

May, June & July 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.



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Nature Category 1st Place "Daydreaming"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Which of my photographs is my favorite? The one I'm going to take tomorrow". – Imogen Cunningham

May has arrived, summer is around the corner and photo opportunities abound. Check out the list of May/June "Michigan Photo Opportunities" you may wish to add to your "must photograph" schedule this summer. Also a May thru August list of Photo Opportunities can be found on our website www.rivercitycameraclub.org.

The summer months are a great time to learn or perfect a new photography skill. Maybe step outside of your comfort zone - Try that lens you purchased 6 months ago but have been conveniently "too busy" to try; hone a skill in post editing or challenge yourself to photograph every day. The "Photography Challenges/Projects" article offers suggestions that will hopefully spark some creative ideas and photographs. The possibilities are as endless as subjects to photograph. As Elliott Erwitt said, "Nothing happens when you sit at home. I always make it a point to carry a camera with me at all times...."

Wishing you a happy, healthy and safe summer.

Happy Shooting,

Julie Tamblin

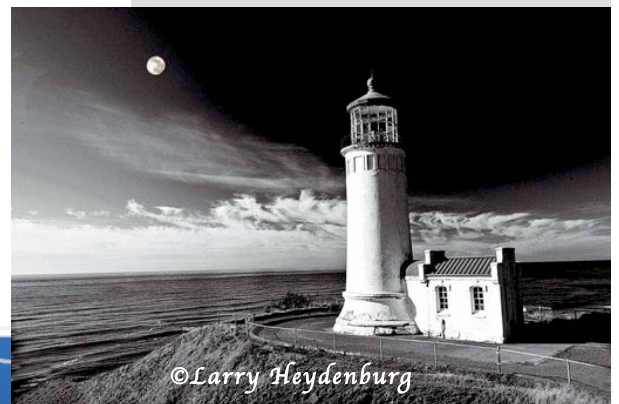
THANK YOU

To the 2012-2013 Board, Committee Members and club volunteers: Many thanks for your service and dedication to River City Camera Club during the past year.

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Open Category - 1st Place

North Head Light

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS 2013

By Marilyn Keigley, Vice President River City Camera Club

SEPTEMBER:

James Cook – “Photojournalism – Wounded Knee Centennial Challenge”

James Cook will present a selection of his Wounded Knee--1990 centennial photographs while discussing photographic challenges and techniques. For over a decade he photographed the Lakota, resulting in a PBS special and a Smithsonian permanent display. As a photojournalist, Cook has had hundreds of assignments for Newsweek, Time, Business Week, Forbes and magazines worldwide. [SaugatuckPhotography.com]



OCTOBER:

"Double Judge Critique" with Larry Heibel & Jeanne Quillan

Will the judges agree? Submit two photos and hear what different judges say about them. Although photography has some "basics," sometimes judges differ in opinion. Learn & listen to Larry Heibel, who comes from a photojournalism and portrait background, and Jeanne Quillan, Competition Chair for the Grand Rapids Camera Club.

The Cookie Brigade

Volunteer needed to coordinate The Cookie Brigade for our monthly meetings September through May.

Contact:

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NOVEMBER: "How to Prepare Photos for Print"

Amy Brodowsk From Pro Lab Express will give practical information regarding camera and computer issues for preparing and turning your digital photos into great prints.

DECEMBER: Christmas Party/Food & Competition

ASSIGNED SUBJECTS 2013-2014

In order to submit 6 images, 2 must be in the assigned category. You may enter up to 2 images in any other category.

