. Her images focused on Macro photography. This year she has been developing her photography skills by participating in 365 Project. This is a photo blog site that encourages members to capture photographs documenting 1 year of your life. For information, Rae encourages members go to <http://365project.org>.

Rick finished the meeting by notifying club members about a possible event in the Black Hills with guest speaker George Lepp. 2010 Black Hills Photo shoot out will be on September 17-19th in the Custer State Park, Mt. Rushmore National Monument, Crazy Horse Memorial and surrounding areas. For more details go to www.bhsu.edu/blackhillsphotoshootout.

The meeting was concluded to allow club members to explore downtown Mt. Vernon, Cornell College and surrounding areas. It gave club members an opportunity to take some photographs of the Architecture of the area and prepare for the May monthly contest.

2010 Meeting & Event Schedule

- Saturday/Sunday, May 1-2 – Canon Explorer's of Light Seminar & Workshops
- Sunday, May 16 – Contest Theme: Architecture
- Sunday, June 13 – Contest Theme: Iowa Family Farm
- Sunday, July 11 – Contest Theme: Macro
- Sunday, August 8 – Contest Theme: People/Portraits – Club Picnic
- Sunday, September 12 – Photo Shoot
- Sunday, September ?? – Contest Theme: Insects/Birds
- Sunday, October 10 – Contest Theme: Fall Colors – Photo Shoot
- Sunday, November 14 – Annual LAPC Photo Contest
- Sunday, December 13 – Holiday Photo Shoot



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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 \$20 for renewals and \$25 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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