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RIVER CITY CAMERA CLUB

OUR MISSION

**WE SEEK TO PROMOTE THE KNOWLEDGE AND ENJOYMENT OF PHOTOGRAPHY THROUGH
EDUCATION, PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITION.**



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MONTHLY MEETING INFORMATION

FEBRUARY: February 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm. No Program.

January & February Photo Competition will be held in lieu of regular programming

MARCH: Wednesday March 4, 2015 @ 7:00pm

Presenter: Jim Kuiphof

Jim will be talking about an easy to remember method that affects how you create photos, how you review and filter photos, and how you do post processing on photos to make good photos great and great photos excellent.

APRIL: Wednesday April 1, 2015 @ 7:00pm. No Program.

March & April Photo Competition will be held in lieu of regular programming

MAY: Year End Competition and Banquet

Monthly Image Competition Info

2015 ASSIGNED SUBJECTS

By Sharon VanderBoon, Competition Chair, River City Camera Club

February 2015: Cubes & Squares

Look for squares (No fair putting a picture of a person in this. ☺) and cubes in ice, sculptures, material, buildings, fencing, boxes, toys, (Checker board) bricks, tiles, vases, plates, jewelry, cages, pens, fields, clocks, candles, slide mounts, electronics, windows, and much more.

March 2015: Rope, Wire, or Chain

Check your local farm and home supply store for possibilities here. Boats and ships are a good place to find ropes, and where there is fencing, you may find the desired items. (Regular hard metal fencing would not qualify, but if the fence is made from wire (barbed, etc.) or chain, it would qualify.) It does not have to be metal, so toy chains, paper chains, craft items, and jewelry are candidates for this subject. County fairs, a marina, zoo, tow truck, bicycle chains, or other machinery and equipment may be sources.

April 2015: Wild About White

White abounds in nearly every facet of life. I put this subject last, so that everyone has all winter to shoot something white like ice and snow. Other suggestions would be white animals, flowers, buildings, pottery, clouds, white themed table top set ups, sculptures materials, water, uniforms, vehicles, food (eggs, milk, vegetables) flags, costumes, bicycles, toys, pills, birds, and monochrome scenes. Just make sure your whites are white with detail!

SUBMITTING IMAGES for MONTHLY CLUB COMPETITION

Members may 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 (subjects on page 3), Creative, Nature, Open, Photojournalism, and Portrait and Non-Judged Fine Art.

DIGITAL IMAGES: Due week prior to meeting:
RCCCDigital@RiverCityCameraClub.org by midnight.

PRINTS: Due by 6:50 pm on night of Competition

FINE ART SHOWCASE NON-JUDGED CATEGORY

The non-judged digital image category is an opportunity to allow photographers personal development beyond the requirements of typical camera club guidelines and technical "rules". Photographers may show up to two (2) images. The content of the photo is up to your definition of "fine art".

**Images entered in this category may not be entered in monthly competition.*

*****REMINDER*****

Rules for submissions are posted on our website
www.rivercitycameraclub.org



January Meeting Thank-you

Great Aerial Photography information at our *January Meeting*....thank-you to Wayne Walkotten, Mike Wendling and Scott Walkotten for the very informative presentation on Aerial Photography using drones. Google “drone or aerial photography” and a plethora of information are available including videos on YouTube. Following are some links:

<http://dronelaw.net>

<http://artlawjournal.com/law-drone-photography/>

<http://www.digitaltrends.com/photography/camera-drones-faa-legal/>

<https://www.creativelive.com/courses/taking-flight-drone-photography-video-jeff-foster>

<http://thewirecutter.com/reviews/best-drones/>

<http://www.pocket-lint.com/news/130253-drone-aerial-photography-explained-here-s-what-it-is-and-how-to-do-it>

<http://www.tomsguide.com/us/best-drones,review-2412.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/aerial.drone.photography>

The February Meeting of Great “Exposure”

By Marilyn Keigley

Competition can be robotic, mysterious, and even confusing. However, for me, the February meeting was picture perfect, like an image with great exposure. The club is testing a new format. The club's program in January was simply that—a program without competition, while the February 4th format was a double competition. After January's images and a social break, the February images were shown. All went smoothly and after the competition, time seemed to allow us to have a spontaneous question and interaction period. From my perspective, this sharing of ideas is what I have longed for in a club. “How did you get that shot” and “how did you process that image” and other questions ensued. It was informal and informative!

We all benefited from asking questions about various images. Topics included: Lightroom, Photoshop, HDR, the stylize-extrude filter using blocks or pyramids, polar coordinates, stitching images, and much more.

