



Snapshot & Snippets

February 2023

Website: linnareaphotoclub.org

Public: www.facebook.com/LinnAreaPhotoClub

Member only: www.facebook.com/groups/lapconnections

President Ron Ginther | V. President Kerry Lawrence | Secretary Linda Hay
Treasurer Keith Sutherland | Activities Chair Vacant
Communications Chair Connie Wedemeier | Contest Chair Patti Sampson
Membership Chair Pam Olson | Program Chair Vacant

Up Coming Event

Sunday, March 12, 2023

1:30 PM-4:00 PM

(TEMPORARY LOCATION FOR MARCH ONLY)

Hiawatha Public Library

150 W Willman St

Marion, IA 52233

Speaker: Mark Oehler

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

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

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



February Photo Contest: Winter Scene

1st Place:
Connie Wedemeier

2nd Place Tie:
Joyce Schoon

3rd Place:
Steve Thompson
Mike Louviere

FEBRUARY RECAP

Speaker Kip Ladage captured the audience with life events that led him to nature photography as a way to provide a balance and outlet from the job related stress as an Emergency Management Co-Ordinator. His nature photos and knowledge of the subjects was impressive. If you missed the presentation, you can view it in our Facebook Connections - Members Only group.

Monthly Meeting Attendance: 30

Up Coming Events

Indian Creek Nature Center Exhibition

We're excited about our opportunity to exhibit a gallery during Indian Creek Nature Center's 40th Maple Syrup Festival on March 25 - 26. The exhibit can be viewed on non-festival days free of charge through the end of April. Nineteen entries were chosen from over 60 entries that were received. Ron Ginther, Patti Sampson and Esther Bartels were able to judge the images online using Google Drive. Chosen 11 x14 prints must be turned in to Ron Ginther no later than our March 12 meeting.

April Club Meeting, Sunday, April 2 at IBEW

1st Sunday due to Easter

Club Meeting Activity - to be determined

May Club Meeting, Sunday, May 7 at IBEW

1st Sunday due to Mother's Day

Speaker Kim Pagel - Photographing Birds in Iowa

2023 Meeting Dates

June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8 and November 19 (3rd Sunday)

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LINN AREA PHOTO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Club President, Ron Ginther, welcomed a visitor to the meeting. Ron introduced the speaker.

Guest speaker: Kip Ladage

Kip's love of photography morphed out of his desire to find a hobby to enjoy during his time off from work as an emergency response team member. The job involves a daily dose of traumatic experiences, and he needed an outlet to bring peace to his life. His job is extremely stressful and difficult at times, so he pursued his new-found passion as a means of finding balance in his life. Covid-19 pandemic brought seclusion, as he cared for his mother's whose immune system was compromised. Unable to be engaged in social activities, so he used this time to spend time in nature. Photography is a therapeutic outlet to remain on an even keel. Eighteen years ago he began a self-appointed task of posting one photo a day on the internet, mostly of birds. It forces him to go out and about and stay on an even keel. His slide presentation offered a WEALTH of fabulous photographs capturing nature's creatures, and beautiful delights. His presentation seemed to be enjoyed by all.

President Report: Ron Gunther

Ron spoke about the upcoming Indian Creek LAPC photo display.

Communication Chairperson: Connie Wedemeier

Connie continued on regarding the photo display as she was a part of the committee that selected the images. It was a three tiered judging process, and the photographer that submitted the photos remained anonymous, so judging would be completely impartial. 62 images were submitted and 19 were chosen. The selected photos should be brought to the March LAPC meeting, so they will be able to be placed in the Indian Creek Nature Center in a timely manner. If you are unable to attend the March meeting, please make different arrangements.

Photo Contest Chairperson: Patti Sampson

Patti Sampson spoke about the themes for the contest for this meeting, as well as subsequent meetings throughout the year. Cards have been made for members to take that highlight the monthly contest themes. The complete listing is available on the website as well.

The photo contest winners for this meeting were as follows:

1st Place: Connie Wedemeier

2nd Place: Joy Schoon

3rd Place: (tie) Steve Thompson and Mike Louviere

Treasurer report: Keith Sutherland

Keith stated that the current balance for the club's account is \$4,432. Club members are encouraged to recruit more members, as the club membership numbers have dropped dramatically. More club members are needed or perhaps future consideration may be needed to increase membership fees to sustain club operational expenses.

Membership Committee: Pam Olson

Pam shared information about the new photo release form that members are asked to sign. In addition, the board members are trying to gauge the opinions of meeting attendees, so a chip system is being used to ask members to silently express their thoughts on the meeting.

The next LAPC meeting will take place on March 12th at the Hiawatha Library, The speaker will be Mark Oehler. His presentation will feature waterdrop photography.

The club is still in need of an activity chairperson, please contact Ron if you are interested in becoming the chairperson.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda Hay

Linn Area Photo Club Secretary