



Linn Area PHOTO CLUB

2023 JANUARY 2023

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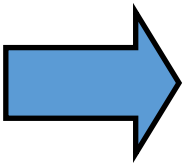
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JANUARY MEETING RECAP

Due to a scheduling conflict our meeting was at the Hiawatha Public Library. Their TV viewing screen for Radim Schreiber's Firefly slideshow provided quality visuals of his images.

Attendance: 22

We're excited about our opportunity to exhibit a gallery during Indian Creek Nature Center's Maple Syrup Festival. Informational handouts were provided at the meeting followed up by an email to the membership providing the same information. Check them for full details.



DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE.

Digital image entries for Indian Creek Nature Center gallery of native Eastern Iowa images will be accepted until January 23. Submit to:

LAPCcommunications@gmail.com

Patti Samson, Contest Committee Chair announced the 2023 Monthly Contest Topics

Monthly Contest Rules and Topics can be found on our website > menu > monthly contest

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| JAN - Christmas or Winter Holiday Decoration | MAY - Sunrise/Sunset State Fair Theme | SEP - Close Up |
| FEB - Outdoor Winter Scene | JUN - Unusual Point of View | OCT - Use of Color |
| MAR - Curves | JUL - Patterns in Nature | NOV - Annual Contest Club Theme - Reflections |
| APR - Abandon Buildings | AUG - Roadscapes | DEC - No Meeting |



January Contest Winners | Holiday or Christmas Decoration

1st: Steve Thompson | 2nd: Patti Sampson | 3rd: Connie Wedemeier

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LINN AREA PHOTO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

President Ron Gunther welcomed new members:

Mike Louviere

Jeremiah Fields

Malinda Finley (considering joining)

It was mentioned that there are a variety of small photo clubs that meet at area coffee shops. One example mentioned takes place at: Stillwater Coffee, hosted by Justin Tedford 2nd Saturdays 9-11. These gatherings provide an opportunity, in a small group setting, to share photos, receive feedback etc.

Guest speaker: Radim Schreiber

Internationally renowned photographer from Fairfield, IA, whose professional photographic journey began approximately eight years ago. He travels worldwide to capture fireflies in their natural habitats. His presentation provided incredible insight into that unique world as he presented a slideshow of amazingly beautiful photos and videos featuring fireflies. To see his works visit: fireflyexperience.org

Radim explained multiple different processes used to create the masterpieces, some individual shots, time lapsed, super imposed. He tries to evoke his personal feelings, in seeing the experience firsthand, within his artwork.

He also spoke about the unique opportunity that the Covid-10 pandemic provided, allowing more free time and uniquely dark skies with less plane travel.

Radim encourages members to reach out to him with any questions you may have. His presentation was well received by all!

Communication Chairperson:

Connie Wedemeier presented two newly created logo ideas for club members to vote on. The new logo will be used on all communications, for consistency and visual recognition. Connie mentioned that the board is creating a photo release for club members to sign to allow photos to be used in a public format, such as on the website, Facebook featuring photo contest winners etc. Logo A received 4 votes. Logo B received 18 votes.

A



B



Photo Contest Chairperson:

Patti Sampson spoke about the themes for the contest for this meeting, as well as subsequent meetings throughout the year. See club website for complete listing. The photo contest winners for this meeting were as follows:

- 1st Place-Steve Thompson
- 2nd Place-Patti Sampson
- 3rd Place-Connie Wedemeier

President Report:

Ron Ginther introduced Linda Hay as the new secretary for the club, as elected secretary, for various reasons, needed to relinquish the position.

Ron mentioned that the club is in need of an Activity Chairperson that would bring fresh ideas that would provide community exposure and photo opportunities for club members. He mentioned that he contacted Sarah Botkin, the event coordinator for Indian Creek Nature Center, to arrange for a photo exhibit for club members. The exhibit will be on display during the months of March and April, in 2023. This opportunity allows great community exposure for the club, as well as the opportunity for members to have their photos in an art exhibit. Connie Wedemeier outlined the guidelines for the exhibit and stated that members will receive detailed information in an e-mail format.

Treasurer report:

Keith Sutherland presented the Treasurers report. Last year's expenditures were greater than previous years due to technology needs. He provided a paper copy for members to peruse during the meeting. The balance of the club account is: \$4,400.

Membership Committee:

Pam Olson shared information regarding new member online applications, procedures for sign in and name tags during club meetings.

Program Chairperson:

Pam Olson is the acting program chair currently but put out a request for another member to take the lead with this committee. Pam has served as the chair for a while, and would like to step down, feeling that a new committee chairperson could offer a new perspective and fresh ideas. Ron mentioned that Photographer Kim Pagel may be willing to do a presentation at a future meeting.

Please contact Ron if you are interested in becoming the chairperson.

Next meeting Sunday, February 12 at IBEW Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda Hay

Linn Area Photo Club Secretary

Up Coming Events

Speaker Kip Ladage

[IBEW Hall](#)

1211 Wiley Blvd SW

Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

United States

Sunday, February 12, 2023 / 1:30 PM-4:00 PM

Kip Ladage from Tripoli, IA, will present February's program on **Photography as Therapy**.

Self-taught wildlife/outdoor photographer Kip Ladage will share images and stories describing how he uses photography as a form of therapy. As we all face stressors in life, it is important to take care of ourselves. For Kip, photography has been the answer. Join us for photos, stories, and discussions! Kip is the Coordinator of Bremer Co. Emergency Management. See some of his work here. Find him on Instagram also.

<https://www.ladagephotography.com/>

The monthly contest theme is Outdoor Winter Scene. Images may be either color or B&W.

Speaker: Mark Oehler

[Hiawatha Public Library](#)

150 W Willman St

Marion, IA 52233

United States

Sunday, March 12, 2023 / 1:30 PM-4:00 PM

Former member and studio photographer Mark Oehler will return with a presentation on Water Drop photography.

<https://www.miops.com/pages/water-drop-photography>

The monthly contest for March is Curves.