

The Focal Point

Official Newsletter of the
LINN AREA PHOTO CLUB
June 2013 - Vol. 10, No. 6

4th of July Photos Wanted

The July newsletter will have a page or two where we will showcase club member's patriot-themed and 4th of July-themed photos. Flags, parades, fireworks, patriotic themes, and so on... anything that fits the bill. They can be the same photos you enter in the monthly contest, or they don't have to be. Your choice. The monthly contest winners will be published in the August newsletter, as usual.

Several people have already responded, and I am excited at the quality of photos that have been submitted thus far. This will be a fantastic layout for our members!

Please e-mail any photos you would like to share as a *.jpg file to newsletter@linnareaphotoclub.org. Be sure to include the photo as an attachment, and do not embed the photo in the e-mail.

Annual Contest Club-Selected Theme

The time has come for the club to vote for the "club-selected" theme category at this month's meeting. Last year's election process proved to be too long and too unwieldy, so we're going to tighten it up a bit. Basically, we will...

- Take a maximum of 5 nominations from the floor,
- Past categories are not eligible,
- Vote

Past categories... 2010: Food, 2011: Reflections, 2012: Country Roads.

Newsletter Editor Wanted

I have decided to step down as Newsletter Editor. Search criteria has yet to be determined. I will be doing the Newsletter through to the August newsletter. Anyone interested should be ready to take over in September and stay tuned for further information.

May 2013 Recap

Thanks... yet again... to our Secretary, Cherie Flint!

Regular Meeting
Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center, Toddville IA
Sunday, May 19, 2013
Monthly Contest Theme: "Green"



The May meeting took place at Wickiup Learning Center on May 19th, 2013. There were 35 people in attendance. President, Tim McAdam started the meeting by welcoming new members and visitors. The following people introduced themselves as new members:

- Mary Disterhoff uses a Canon point and shoot camera. She enjoys photographing nature and is learning to shoot portraits.

Monthly Photo Contest

The contest theme was "Green". There were a total of 18 entries.

- 1st place (tie): Steve Thompson
- 1st place (tie): Nicole Dernelle-Ruhlow
- 1st place (tie): Lynn Reihman
- 2nd place: Darren Swartzendruber
- 3rd place: Darren Swartzendruber



© Lynn Reihman, 1st Place (tie)

Showcase Photographer

Darren Swartzendruber was the May Showcase Photographer. Darren has been shooting for about 3 years and have been a member of the Linn Area Photo club for 2 ½ years. He uses a Canon T2i. His favorite lenses are the 250 mm kit lens and a Canon 300 mm lens.

Darren shared with club members images he has taken at airshows. He enjoys taking action photography and shared images of sporting events, birds in flight including eagles and seagulls from Lock and Dam 14, butterflies, large cats taken at Niabi Zoo. He also shared images taken from the Civil War reenactment at Ushers Ferry.



© Steve Thompson,
1st Place (tie)

Monthly Club Discussion (Ask the Expert)

This year during the meeting, membership will have an opportunity to open a discussion on questions; they have about their photography, equipment and photo editing software. The goal is to open up the learning environments where members can learn from each other and develop their photography.

During Darren's presentation, he showed a picture of a humming bird that he had taken with a dark background. A question arose about how that image was captured. The image was taken using the ambient evening light and in the shade. Flashed were placed in front of the subject and the darker background was further way from the subject. Darren also suggested using the highest shutter speed on your camera.

Monthly Presentation

Club member, Mark Oehler discussed the importance registering your photograph with the US Copyright office. By filing for a copyright it gives the photographer the right to file a law suit, place injunctions on images that have been used without permission, and try and collect payment from bad debt.



Photographers can file a collection of images for \$35.00 per collection. You need to keep your published images in a separate collection from your unpublished images. If you have images on a Flickr site those are considered published. For more information on copyright guidelines and how to register, go to <http://copyright.gov/>.

Mark also discussed when it is important to get a model release. Model releases are needed when you are using an image of a person or property for profit. It is recommended that you always have a release from with you and to keep them forever. Mark has gone as far as having spiral bound note book made that has duplicates made of what the model has signed. He carries the notebook with him to every photo location.

For more information, Mark recommends a book by Edward C Greenberg called The Professional Photographer Survival Manual.