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

SEPTEMBER:	Modes of Travel
OCTOBER:	Barns
NOVEMBER:	Awesome Autumn
DECEMBER:	Contrast
JANUARY:	Brilliant Color
FEBRUARY:	Pairs
MARCH:	Bridges
APRIL:	Magnified

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.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECTS & CHALLENGES

How do you continue to challenge yourself as a photographer? What inspires you? What motivates you to get out and shoot on a regular basis? Many times a new idea or project is just the inspiration one needs. Following are some ideas to spark your creativity and keep you shooting:

1. **Pick a Theme:** Choose a theme that interests you, set a time/day each week to photograph it. By the end of summer, you should have a nice collection. Some ideas: Native flowers of Michigan, Windows and Doors, Signs, Bridges, Beach Umbrellas, Clouds, Silhouettes, Barns, Shadows, Colors, Butterflies, Tattoos/Body Art, Living Spaces, Work Spaces, Leisure/Sports activities, Reflections, Lightning, Carnivals or Festivals, Raindrops, Architecture, etc.
2. **Project 50:** Challenge yourself to use only your 50mm lens or any other fixed focal lens for 50 days. You will have a collection of 50 photos when you are done. You won't be able to rely on your zoom, so who knows what kind of creative images it will challenge you to make?
3. **Seasonal Changes:** Find a favorite location near your home (so you can go there often) – perhaps even a local landmark and document the changes: weather, seasonal, sunrise/sunset, etc.
4. **365-Day Project:** Commit to photographing every day for a year. It could even be a themed 365-day project.
5. **Pick a Style:** Much like choosing a theme, choose a photography style and shoot only that for a month. Maybe Macro photography, Street Photography, or Landscapes, Monochrome or Photojournalism, etc. Step out of your comfort zone and choose a style of photography you have not tried or are not comfortable shooting and work at honing your skills in that area.
6. **Be Creative:** Experiment with Bubbles on glass or a mirror; Designs in Light – using flash lights, light sticks, or battery operated Christmas lights; Tabletop photography on Mirrors or Black Acrylic; Amusement Parks at Night; Water drops or Milk Splashing and Splashing; Smoke swirls; Food Coloring in Water; and Colored Water Reflected on Foil. Instructions can be found on the web for ideas mentioned.
7. **Create a Book:** Show off your project in a coffee table book. There are several good and user-friendly self-publishing sites.
8. **Continuing Education:** Hone a skill or learn something new by taking advantage of the many classes/workshops available locally, nationally and on line.

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Open Category 1st Place "Crabby Days"

