

DECEMBER 2013

THE CURRENTS

River City Camera Club

OUR MISSION

We seek to promote the knowledge and enjoyment of photography through education, programs, activities and Competition.

"Night Sky" ©Linda Greer

JANUARY PROGRAM

MEMBER MINI PROGRAMS

By Marilyn Keigley & Kelly Walkotten

Plan Your Mini Program for January!!!

The mini program for our January 8th meeting is a great opportunity to share your work! Your short program can be "theme" oriented or simply a bunch of your favorite photos. Sometimes we don't think a photo will be great in competition, but we like it. I know for a fact our club members have sold photos in the marketplace that did not do well in competition. So, bring it on! Put your images together using presentation software such as *PowerPoint, iMovie, ProShow Gold, Keynote, or Final Cut Pro (to name a few)* and bring your thumb drive or CD/DVD to the meeting. In the past we have had presentations with themes such as sunsets, birds, and GR blues festival. **A show must be 3 to 5 minutes long.**

A mini program can be anything you want, typically including a song (songs are typically about 3 minutes). If you have each slide timed to 4-5 seconds, you will need at least 40 images. *Please email Kelly a brief description of your show by Monday January 6 at: rccdigital@rivercitycameraclub.org*

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RCCC MEETING DATES:

January 8, 2014

February 5, 2014

March 5, 2014

April 2, 2014

May 7, 2014

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS 2013

By Marilyn Keigley, Vice President River City Camera Club

JANUARY 2014: Member Mini Programs

FEBRUARY 2014: Gert Wallis, Elements of Composition & Lightning Photography

MARCH 2014: History of Photography/Fine Art, speaker TBD

APRIL 2014: Wayne Pope, Digiscoping Photography

MAY 2014: Year End Banquet and Competition



The Cookie Brigade

JANUARY MEETING

MARILYN KEIGLEY
MIKE MITCHELL
JULIE TAMBLIN

DIGITAL COMPETITION COORDINATOR NEEDED: To work with and/or replace current Coordinator - Kelly has graciously agreed to continue as our Coordinator for the time being, but travels extensively – so we need a back up. Position involves receiving digital images from RCCC members for the monthly and year-end digital competitions; preparing images for projection during competition, being the caretaker of the RCCC club computer, projector and supporting equipment; prepare the score sheets for each competition prior to the meeting. Requires about 3 hours per month outside of club to prepare images scoring sheet for monthly competition. Also requires about 10 hours in April/May for year-end competition preparation of images.

Contact: RCCCDigital@RiverCityCameraClub.org or President@RiverCityCameraClub.org

ASSIGNED SUBJECTS - 2014

In order to submit 6 images, 2 must be in the assigned category. You may enter up to 2 images in any other category for a total of 6 entries in both Print and Digital

Categories: Assigned, Creative, Nature, Open, Photojournalism, and Portrait

JANUARY: Brilliant Color

FEBRUARY: Pairs

MARCH: Bridges

APRIL: Magnified



"The Eyes Have It" ©Bill Empey

2013-2014 ASSIGNED SUBJECTS

By Sharon VanderBoon, Competition Chair, River City Camera Club

September 2013: MODES OF TRAVEL

You have had all summer to see a plethora of modes of transportation. I will list a few methods. There are autos, planes, trucks, tractors, riding lawn mowers, Segways, motorcycles, bicycles, horse-drawn carriages and carts and wagons, golf carts, subway cars, street cars, snowmobiles, horses, camels, donkeys, scooters, buses, unicycles, dune buggies, boats, and ships. They can be new, old, museum pieces, or wrecks. Many festivals have classic car or boat shows as part of their events. If you want to travel to get pictures, there are places like the Gilmore Car Museum or The Henry Ford Museum to visit.

October 2013: BARNs

Michigan and its neighboring states contain many barns, so they are not hard to find. Some are beautiful and well kept, while others are in various stages of decay, which can give them some character, which your average barn may lack. Look for interesting ways to shoot the structure, or an interesting setting, or maybe try to get the image at a certain time of day when lighting suits the subject best. One could include an animal or vehicle to compliment the barn.

November 2013: AWESOME AUTUMN

The Michigan is one of the most beautiful places to be in the fall in the United States. Colors can be seen from late September through early November, depending where in the state you are. Every year is different. There are fall festivals with autumn décor, pumpkins, colorful and interestingly shaped gourds, fall fruits, brilliant colored trees, domestic plants that turn lovely colors in the fall, Halloween decorations and events, and pumpkin or Halloween parades. Objects and nature (barns, bridges, colored tree reflections in water) take on a charm in the fall that they do not have in other seasons.

December 2013: CONTRAST

This subject is not just about lighting techniques, but includes contrasts of various sorts such as: Tall and short, fat and thin, big and small, dark and light, smooth and rough, distinguished and dowdy, pretty and ugly, sharp and dull, happy and sad, soft and hard, and sweet and sour. Maybe make your own tabletop setup of the contrasts of your choice.

