

  
**Linn Area**  
**PHOTO CLUB**  
**MARCH 2024**

2024#04

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**APRIL 14TH CLUB MEETING**  
**SPEAKER LISA BERGMANN-SMITHEY**

**COMPOSITION**



Composition is the cornerstone of any art form. Knowing how to combine elements in an image - what to put in, what to leave out, learning the basic rules of composition and when to use them, when to break them, when to ignore them, and photographing with intention are integral pieces of the compositional process. In this presentation, we'll chat about the Previsualization/Compositional process, and ways to make your images more dynamic.

Lisa Bergmann-Smithey is a commercial and fine art photographer originally from New York and Los Angeles, now based in Iowa. She studied at the Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, California, with continuing studies at UC Santa Barbara, and UCLA. A dedicated teacher, mentor and lifelong learner herself, she believes in the power of continuing education. She has been a professional photographer and instructor for more than 30 years, and has taught all ages and levels of photography.

**MAY 5TH CLUB MEETING**  
**SPEAKER KEVIN RAILSBACK**

**Notice: 1 week early due to Mother's Day**

Kevin anticipates showing us behind the scenes activity of recent travel excursion to view birds and butterflies.

He is an Emmy nominated filmmaker and photographer and has traveled as far as Africa to test HD cameras for Panasonic. His stunning nature and wildlife footage has appeared in productions on National Geographic, Animal Planet, Discovery Channel as well as in commercials for such corporate giants as AT&T. The cool thing is Kevin lives in the CEDAR RAPIDS area and is a member of LAPC! Mark your calendar for May 5!

## MONTHLY CONTEST WINNERS



**“UNTITLED” © GARY SIEGLE**



**“SCATTERED SHOWERS” © MARY HOWES**



**“SPRING STORM” © DEAN TRAVER**



Weather  
March 2024

1st: Gary Siegle  
2nd: Mary Howes  
3rd: Dean Traver

## JOIN MCKENNA FOR LIVE WEBINARS EVERY MONTH

### A Photographer's Critique Thursday, April 4 at 1 p.m. CST

In this workshop, our Photography Specialist, Eric Garcia-March will critique, analyze, and assess your composition, concept, contrast, and lighting of your photographs.

### How Accurate is Your Color? Friday, April 26 at 1 p.m. CST

We will walk you through calibrating a monitor, shooting with standardized color checkers, and converting color profiles. You will learn how to accurately manage your color and achieve repeatable results.

### Photoshop Made Easy: Blending Modes, Layers & Masks

In this workshop, Eric Garcia-March will dive deeper into the exciting world of adjustment layers, blending modes, masks, and opacities. Enhance your editing techniques with these key Photoshop tools.

Tuesday, May 14 at 11 a.m. CST

Reserve a spot on this web page:

<https://mckennapro.com/coaching/?>

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If you sign-up and miss a session, all registered attendees will receive a link to the recorded webinar.

## MCKENNA ONE-ON-ONE TRAINING

Schedule a 45 minute time slot to Chat With Eric Garcia-March. They are live Zoom session where both parties can share screens if desired.

Categories in Camera Support, Lighting, Color Calibration, Data & Files, Photoshop & Edit, and Photo Critique

There has been significant success of Eric's coaching service. To maintain McKenna's high-quality level of service and to allow room to help many photographers, please limit sign-ups to one time slot per week.

The McKenna web link above also provides more detailed information about the training

**IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING???? THERE IS NO CHARGE!!!**

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

March 31st is fast approaching. The membership roster with current 2024 dues will be updated along with access to Members Only website pages and LAPC Connections - Members Only Facebook. If your dues are current THANK YOU! Welcome to the remainder of 2024 activities!

## ANNUAL CONTEST IMAGES



“Getting Up With the Sun” Keith Sutherland

We’re requesting digital images of the talented entries in the 2023 Annual Photo Contest. They’ll be displayed on our website. Only three in each category received top honors, but there were many deserving photos. We’re accepting ANY image that was submitted.

Email images to [lapccommunications@gmail.com](mailto:lapccommunications@gmail.com)

*Please use the guidelines for preparing your image files for emailing. Guidelines available here: [linnareaphotoclub.org/resize-images](http://linnareaphotoclub.org/resize-images)*

## IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION CALENDAR

In a separate attachment you will find a document with guidelines for submitting photos for the annual wall calendar featuring photos of Iowa’s natural areas from local photographers.