Instead of leaving a meeting wondering about scores or what others are doing, I left with a feeling of a “shared experience” and a zest to “March” into spring with new ideas. Some feedback that I think we all crave and an interaction desiderata was truly a welcome experience. I just have to say a big thank you to Larry Heydenburg for suggesting this format.

Thanks also to Jim Shearer for all his work on the projector so we now have great color!

CURRENT BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COOKIE BRIGADE & PHOTO TIP OF THE MONTH

PHOTO TIPS

By Kelly Walkotten

SEE AND CHANGE THE SELECTION AREA

While using the Magnetic Lasso tool, turn on Caps Lock. The cursor will change to the brush-size indicator. This lets you see more precisely the area that the tool is selecting from. You can use the left and right Bracket keys to change its size.



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FEBRUARY COOKIE BRIGADE REMINDER:

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SUNSET MANOR PHOTO SHOW

Interested in presenting a photo show at Sunset Manor?

Not only is this a good fundraiser for the club, but residents of Sunset truly enjoy the Friday night shows.

Plan for approximately a 45-50 minute show with remaining minutes of the hour for questions. The residents have had life long experiences that the shows draw them back to and they have many comments and questions.

Russ is the MC for their evening activities. He kicks off the show with an introduction and invocation, then it is all yours. Plan to get there about 6:30 for setup. The residents start arriving early, so they are anxious to start at 7pm. Russ is a great host, but he is the first to tell you that he doesn't know the technology beyond on and off and the volume. He does have a microphone to use for any commentary and Q&A.

We have found the easiest set up is your own projector and computer. They do have a projector that works fine, but it will not be color corrected to your computer. The audience doesn't notice, so don't be critical of your show if you don't use your own.

There is a plastic box on the windowsill next to the sound station. In this box are the cables to connect your sound to their system and the computer to the projector.

For sound, there is an AV cable that will go into your computer headphone jack. This cable has a box on it that looks like a control box and has the cable coming out that will go to the 5 or 6 pin audio port that is in a box in the stage.

Use a small table from the back entryway to set up your computer and projector if you brought one.

For the projector, there is a serial AV adapter in another box in the floor of the stage that will connect to the AV plug on your computer. Last time there, I don't remember seeing the connections for using digital video.

The club earns \$100 from your presentation and we return \$25 to the presenter as an honorarium for your time.

Please contact me if you have additional questions or wish to present a photo show for the residents

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© Larry Hayes "Morning on the Mountain"

Photo Fun at Meijer State Games in February!

By Marilyn Keigley

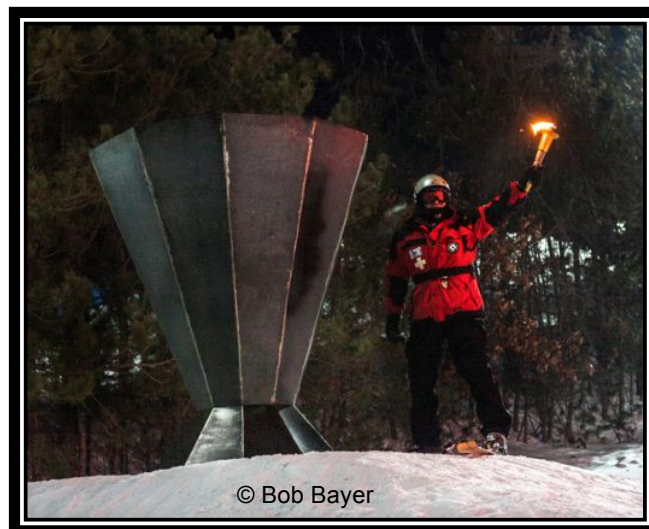
Mark your calendar for February 20-22, 2015 to photograph sporting events during the Meijer State Games of Michigan. About 2000 athletes will compete in the 2nd annual Winter Games. Interested photographers can obtain a press pass that allows free entry to all events and access to areas the general public does not have access to.

The photo contest usually awards gift certificate prizes for best photos. Last year, River City Camera Club member Bob Bayer won first place with his Opening Ceremonies image.

The sports lineup so far for the winter games includes: archery-indoor, basketball, BMX-indoor, bowling, x-country skiing, darts, disc golf, fatbike, fencing, hockey, pool, quad rugby, racquetball, rowing-virtual, shooting sports, ski racing, snowboard and freestyle events, snowball softball, speed skating, weightlifting, and wrestling.