January 2014: BRILLIANT COLOR

In the winter we can use more color in our life, so let's bring it out with this subject. Bright colors are all around us. Here are some possibilities: Candles, Christmas decorations, clothes, household objects, cameras, cell phones, ribbon, signs (neon ones especially), flowers, reflections in water, birds, rocks and gems, carnival rides, pottery, store fronts, cars, tractors, trucks, motorcycles, jewelry, murals food, sculptures, toys, fish, dune buggies and paper objects.

February 2014: PAIRS

This subject includes two of a kind, or something that comes in pairs like shoes and socks. This could include twins-animals, birds or people, fish, trees, leaves, mushrooms, flowers, bushes, cars, toys, marbles, technical devices, feet, hands, legs, mittens, fruit, vegetables, insects, pens, pencils, paint brushes, dishware, jewelry, headlights or taillights on a vehicle, a duplicated design in a sculpture or pottery.

March 2014: BRIDGES

Downtown Grand Rapids can supply your need for bridge pictures, either by day or lit at night. To shoot covered bridges, visit Ada, Lowell (Fallasburg), or Smyrna (Whites Bridge near Belding) in Ionia County. They take on a different flare in the fall and winter. Most of us probably have a picture of Mackinac Bridge, but the bridges can be a smaller garden variety as well. Train trestles over land or water qualify as bridges. Experiment with shooting the bridge at different angles and with different types of lighting, or do an abstract, focusing on one aspect of the bridge.

April 2014: MAGNIFIED

Appearing bigger than life size is what is needed here. It can be an abstract of something, or anything that has been zoomed in on. Give us a good close up look at whatever it is you choose to shoot.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to our members and guests. 2013 has been an inspiring year of learning and sharing images. Because of you River City Camera Club continues to be a place where the knowledge and enjoyment of photography is encouraged.

See you at our next meeting January 8 2014!

Wishing you and yours a holiday filled with peace and love & a New Year rich with blessings.

Julie Tamblin

**2013-2014
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"Photography is an art of observation. It has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them."

- Elliott Erwitt



"Ice and Sunset" ©Mike Mitchell



"Deadly Dance" ©Bob Bayer

Photographing the Meijer Winter Michigan State Games

By Marilyn Keigley

Eric Engelbarts II, Executive Director of the Meijer State Games of Michigan, will give a brief explanation to our club at the January 8th meeting regarding photographing the Meijer Winter State Games of Michigan, 2014. Members of our club will have the option to be involved in a “just for fun” photo competition for the Winter Games to be held February 14-16.

The Meijer State Games of Michigan have grown tremendously since their inaugural year in 2010. The 2013 summer games saw athlete participation grow to record numbers—6,521 athletes across 73 Michigan counties!

River City club members have the opportunity to photograph top action sports of some of the best athletes in the state. Age divisions vary by sport, such as indoor archery, ranging in age from ‘less than 10 years old’ to age ‘70+ master.’

Opening ceremonies will be at Cannonsburg Ski Area at 7pm, Friday, February 14, 2014. The opening ceremony will feature a parade of athletes, a ski patrol Torch Light Parade, fireworks, and a “Big Air” exhibition featuring professional skiers and snowboarders. There is no admission for the opening ceremony event.

New this year will be “Fatbike” competition at Boulder Creek Golf Course. Fatbiking is biking on oversized tires designed for unstable or soft terrain such as snow or sand. The lineup for the winter sports divisions are: archery-indoor, basketball, BMX-indoor, bowling, fatbike, hockey, racquetball, rowing-indoor, ski/snowboard, snowball softball, snowshoe/trail run, speedskating, and wrestling. You can visit the website -- <http://www.stategamesofmichigan.com> for time-date-location of each event for the February 14-16 games.



Images Meijer Summer Michigan State Games

©Marilyn Keigley

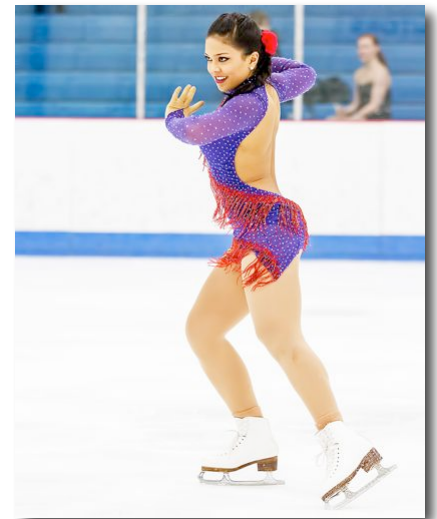


Photo Tip Of the Month

By Kelly Walkotten

Reducing Wrinkles

When you're retouching a wrinkled face, you should not remove all wrinkles or your image will look unnatural. Instead of removing them, **reduce** them. Duplicate the Background layer, then use the Healing Brush tool to remove all the wrinkles. Once that's done, lower the layer Opacity of this layer to around 30%. This brings back a portion of the wrinkles so your retouch looks natural.

Lighthouse Crawl 2014-SWMCCC photo shoot, January 18, 2014.

