

SUMMER 2014



THE CURRENTS

RIVER CITY CAMERA CLUB

OUR MISSION

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

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

In May we celebrated our year-end with the annual banquet and competition. Congratulations to the winners of the Year-End Competition! Final results are posted later in this issue and on the website. Thank-you to judges: Ruth Parbel, Don Ketchel and Joe Hempstead.

Awards were also handed out this year for the following achievements –
Congratulations to you all:

Monthly Print Competition Winner:

Kelly Walkotten - 735 points

Digital Competition:

1st Place: **Marilyn Keigley** – 1,044 points

2nd Place: **Kelly Walkotten** – 1,030 points

3rd Place: **Cal Dyk** – 1,023 points

Lifetime Achievement Awards:

Sharon VanderBoon – *25,844 points

*This is the very first 25,000 point lifetime achievement plaque awarded in River City Camera Club and took Sharon approximately 15 years of consistently entering monthly Print and Digital Competitions

Jack Eichner – *3,506 points.

*Achieving 3000 points takes at least 2 years to score enough points

A heartfelt thank-you to the Board and Committee Chairs for your commitment in providing programs and opportunities that educates and inspires us. To the members at large thank-you for attending meetings, offering suggestions and sharing your images via monthly competitions without which we would not have the opportunity to view your current work, make club improvements and learn from each other.

Summer is here and our club is in recess. Don't forget to check out the RCCC website for Summer photo opportunities. Club meetings will resume in September – see you then! In the meantime welcome to the incoming RCCC 2014-15 Board :

President – Larry Hayes

V.P. – Kevin Povenz

Secretary – Dan Gomer

Treasurer – Wayne Walkotten

Wishing you a happy and safe summer!

Julie Tamblin



Madame Cardinal ©Jack Eichner

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HELP WANTED

SUNSET MANOR PRESENTORS:

-Immediate Need: Member to present a mini photo program on Friday August 1st, 2014 at Sunset Manor.
-Future Need: Program presenters for the months of September 2014-thru May 2015 (all programs are first Friday of the month)

*Sunset Manor residents truly look forward to and enjoy these programs, which can be of your travels or a compilation of specific subject(s). Please contact Wayne Walkotten for additional details if interested – treasurer@RiverCityCameraClub.org

COMPETITION SCORE KEEPER:

-Scorekeeper to record scores during monthly competitions and keep ongoing score records for the club. The recorder sits with the Competition Announcer and records the image scores on the scoring forms and/or computer. Requires 1-2 hours outside of monthly meetings to up-date excel spreadsheet and forward to President.

COMPETITION ANNOUNCER:

-Announcer to announce scores during monthly competitions. Announcer sits with the Competition Scorekeeper and announces image titles, photographer and score for each image shown. Requires no time outside monthly meetings.

HOSPITALITY CHAIRPERSON (Cookie Brigade):

-Hospitality Chair makes appropriate arrangements for refreshments during monthly meeting break. This includes set-up and clean up of kitchen area; sending around "Cookie Brigade" Sign-up at September meeting and ensure contributors bring cookies or treat for the upcoming meetings. Hospitality Chairperson also responsible for arrangements to be made for special meetings – like Year-End Banquet. In carrying out these duties the Hospitality Chairperson is encouraged to appoint members of the Club to assist in making hospitality arrangements.

**Members interested in Scorekeeper, Announcer or Hospitality Chair please contact Larry Hayes: President@RiverCityCameraClub.org

SWMCCC SUMMER WEEKEND OF PHOTOGRAPHY

SWMCCC Summer Weekend of Photography is returning to Hope College July 31st to August 3rd. This is a fantastic opportunity for photographers of all levels with a diverse list of classes, photo opportunities and feature speakers. Additional information and how to register for classes: www.swmccc.org

2014-2015 ASSIGNED SUBJECTS

By Sharon VanderBoon, Competition Chair, River City Camera Club

September 2014: Delving Into Details

Show a piece of the subject of your choice, whether micro or macro. This can be a portion or part of a building, person, sculpture, flower, boat, plant, jewelry, painting, equipment, car, instrument, machine, tree, wooden object, or nearly anything. Look for something interesting, intricate, something with lines or texture, or maybe some color composition on something that drew your eye to it.

