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TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY?

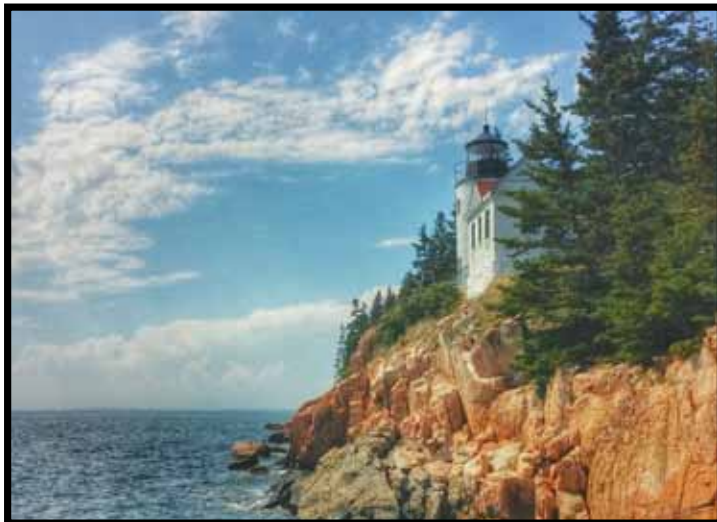
This summer, our family vacation was one of many on my photography bucket list. We pulled our camper to the very old Quebec City, relaxing Prince Edward Island, the beautiful Nova Scotia, the ever changing Bay of Fundy and the well known Acadia National Park. We had 4 days in each location, being gone for just under 4 weeks.

I had researched all the places I wanted to hit. And each and every time we got to one of these places, and I was exploring with my lens, never failed, within 15 minutes of arriving the litany of complaints began from both my kids and even my husband:

“Are you done yet?” * “Can we go yet?” * “I’m hungry” * “You’ve taken enough pictures”

I lost track of the number of times I thought to myself – how nice it would be to travel once a year with other LAPC members.

So, I’m curious. Who else would be interested? If you are interested, print this page out, fill out the below and bring it to the next LAPC and give it to me – Amy Mueggenberg – LAPC Activity Officer.



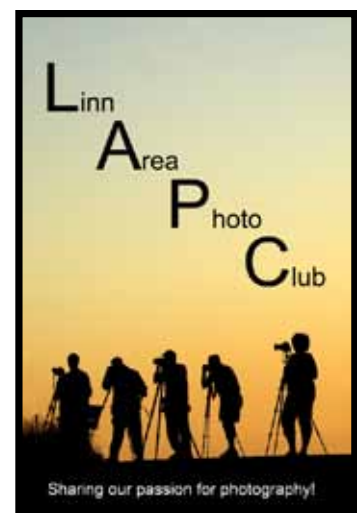
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LAPC potential travel interest questionnaire.

Please only fill this out only IF you would be actually seriously interested in traveling with a group of other photographers from LAPC.

Name _____

Give me 8 contiguous US destinations (the lower 48 states) you would love to travel to with other photographers from LAPC? Be specific. Don't just give me a city/state. Tell me exactly where you'd want us to go.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
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- 6.
- 7.
- 8.



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Just for kicks, give me 2 non-contiguous US locations (Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, International) you'd like to travel to with a group like this.

1.

2.

Anything else you want to tell me on this topic?



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UPCOMING PHOTOSHOOTS



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What: Clean motorcycles

When: Sunday November 20th, 2:30 to 4:30

Where: National Motorcycle Museum, 102 Chamber Dr, Anamosa, IA

The National Motorcycle Museum has been on our wish list for the last 2 year!

Note: We do have to pay the group rate of \$8 per person. You can pay your admission at the door when you arrive.

Tripods are allowed, just be aware of your legs & your surroundings.

I do need a head count on this one, so please RSVP by Monday 11/14.

Website for more information: <http://www.nationalmcmuseum.org/>

NOTICES

REMINDER

Membership dues are
due in November

EXHIBIT

Dean Traver
First Central Gallery at the Opera House
Dewitt, Iowa
through November 28th
Hours: 6pm - 9pm daily
1:30pm - 4:00pm on Saturday & Sunday

FOR SALE

Canon 100mm F2.8 L Macro lens
with hood, box, etc. As new condition.

\$500

Contact Mike Stark
319-310-4180 or iprint4u@imonmail.com

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Connect with other members online!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LinnAreaPhotoClub/>

Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/groups/1927028@N23/>

Google+: <https://plus.google.com/communities/100746748738516490166>

If there are other communities online, please send the address to newsletter@linnareaphotoclub.org

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Recent Club Photoshoots



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ANNUAL CONTEST RULES

1. People and Portraits

- Defined as individuals or groups of people as the primary focus of the photo.

2. Animals

- Domestic, captive, or wild.
- Includes mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, etc.
- Does not include insects (see Macro/Close-Up).

3. Landscape / Scenery

- Photos that focus on natural settings.

4. Macro / Close-Up

- Macro/Close-up of any permissible subject.
- Includes insects.

5. Computer Enhanced / Manipulated

- Anything obviously and overtly unnatural and manipulated in the computer or darkroom (i.e.: selective coloring, unnatural-looking HDR, etc.).
- Any permissible subject is allowed.