Upcoming Meetings

Regular Meeting
Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center, Toddville IA
Sunday, June 9, 2013 – 1:30 pm
Monthly Contest Theme: "Hope"

2013 Monthly Contest Themes

Month	Topic	Month	Topic
January	Red	July	Red, White & Blue
February	Orange	August	Indigo/Violet
March	Family/Love	September	Anticipation
April	Yellow	October	Fairs/Carnivals
May	Green	November Annual Contest	Club-Selected Theme (TBD)
June	Hope	December	Cookies

Photo Opportunities

What: Cedar Amateur Astronomers – Public Observation Night
Where: Eastern Iowa Observatory and Learning Center
 1365 Ivanhoe Road, Ely IA 52227
When: Saturday, June 8, 2013 – 9:00 pm

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Where: Eastern Iowa Observatory and Learning Center
 1365 Ivanhoe Road, Ely IA 52227
When: Saturday, June 15, 2013 – 8:30 pm

What: Sports Photography at the Kernels with PhotoPro
Where: Veterans Memorial Stadium
 950 Rockford Road SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404
When: Saturday, June 15, 2013 – 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Cost & Info:

- \$50.00 per Participant (Participants receive \$50.00 in Lab Loot)
- \$25.00 per non-participant
- Free per non-participant 5 years old and younger

Learn tips and tricks for better sports & fireworks photography. Canon & Nikon bodies and lenses will be available to check out. All you can eat during the game. Concert and fireworks will follow the game. To register, call 319-395-9121.



What: Civil War Reenactment
Where: Seminole Valley Farm Museum
 1400 Seminole Valley Rd NE, Cedar Rapids
When: Saturday, July 13, 2013 – 9am to 4pm
 Sunday, July 14, 2013 – 9am to 3pm

Cost & Info: Cost: \$5.00 per person, 12 years and younger free. For more information go to website
<http://www.seminolevalleyfarmmuseum.net/id14.html>



Misc. Upcoming Educational Photography Events

What: Coggon Harvest Home Photo Show and Contest
Where: Coggon Center (former Coggon School), Coggon IA
When: Friday, June 14, 2013 – 8pm to 10pm
Saturday, June 15, 2013 – 3pm to 10pm
Cost & Info: For more information go to website:
http://www.coggonharvesthome.com/photo_contest.htm or contact Doug Shaffer at 319-361-888 or email: Doug-r-shaffer@hotmail.com
Photography Classes

1. Black and white (any subject)
2. Railroad subjects (trains, bridges, etc. including Coggon's curved railroad bridge)
3. Nature (flowers, trees, birds, non-domesticated animals etc.)
4. Close up or Macro
5. Open (may be framed)

What: Rocky Mountain School of Photography Basic Photography
Where: Best Western Plus Longbranch Hotel
90 Twixt Town Road, Cedar Rapids IA 52402
When: July 15th - July 21st, 2013
Info: Cost: \$995.00. www.rmsp.com/Workshops/WorkshopContent.aspx?wid=272&prog=7

What: Rocky Mountain School of Photography Lightroom for Photographers
Where: Best Western Plus Longbranch Hotel
90 Twixt Town Road, Cedar Rapids IA 52402
When: July 25th - July 28th, 2013
Info: Cost: \$995.00. www.rmsp.com/Workshops/WorkshopContent.aspx?wid=272&prog=7

What: Photo Exhibit
Where: Coggon Wine, Music, and More
Downtown Coggon IA
When: Saturday, September 28, 2013 – 5pm to 9pm
Info: If interested in participating, please contact club member Doug Shaffer at email address: Doug-r-shaffer@hotmail.com



Monthly Contest Rules

1. **Eligibility:**
 - a) Competitors must be members in good standing of Linn Area Photo Club (LAPC), and have paid their dues (at time of judging).
 - b) Must be present during contest to participate
2. **Entry format:**
 - a) Entries must be in print form only.
 - b) No restriction regarding print paper. Glossy, matte, metallic, canvas, etc., are all acceptable.
 - c) Entries may be either color or black & white.
 - d) Entries must be the original work of the competitor, and must have been taken within two (2) years .
 - e) Entries cannot have been a previous LAPC Monthly or Annual Contest winner.
 - f) Minimum size: 8"x10". Maximum size" 11"x14" (including matting, if applicable)
 - g) Entries may be mounted, but it is not a requirement.
 - h) Matting is optional.
 - i) Entries can NOT be framed or include any type of covering.
 - j) All entries must have the competitor's name, image title, and an arrow indicating the "up" orientation on the back in the lower right-hand corner. Information must be legible.
 - k) Entrant's name, photo title, date, and any other text cannot appear on the front of the photo.
 - l) No collages.
 - m) Any photo may be disqualified by the Contest Rules Committee if deemed inappropriate and/or not meeting any rule or requirement
 - n) Nude photos are not eligible.
3. **Entries, Prizes, & Judging:**
 - a) Each competitor may submit up to two (2) photos in each monthly contest.
 - b) Three (3) winning entries (1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place) will be selected.
 - c) Only the First Place winner will receive a prize.
 - d) Contest will be judged by a vote of LAPC members.

About the Linn Area Photo Club

The Linn Area Photo Club (LAPC) 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 \$25 for new memberships and renewals. Monthly meetings are normally held at 1:30pm on the second Sunday of the month at Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center in Toddville, Iowa. (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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2013 LAPC Elected Officers

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