MICHIGAN PHOTOGRAPHY OPPORTUNITIES

By Sharon Vanderboon, Competition Chair River

- May 22** Opening day at Michigan Adventure in Muskegon
- May 22-27** Fruitport Old Fashion Days at Pomona Park - Fruitport
- May 24** St. Joseph Memorial Day Parade - Lake Boulevard in St. Joseph
- May 24** Blessing of the Fleet & public sails on Friends Good Will begin at Michigan Maritime Museum in South Haven
- May 24-25** 8th Annual Memorial Day Rib Fest - Grand Haven FVW Post2326
- May 24-25** Rock the Coast 2013 - Michigan Adventure in Muskegon
- May 25-26** DeVine Intervention at Round Barn Winery - Baroda
- May 25-26** Memorial Weekend Art & Wine Fair at Lemon Creek Winery, Berrien Springs
- May 26** Blessing of the Boats - Muskegon Channel, Muskegon
- May 27** Douglas Memorial Day Parade - downtown Douglas
- May 27** Holland Memorial Day Parade - downtown Holland
- May 27** Saugatuck Memorial Day Parade on Butler St. - downtown Saugatuck
- May 27** South Haven, Spring Lake, & Zeeland all having Memorial Day Parades in their respective downtowns
- May 31-June 1** Cruising the Lakeshore – downtown Muskegon (Hundreds of hot rods and classic cars cruise the streets)
- June 1** Festival of Cars & Kruisin for Kylie - downtown South Haven
- June 1** Spring Lake Wooden Boat Show - Mill Point Park - Spring Lake
- June 1-2** 2nd West Coast Lighthouse Festival - Ludington (Special events and extended hours at participating lighthouses on Michigan's west coast)
- June 6-8** 22nd Annual Antique Farm Power Club Show - Muskegon County Fair Grounds, Fruitport
- June 7-9** Festival of the Arts - downtown Grand Rapids
- June 7-9** White Lake Guitar Fest - Montague
- June 8** Art & All The Jazz - downtown Douglas
- June 8** Grand River Kayak Race - Felix's Marina, Grand Haven
- June 11-15** Spring Lake Heritage Festival - Spring Lake
- June 13-15** Muskegon Heights Festival - Rowan Park - Muskegon Heights
- June 13-16** Waterfront Film Festival in South Haven
- June 13, 20, 27** Street Performer Series - downtown Holland (Arts performed free for public filling the streets with musician, acrobats, jugglers, balloon twisters, magicians, theatrical troupes, caricature artists, and more)
- June 15** Lake Michigan Shore Wine Fest - Weko Beach - Bridgman
- June 15** Douglas Dutchers Vintage Baseball Game - Beery Field – Douglas
- June 15** Annual Reeds Lake Art Festival - East Grand Rapids
- June 15** South Haven Bark Peelers Vintage Baseball Game - Kid's Corner Field - South Haven
- June 15-16** Taste of Muskegon - downtown Muskegon (good food and other events)
- June 15-16** Father's Day Arts & Crafts Festival - Goodrich Park Annex - Whitehall
- June 16** 29th Annual Father's Day Festival & Corvette Car Show - Lemon Creek Winery - Berrien Springs
- June 16** Main St. Car & Motorcycle Show - downtown Muskegon
- June 20-23** Harborfest 2013 - downtown South Haven (Dragon Boat races on the Black River downtown by Municipal Marina, kids activities, some art & crafts, & more)
- June 22** Douglas Dutchers Vintage Baseball Game - Beery Field - Douglas
- June 22** Fenn Valley Wine Fest & open house at Fenn Valley Vineyards - Fennville (Vineyard tours, wine tasting, and gourmet foods)
- June 22** Annual Sand Sculpture Contest - Grand Haven City Beach
- June 22** 10th Annual Beach Survival Challenge - Grand Haven City Beach
- June 22** AGA Nation's 5th Annual Skateboard BMX Championships - Grand Haven Skate Park
- June 22** Classic Wooden Boat Show - Michigan Maritime Museum - South Haven (fee)
- June 22** South Haven Bark Peelers Vintage Baseball Game - Kid's Corner Field - South Haven
- June 22** Tri-Cities Garden Club Annual Garden Walk - Grand Haven & Spring Lake
- June 22-23** Spring Rose Show - Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids
- June 28** Zeeland Criterium (Bicycling sprint race - downtown Zeeland, the NASCAR of bicycle racing)
- June 28-30** Standard Flower Show - Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park - Grand Rapids
- June 29-30** Grand Haven Art Festival - downtown Grand Haven
- June 29-30** Beach Soccer in the Sand Tournament - Grand Haven State Park

Double check times and dates with the corresponding cities' Visitors Bureaus and Chamber of Commerce, as well as for obtaining an explanation of events.



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Photojournalism Category

1st Place

“Firefighters”

**2012-2013
YEAR END
COMPETITION**

CONGRATULATIONS!!

PRINT:

Category	Place	Photographer	Title
Portrait:	1st Place	Larry Heydenburg	Elizabeth
	2nd Place	Larry Heydenburg	Glamor Glow Smile
	3rd Place	Larry Heydenburg	Cowgirl
Open:	1st Place	Larry Heydenburg	North Head Light
	2nd Place	Larry Heydenburg	Blue Red and Green
	3rd Place	Larry Heydenburg	Reflections
Nature:	1st Place	Larry Heydenburg	Bleeding Hearts
	2nd Place	Larry Heydenburg	Proud Pink
	3rd Place	Jack Eichner	The Old One

DIGITAL:

Category	Place	Photographer	Title
35 Entries Creative:	1st Place	Marilyn Keigley	Painted Barn
	2nd Place	Julie Tamblin	Leaves
	3rd Place	Marilyn Keigley	Betsie River Watercolor
21 Entries Photojournalism:	1st Place	Cal Dyk	Fire Fighters
	2nd Place	Marilyn Keigley	Owl Rescue
	3rd Place	Marilyn Keigley	Hi School State Finals
74 Entries Nature:	1st Place	Lori Huff	Day Dreaming
	2nd place	Marilyn Keigley	Looking Up
	3rd Place	Lori Huff	Prickly Perch
85 Entries Open:	1st Place	Marilyn Keigley	Crabby Day
	2nd Place	Kevin Povenz	Sandys Roar
	3rd Place	Kelly Walkotten	Twilight Swim
15 Entries Portrait:	1st Place	Lori Huff	School Days
	2nd Place	Kelly Walkotten	Happines is a Little Flapper
	3rd Place	Larry Heydenburg	Elizabeth