6. Action/Motion

- Any photo depicting action and or motion, ie. Sports, running, movement, blur etc.
- Any permissible subject is allowed

7. Low-light

- Any photo taken in a low light, darkness etc.
- Use of natural/ambient light (painting with a flashlight or flash etc. is permissible.
- Any permissible subject is allowed

8. My Favorite Photo

- Your favorite photo
- One (1) entry per person
- Must be 11X14" except for the following
- Panoramas can be any size with a 2:1 ratio
- Any permissible subject is allowed

10. Annual Club Selected Theme

- Theme to be decided by LAPC membership by an annual vote during a regularly scheduled club meeting from amongst a suggested list to be offered by LAPC membership and Contest Committee.
- One (1) entry per person.
- To be judged as a Member's Choice.
- One (1) vote per eligible member.
- 1st Place only shall be awarded.
- Not eligible for Best of Show.
- Winner of Annual Club Theme Category will receive one (1) year paid membership to the LAPC for the following year starting January 1st.



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Eligibility:

- a) Competitors must be members in good standing with Linn Area Photo Club (LAPC), and have paid their dues (at time of judging).
- b) Photos must be submitted to the entry table by 1:30 (Not just in the building).

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!!

Entry format:

- a) Entries must be in print form only.
- b) No restriction regarding print media. Glossy, matte, metallic, canvas, etc., are all acceptable.
- c) Entries may be either color or black & white in any category, unless specifically restricted.
- d) Entries must be the original work of the competitor, and must have been taken within the previous five (5) years.
- e) Entries cannot have been a previous LAPC Annual Contest winner (1st, 2nd, or 3rd Place or Best of Show). Honorable mention photos maybe resubmitted if changes have been made to it for reconsideration.
- f) *Photos must be mounted on 11"X14" foam core board or rigid backing board. Panoramic prints shall be mounted to print size.*
- g) Matting is optional but cannot exceed the 11 x 14" overall size limit.
- h) Entries cannot be framed or include any type of covering.
- j) *All entries must have the competitor's name, image title, name (category) to be entered into and an arrow indicating up orientation on the back, lower right-hand corner. Information must be legible to the committee.*
- k) No collages.
- l) *No writing, logos or names allowed on front of photos.*
- 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.
- o) Photos placed in a category by entrant but deemed to be better in a different category by Contest Committee may be moved as long as entrant has no more than allowed photos in that category. Entrant will be advised of possible move prior to doing so if possible.

**We are looking for your contributions
to the LAPC newsletter!**

**Your contributions are
important to continuing to put out a
successful newsletter!**

Deadline for submissions to The Focal Point is the 26th of each month for the next month's newsletter. The Focal Point will be published by approximately the 5th day of each month.

Questions or submissions should be sent to:

newsletter@linnareaphotoclub.org

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Please send any contributions, including text files, as jpegs or pdfs. Small files, including images, are preferred.

MONTHLY CONTEST RULES

Entries, Prizes, & Judging:

- a) Each competitor may submit up to two (2) photos in each category, unless otherwise noted in category criteria.
- b) Three (3) winning entries (1st, 2nd & 3rd Place), along with up to three (3) Honorable Mention entries, shall be selected, per category excluding Club Chosen category.
- c) Only the three winning entries (1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place) in each category, as well as Best of Show will receive a prize. Competitors may win up to two (2) awards/prizes in each category.
- d) The same photo may not be entered into more than one (1) category.
- e) Best of Show Award will be selected from amongst the 1st Place winners in all categories except Club Chosen, and be awarded in addition to the 1st Place Award for that category.
- f) The Annual Contest will be judged by a pre-selected judge or judges.
- g) Judge(s) and/or Contest Committee members reserve the right to move photos to other categories if category choice is deemed inappropriate. Photo will be disqualified if appropriate category already has maximum number of competitor entries.

Eligibility:

- a) Competitors must be members in good standing with Linn Area Photo Club (LAPC), and have paid their dues (at time of judging).
- b) Must be present during contest to participate

Entry format:

- a) Entries must be in print form only. Digital images may be submitted for evaluation but will not be a part of monthly contest.
- 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) Photos may be any size up to 11”X14” to include backing board. This does not include panoramic prints.
- f) No backing required
- g) Matting is optional.
- h) Entries cannot be framed or include any type of covering.
- i) All entries must have the competitor’s name, image title, name (category) to be entered into and an arrow indicating up orientation on the back lower right-hand corner. Information must be legible to the committee.

Entries, Prizes and Judging:

- a) Each competitor may submit up to two (2) photos in each monthly contest.
- b) Three (3) winning (1st, 2nd, 3rd place)
- c) Only the First Place winner will receive a prize.
- d) Contest will be judged by a vote of LAPC members.

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- The Art of Photography by Ted Forbes on YouTube
- Ming Thein blog.mingthein.com
- Spencer Lum / Ground Glass Ground-glass.com
- Every Frame a Painting on YouTube
- Photobizx.com
 - Xperiment Interviews
 - Photobizxposed Interviews

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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.

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 and photographic interests. Club Membership dues are \$25 annually and includes a variety of educational programs, seminars 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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2015 LAPC Elected Officers

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Treasurer: David Byrnes
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2015 LAPC Appointed Officers & Committees

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