## SOLAR CAMERA FILTER

A club email was sent on March 17 sharing Kerry Lawrence's DIY solar camera filter. It is located on our Members Only web pages:

[linnareaphotoclub.org/solar-filter](http://linnareaphotoclub.org/solar-filter)

Kerry's Camera Info:

- Canon T3, with a cropped sensor.

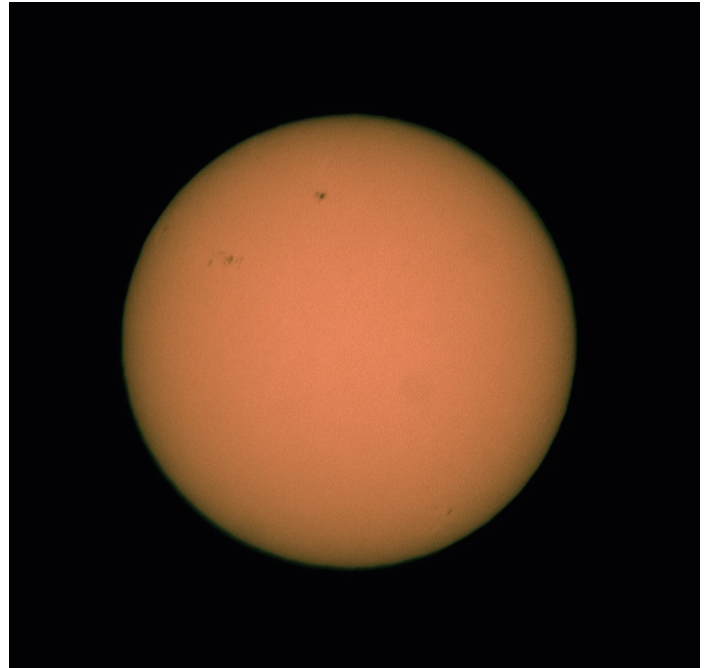
Lens:

- Canon 70-200mm, with 2x extender. ( makes a 400mm lens )

Settings:

- f5.6
- ISO 400
- Shutter 1/750

( Kerry used an ISO of 400 so I could use a higher shutter speed of 1/750. Here are the results..... it seems to work very well. (Decent amount of Sun

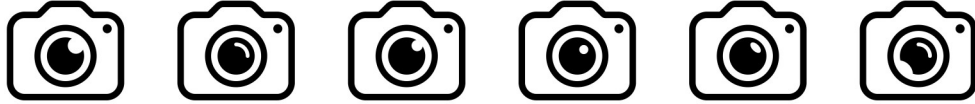


Gary Siegle put the info to use, made a filter and tested it. Here's a pic of the results using the home made filter:

- f/10
- ISO 1000
- Shutter 1/320



## COMING IN APRIL



Canon | Fuji | iPhone | Kodak | Nikon | Olympus

Every photographer has their own unique perspective, and part of that perspective is shaped by the tools they use. Each piece of equipment brings its own strengths and quirks to the creative process. But what if you could tap into the collective knowledge of your fellow club members who wield the same camera as you? Imagine the wealth of insights, tips, and tricks waiting to be discovered. That's precisely the aim of our new initiative – to facilitate connections between members who share the same type of camera. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or a newcomer to the world of photography, everyone has something valuable to contribute and learn. In April we'll share camera information from the membership applications to inspire community between members who share similar cameras.

A summary will also be shared of what club members find most desirable for club activities.

## IOWA STATE FAIR

Rules for photo entries at the Iowa State Fair are scheduled to be posted on their website in April. The 2024 theme is Leading Lines.

## PHOTO OPS

Lots of new photo opportunities are posted on our website. If you know of local events that you think others would enjoy, please send info to [lapccommunications@gmail.com](mailto:lapccommunications@gmail.com) and they will be included on our public website.

## PASSWORD

Members Only Web Pages Reminder: the current password *lapcbuild* is only effective through March 31. The membership roster will be updated after that date with 2024 paid memberships. Watch for an email providing a new password.

## 2024 CONTEST THEMES

**January - Happiness**

**February - Rule of Odds**

**March - Weather (Rain/Sleet/Snow)**

**April - Furry Friends**

**May - Leading Lines (State Fair Theme)**

**June - Barns**

**July - Worms Eye View**

**August - Windows, Doors, Gates**

**September - Water**

**October - Black & White**

**November - Transportation**

**December - No Meeting**