October 2014: Revealing Sidelight

Subject matter is wide open on this; just make sure the main lighting is coming from the side. If shooting out of doors, this would probably mean shooting in the early to mid morning, or afternoon or evening, when the sun is not straight overhead. Portraits with natural side lighting, or flash coming from the side would work well here. Natural light coming in from a window from the side of a subject, lighting a scene, person, or some objects, would be appropriate here. A hint that you have sidelight is that you will most likely see shadows from this type of lighting.

November 2014: Fascination With Fields

In Michigan there is plenty of farmland in which to find fields, as well, there are vineyards, ball fields, football fields, soccer fields, and air fields, just to name a few. The challenging part with this subject is to find something unique or interesting in or around the field. Look for an object of interest in the field, possibly an animal, person, rolls of hay, the fence around the field, colored trees behind the field, a field of flowers, (Windmill Island Gardens and Veldheer Tulip Farm) or lines and texture from what is in the field.

December 2014: Interesting Skies

No need to go any special place or have special equipment for this one. Since we all differ in what we consider interesting, this could include rainbows, cloud formations, stormy weather, sunrises, sunsets, cloud layers, various types of clouds, colors in the sky and clouds, sunny day clouds, lightning, lines, textures, aerial views, and sunbeams.

January 2015: Dynamic Diagonals

Diagonal lines can be found in numerous places, such as in mown fields or lawns, fencing, materials, buildings, staircases, sculptures, clouds, waves, sunbeams, or in the angle of the rows crops are planted in. One can find a subject that would normally appear as parallel lines, but turn their camera to achieve a diagonal line.

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!

CURRENT BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

IMAGE SUBMISSION INFORMATION & PHOTO TIP OF THE MONTH

SUBMITTING IMAGES

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 and Non-Judged Fine Art

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

February Digital Images Due: Wed. Jan. 29, 2014

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.*



Golden Glow ©Larry Heydenburg

**2014-2015
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Forest Cathedral © Kevin Povenz

2013-2014 YEAR END COMPETITION RESULTS

*See 'Winning Results' on the next page for a sampling of the winning photos

PRINT:

Category	Place	Photographer	Title
Portrait:	1st Place	Kelly Walkotten	Painted Lady
Open:	1st Place	Linda Greer	Esthers View
	2nd Place	Kelly Walkotten	
	3rd Place	Kelly Walkotten	Wild Horses
Nature:	1st Place	Kelly Walkotten	
	2nd Place	Kelly Walkotten	
	3rd Place	Kelly Walkotten	

DIGITAL:

Category	Place	Photographer	Title
Creative:	1st Place	Linda Greer	David
	2nd Place	Marilyn Keigley	The Truth About the Malboro Man
	3rd Place	Kevin Povenz	Forest Cathedral
Photojournalism:	1st Place	Marilyn Keigley	Meijer Games
	2nd Place	Kevin Povenz	House Fire
	3rd Place	Bill Empie	Boom
Nature:	1st Place	Bill Empie	Smile
	2nd place	Jack Eichner	Madame Cardinal
	3rd Place	Marilyn Keigley	Grabbing Lunch
Open:	1st Place	Bob Bayer	Praying Primate
	2nd Place	Linda Greer	Pear Talk
	3rd Place	Marilyn Keigley	Siamese Snowflake
Portrait:	1st Place	Kelly Walkotten	Painted Lady
	2nd Place	Larry Heydenburg	Golden Glow
	3rd Place	Bill Empie	OhYa!