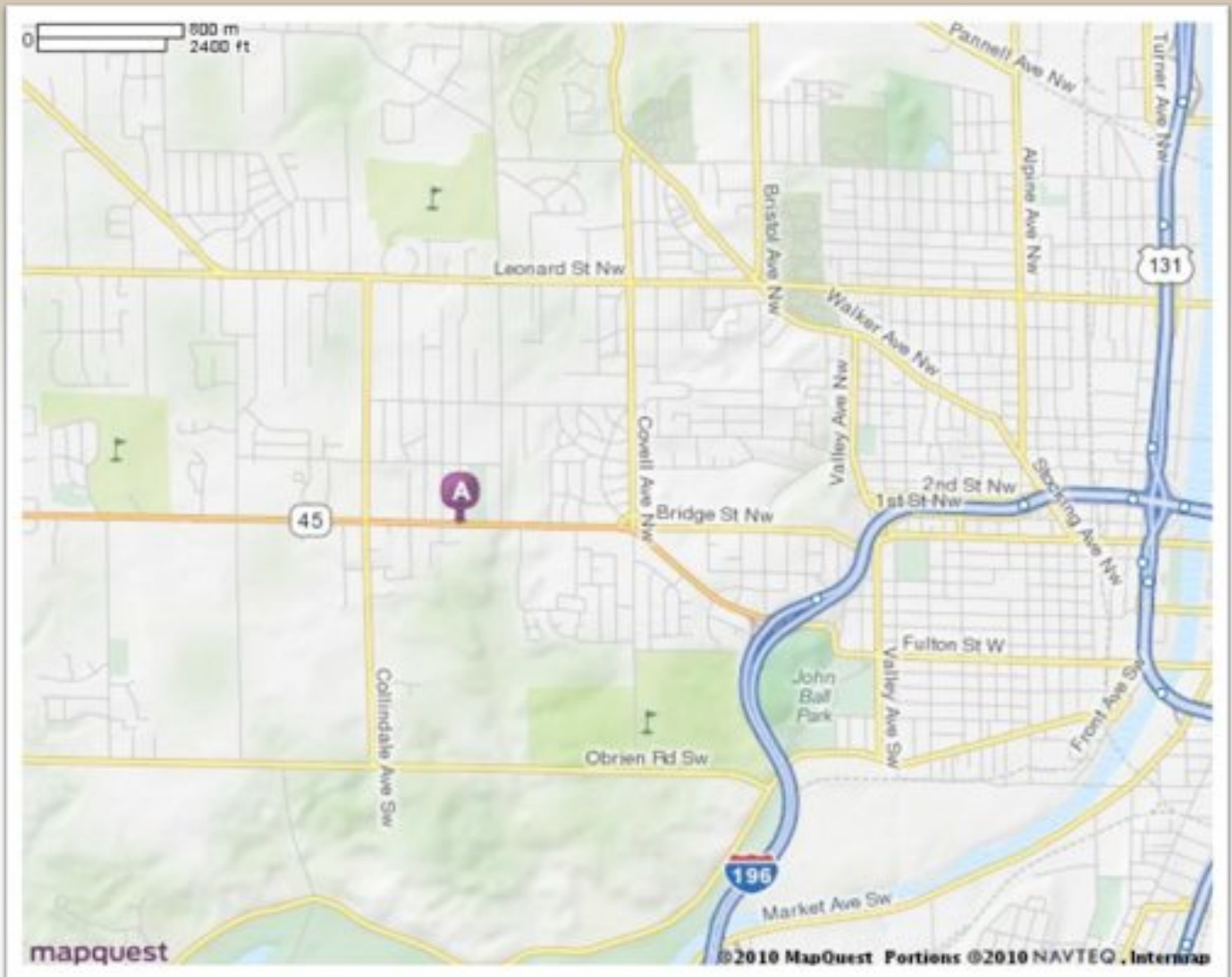
The opening ceremony will be held Friday night 7-8 p.m. at Cannonsburg Ski Resort and will feature a parade of athletes, torch light parade, fireworks and "big air" exhibition with professionals. Shooting sporting events is both fun and challenging. This is a great opportunity to practice and hone your skills. You will be delighted with plenty of action and a diversity of photography opportunities day and night!

For additional information and how to register to photograph the events go to the Meijer State Games of Michigan website-look under media section for press pass:



Meeting Location:
Covenant Village of the Great Lakes
www.covenantgreatlakes.org

2510 Lake Michigan Drive NW. Grand Rapids, Michigan



GOT NEWS?

Have news, information, photos or suggestions
for the February 2015 issue of The Currents?
Please submit by Friday February 27, 2015.
Send to: RCCCNews@RiverCityCameraClub.org