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*Creative Category - 1st Place
“Painted Barn”*



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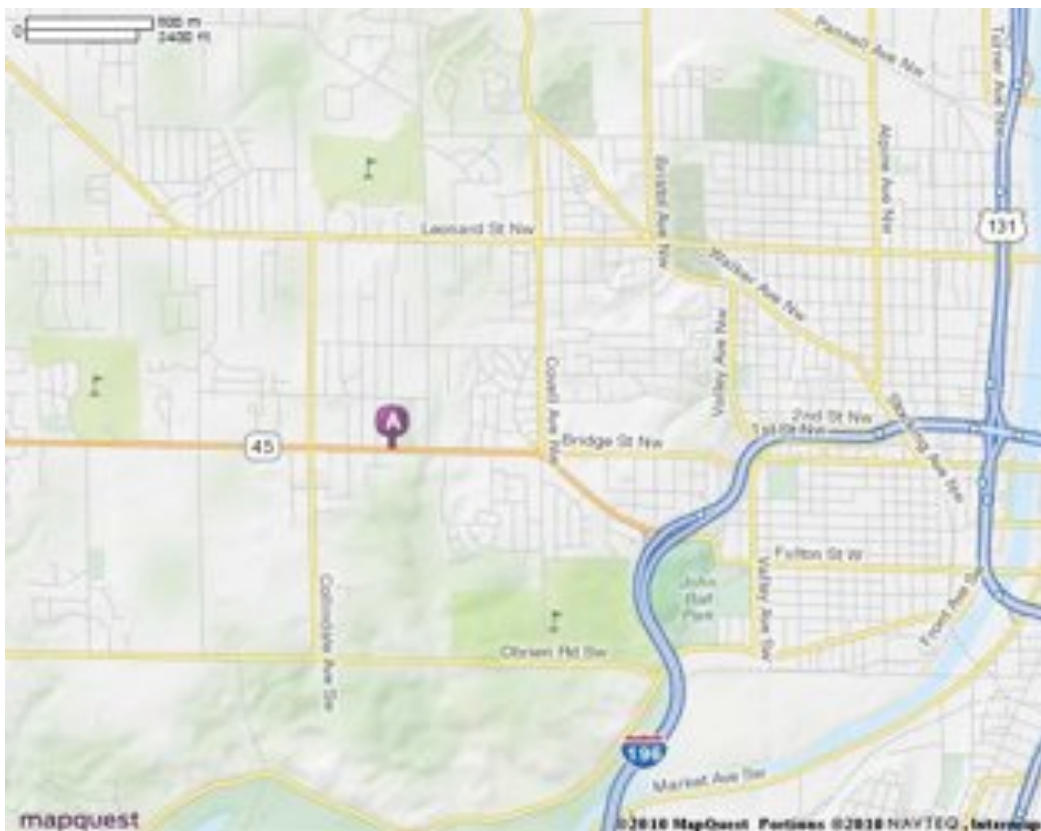
*Portrait Category - 1st Place
“School Days”*

Southwestern Michigan Council of Camera Clubs Summer Weekend of Photography and Digital Imaging 2013

The Southwestern Michigan Council of Camera Clubs invites you to attend the 39th annual SWMCCC Summer Weekend of Photography and Digital Imaging, which is a nationally recognized premier educational experience. Whether a beginner or an advanced photographer, you will find instructional opportunities and shooting sessions designed to enhance your creative skills and knowledge of photographic tools. Join us for a weekend of photographic learning, fun and fellowship.

On the campus of Hope College Holland, MI August 1-4, 2013.

<http://www.swmccc.org/>



Map:

We meet at

**Covenant Village of the
Great Lakes**

2510 Lake Michigan Drive N.W.

Grand Rapids, Michigan