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MARCH 2009 MEETINGS...

Thursday, March 12 Basic Photographic Technique Part 1: Exposure and ISO:

We will be discussing how to expose a photo properly and how to use ISO to your advantage. We will also discuss some of the problems you can run into while using different ISO settings. Having a correctly exposed image will remove a lot of work in Photoshop and give your photo better detail and richness in color. We will discuss how to use ISO creatively in your photography

Also, bring your camera. I am going to try doing some hands on with the exposure and white balance. You need to know how to adjust your plus and minus compensation. Also how to put the camera into manual mode. Change your ISO, f/stop, and shutter speed in manual mode. Also how to put your camera into aperture and shutter priority. Also, know how to adjust your white balance.

Thursday, March 26 Member Show and Tell:

We will have another time for members to share some of their work with the club. We will be asking two or three members to share a 20 minute presentation with us. Be thinking about what you can share. We promise we won't bite. Ask any of those who have shared and they will probably say they enjoy it.

APRIL 2009 MEETINGS...

Saturday, April 4 Workshop:

Richard and Susan Day of Daybreak Imagery will present "How to Attract and Photograph Backyard Wildlife". From 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Rock Springs Nature Center in Decatur.

Thursday, April 9:

Basic Photographic Technique Part II: Depth of Field & White Balance.

Thursday, April 23:

To be Announced; CICCA Spring Salon information.

PLEASE NOTE: The above is subject to change. We are talking with another Photographer about coming to give presentations to the club. We may change our agenda to accommodate him.

RESULTS OF DCC COMPETITION NIGHT...

At our February 26 Meeting we held a Competition Night. Seven Decatur Camera Club members entered 3 images each in the General category. Those entering were:

**Don Chamberlain
Bill Hoffman
Virginia Kickle
David Staff**

**Randy Gentry
Phyllis Hunt
Suzi Morrow**

Out of the 21 images entered in the General category, there were 7 accepted winners. They were:

**Don Chamberlain
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Randy Gentry
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Virginia Kickle
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David Staff**

**Coots at Merritt Island sunrise
Water walk by Snowy Egret
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Spring Romp
Morning Fog
Hot Rod**

Out of these 7 winners, there were 2 honor winners. They were:

Virginia Kickle - Morning Fog



Don Chamberlain - Water walk by Snowy Egret



In the Holiday category, there was only one member entering with 2 images:

Bill Hoffman - Christmas Shopper (honor winner)



Bill Hoffman - Hanging around the Tree (accepted winner)

Also, Larry Livingston displayed 3 of his prints.

The names are: "Tuscany Musician" which was voted the best print, "Forgotten", and "Sailboat and Lighthouse".

APRIL 4 WORKSHOP...**How to Attract and Photograph Backyard Wildlife**

Sponsored by The Decatur Camera Club

Richard & Susan Day, Daybreak Imagery

www.DayBreakImagery.com

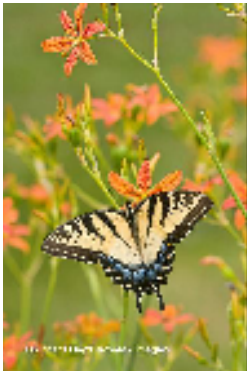
Saturday, April 4th 2009**1pm to 3pm****Rock Springs Nature Center****Tickets:****\$15 before 4/4/09****\$20 at the door (if available)**

To purchase tickets contact your club representative or call 217-428-1560

Add'l Information: www.DecaturCameraClub.net**Only 75 Tickets Will Be Sold due to space limitations at Rock Springs.****Based on interest in this presentation, tickets may be sold out by 4/4.**

Session 1: Susan will show you how to create (or improve) a backyard habitat to attract birds and butterflies. She'll offer plenty of tips for any sized-yard using plants that grow well in our area.

Session 2: Richard will explain how to photograph backyard birds, butterflies, and dragonflies. He'll discuss equipment needed, various set-ups, and techniques on how to approach birds, butterflies, and dragonflies to obtain the best photos. The program will be illustrated with photos made in the Day's backyard.



Your Presenters: A professional nature photographer, Richard Day has been in the business of publishing photos and teaching photo workshops since 1984. He specializes in birds, butterflies, dragonflies, and backyard habitats. His work has been published in Audubon, Birds & Blooms, National Wildlife, National Geographic and many other nature related publications, calendars, and books worldwide. Richard leads photo tours for The Nature Workshops and teaches a butterfly and dragonfly workshop at the Day's sanctuary. He also is a guide for photo tours for Frontiers North to photograph polar bears in Churchill, Manitoba. Richard was an instructor for 2 years for the NANPA Road Shows.

Susan Day is an award-winning photographer and writer specializing in backyard wildlife. She is a Master Gardener and co-author of "The Wildlife Gardener's Guide to Hummingbirds & Songbirds From the Tropics."

Susan serves on the board of directors of NANPA where she is currently President-Elect for 2010.

Richard and Susan own Daybreak Imagery, a stock photography and writing business near Alma, Illinois. The Days present numerous programs throughout the country on backyard wildlife, nature photography, and the photo business.

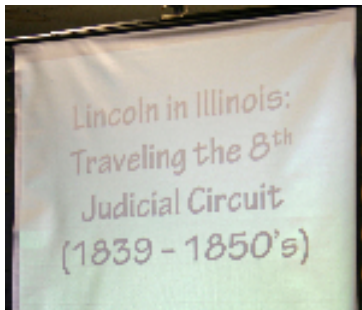


DCC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT...

On February 22, 2009 I went to a slide show that Don Chamberlain gave at the Decatur Genealogical Society about Abraham Lincoln.

In preparation for the 2009 Bicentennial Celebration of Lincoln's Birth, Don has researched, visited, and photographed Abraham Lincoln sites throughout Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois including courthouse sites along the historic 8th Judicial District Circuit where Lincoln practiced law and all seven sites for the historic Lincoln and Douglas Debates.

Here are some of the photos that I took at the Presentation:



Don spends his time traveling, taking history and nature photography. He has wrote articles about his travels and seeks to have articles and his photography published. To date he has sold the rights to eight of his articles and over forty of his images to magazines or websites. Some of the magazines include Illinois Audubon magazine, Wildbird magazine and AAA Midwest Traveler magazine. This past February, Don was the instructor of a course on Nature Photography at an Elderhostel in central Florida. In addition to authoring articles, Don has now produced and presented over 100 slide show on various topics including photography and history.

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PLEASE NOTE:

The deadline for any information for the April Newsletter will be ...
 March 29, 2009

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www.decaturncameraclub.net