Are you loving this cold weather and snow? I am! Think of all the great ice formations on the piers along the Michigan lakeshore. . . perfect for a Saturday Lighthouse Crawl! If a winter photography shoot sounds good, please mark your calendars for **January 18, 2014**, for an all day **SWMCCC** (Southwestern Michigan Council of Camera Clubs) **Lighthouse Crawl** photography shoot

Please note-these are approximate times.

9:00 AM -Meet at St. Joe pier at Tiscornia Park, St Joseph, MI 49085, 80 Rideway St. St Joseph, MI 49085. Some photographers may be arriving for sunrise. There is a parking lot at Tiscornia Park.

10:30 AM -Head to South Haven's Lighthouse, Water Street, South Haven, MI 49090. We'll find a place to meet for lunch after shooting there.

1:30-2:00 PM -Head to Holland to photograph Big Red Lighthouse, Lakeside Rd. Holland, MI 49423. My preference is to walk in on the south side of the channel. If you prefer, please feel free to go to the Holland State Park to photograph Big Red from the opposite side. Or, hike in on the south side, where Big Red is located. It's approximately 1/2 to 3/4 mile hike each way.

3:30-4:00 PM -Head to Grand Haven Pier for sunset, 1001 S Harbor Dr, Grand Haven, MI 49417. Pier Parking is just past the state park entrance.

UPDATES: Please check the West Michigan Photography Enthusiasts site for any updates <http://www.meetup.com/West-Michigan-Photography-Enthusiasts/>

Questions? Contact Cari Povenz caripovenz@yahoo.com

MISC. NOTES... MISC. NOTES...

MONTHLY COMPETITION – PHOTO'S DUE BY:

DIGITAL SUBMISSIONS: Due WEDNESDAY January 1, 2014 by Midnight
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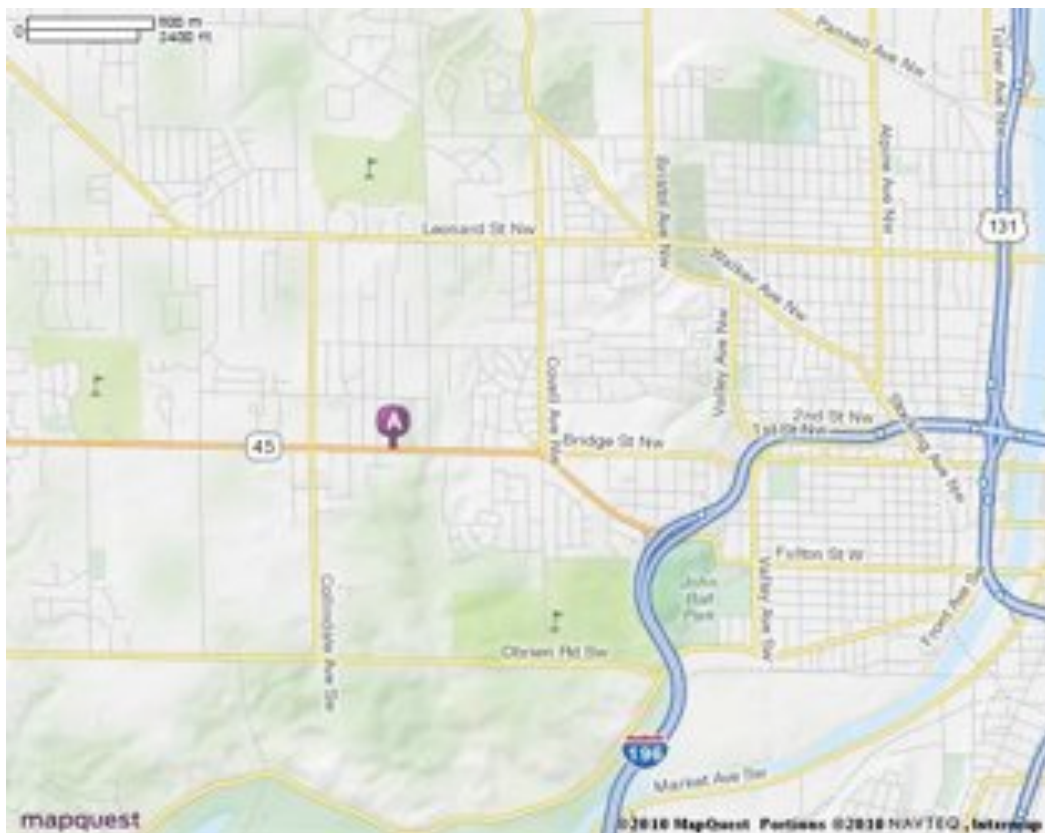
PRINT SUBMISSIONS: (Night of Competition) WEDNESDAY January 8, 2014 by 6:50pm

Monthly Competition Scores

Up-to-Date Monthly Competition Scores can be viewed on our website
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Articles-News-Information

Have a photography related article you've written and/or information you would like to share in the next THE CURRENTS issue? Please submit via e-mail: President@RiverCityCameraClub.org by Dec. 31, 2013



Map:

Meeting location:

**Covenant Village of the
Great Lakes**

www.covenantgreatlakes.org

2510 Lake Michigan Drive N.W.

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Meetings begin at: 7:00pm