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INTERVIEW WITH RCCC MEMBER SHARON VANDERBOON

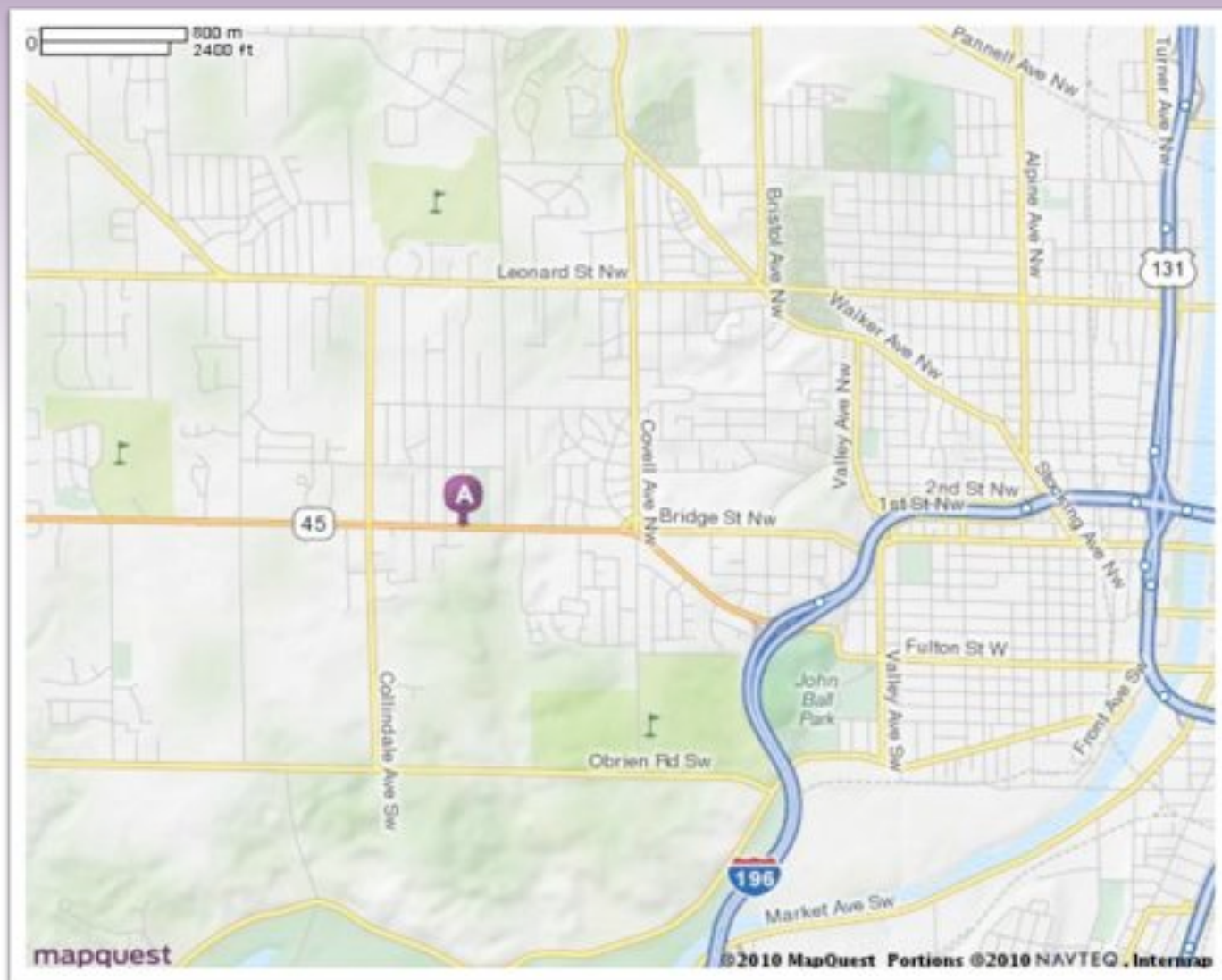
By Marilyn Keigley

Marilyn: How long have you been a member?**Sharon:** I have records of entering competition for 15 years, but I did not enter competition right away. So I was a member of Woodland Photo Club before the merger, which became River City Camera Club.**Marilyn:** What have been the major changes you saw in the RCCC over the years?**Sharon:** The biggest change I have seen is from shooting film to shooting digital.**Marilyn:** What do you think is the strength of RCCC over the "long haul"?**Sharon:** The strength of this club is its nice, giving, knowledgeable, and dedicated members. And as well, its quality leadership. I personally like the smaller size.**Marilyn:** How long have you been the Competition Chair?**Sharon:** I have an email dated August 2005 that announced that I would be taking over Gordon DeYoung's position since he was retiring. So that makes it about 8 years.**Marilyn:** What is your favorite all time photo you have submitted?**Sharon:** I am at a loss for a favorite photo. I really would not know what that would be. But I can tell you it would probably be one of nature that I would choose, since that is my favorite subject to see, be in, and photograph.**Marilyn:** What have the club and its members meant to you?**Sharon:** I joined Woodland Photo Club when I was becoming more serious about photography, and looking to take it up as a hobby. Since I had not had formal schooling in photography, what I learned at club meeting (instruction and talking to fellow members) and from attending various seminars, and from watching videos which the club loaned out, formed me and helped me grow. I owe a big thanks to club members and SWMCCC for making knowledge available to me.

Grand Hotel Porch View © Sharon VanderBoon

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 September issue of The Currents?
Please submit by Monday August 25, 2014.
Send to: RCCNews@RiverCityCameraClub.org