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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

PCC's Spring Seminar – March 20, 2010 Peoria Camera Club's annual seminar is scheduled for March 20th. George Lepp will be the speaker. Information about our seminar is on our web site at WWW.PEORIAMERACLUB.COM Click on the "seminar" link and scroll through the information which includes a brochure and a mail in registration form.

Here is what George says about today's photography:

"In the age of digital, photography is still the same but everything's different. Great photography is no longer just about taking well-composed and properly exposed pictures. In his latest program, George will explore some of the most exciting new equipment, capture techniques and software programs that are re-defining the field by surpassing the limits previously set by film."

CICCA Spring (Individual) Salon – May 8, 2010 Hosted by the Peoria Camera Club, the Spring Salon will be held at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Peoria on Saturday, May 8, 2010. Details will be forwarded soon. The judges will be:

John Mullen - John is the chief naturalist for the Peoria Park District. He hails from the Pacific NW where he served as a field ecologist for Oregon State University and as an endangered species biologist with the US Forest Service. In 2004 he was instrumental in creating the annual Forest Park nature photo competition. www.peoriaparks.org/forest-park-nature-center

Doug Leunig - Doug traveled the world for 30 years as a commercial photographer for a global manufacturing company. Now, he and his wife Eileen apply their artistic talents for common good causes around metropolitan Peoria Illinois. He teaches digital photography at Illinois Central College. www.PurposeDrivenArt.org

Hank Erdman - Hank is a professional photographer residing in Will County Illinois. He has a special love of history, nature and the Great Lakes. Hank conducts day shoots, workshops and seminars at the Morton Arboretum, Door County's Clearing and other Midwest locations. Hank will soon release his book "Lake Effect Gallery In Print".
www.HankPhoto.com

SWMCCC Summer Weekend of Photography – July 29-August 1, 2010

Held on the campus of Hope College in Holland, Michigan, this annual event has expanded to include many digital imaging and Photoshop workshops as well as the old favorites (nature field trips, portraiture and still life set-ups, travel photography, etc.). Their website will have more information later this spring at: www.swmccc.org.

PSA Convention – October 3-9, 2010 Embassy Suites, Charleston, SC. More specific conference information (workshops, bus tours, registration forms, etc.) is usually in the April PSA Journal, so ask any PSA member in your camera club to look at their copy.

CLUB NEWS FROM OUR CICCA REPS

Champaign County CC (#2): Mary Cattell Our CCCC exhibit of nature images that has been on display at Anita Purves Nature Center (part of the Urbana Park District) over the holidays is in the process of moving to Clark-Lindsey Retirement Village in South Urbana. Anyone wanting to view the exhibit can stop by this spring. Our first February meeting was an amazing program by nature photographer Michael Jeffords and author Susan Post on their international nature photo treks in Mexico, Ecuador, and Africa. The Best in Show Photo Competition which we co-sponsor every February with twelve other C-U organizations was a big success once again with 513 entries from our very talented community. After the Saturday judging and a week of public display, the three judges, Don Dulany, Brad LaPayne, and Lisle Wiseman Casper, did a critique of the winners on February 28th. At our February digital competition, the subjects were Close-up/Macro, Abstract, and Light. The winners of the categories were, respectively, Chris Main's "Sepia Leaves", Stephen Bright's "Fireworks Askew" and Jim Long's "Fog Light".

Photography Unlimited (#6) Shelly Grabill The January meeting was held at a local restaurant to set up the 2010 schedule and discuss field trips and possible projects for the coming year. Also, topics were picked for the scavenger hunt in October. The February meeting consisted of short programs by club members and a program by Kathy Costerisan titled "Digital Pictures from Camera and Beyond".

Decatur Camera Club (#7) Don Chamberlain The Decatur Camera Club continues to grow. In December we had our first Fall Salon in a number of years. Awards were given in the following categories:

Monochrome Print Winner - Bill Hoffman.

Color Print Winner Eldon Muench.

Digital Nature Winner - Don Chamberlain

Digital Pictorial Winner Scott McMillan.

Digital Contemporary Winner Nick Crim.

Image of the Competition - Don Chamberlain.

On Jan. 6, 2010, members of the club did our Celebrating Photography program at the nearby Mt. Zion Library. It is hoped that new permanent members will result.

On Jan. 11, Stan Bousson, a nature photographer from the Quad Cities area made an excellent presentation on Nature Photography for our club members. Stan has been a volunteer for the Illinois DNR and has wonderful photographic opportunities along the Mississippi River, in the Quad Cities area, and throughout the U.S. His program was informative and his photography outstanding.

Koda Roamers, Bloomington (#12): Andrea Monninger KodaRoamers held their February meeting on Tuesday the 26th. Marie Williams provided us with a wonderful tour of Iceland that was full of wonderful images and fascinating stories. The next workshop will be on Friday, March 12 and the program for the evening will include judging of the annual challenge between KodaRoamers and Photocolorists. This year's theme is "Shapes with a Geometrical Flavour" and is slide only. We will also be judging for PSA and PSA Photo Travel.

Andrea Monninger recently had two images accepted to a 24 image display for the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission. The Illinois Natural Treasures display is a commemoration of the 500th designated nature preserve in Illinois. An opening reception was held February 25th at the Illinois Environmental Law and Policy office in Chicago. The 24 images displayed represented nature areas across the state.

Peoria Camera Club (#14): Rich Seeman

Jack Weidman does well in Outdoor Illinois photo contest. In the latest Outdoor Illinois photo contest, Jack Weidman received First Place and an Honorable Mention in the invertebrates category. He also received First Place, Second Place and an Honorable Mention in the Flora category. Look in the February 2010 issue of Outdoor Illinois magazine.

March 16th. Regular meeting. Mike Macdonald from Creative Eye Workshops in Chicago will return to provide another of his dynamic presentations. This one is titled "The Art of Nature Photography".

Annual Seminar March 20th. Noted photographer, writer and lecturer George Lepp will present his latest program "The Digital Advantage". If you haven't signed up for this opportunity, it is almost too late. You best get going. Contact Sam at scotphoto1@gmail.com or Vicki at 309-692-1552. Friday evening the 19th, George will conduct a special image critique for Peoria Camera Club members only.

For Sale: Manfrotto 322RC2 Joystick Tripod Head for \$75. Call Tom at 309-692-0842
75-300 Sigma telephoto macro zoom with hood & caps \$75.00, 24-135 Sigma telephoto macro zoom with hood & caps \$285.00, 170-500 Sigma telephoto zoom with hood, caps & UV filter \$425.00. All for Nikon Autofocus Mount. Call Mark on 309-444-9233

Peoria Camera Club Hosts CICC Spring Seminar – see information and registration/entry forms at the end of this issue.

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PhotoColorists, Bloomington-Normal (#16): Marie Williams The PhotoColorist Camera Club met in February and had their judging on the assignment, "Subjects starting with the letter C." They also chose 6 slides to be entered in the PSA Club competition. Results were back from the last judging held in England. Andrea Monninger received an Award of Merit and Doris Kupper-Smith received an Honorable Mention. Marie Williams presented a mini show on Yemen.

Morris Camera Club (#31) John Zappia The club has started digital competitions at our bi-monthly competitions. We purchased an Optoma EP728 digital projector last September. Chuck Van Grevenhof provides the laptop to run the projector. Members can either email the images to Chuck ahead of time or bring them to the meeting on a storage disc of many varieties. In addition to our digital images, we also have color prints and black and white print competitions. No one submits color slides in our club competitions any longer. Morris Camera Club continues to participate in a four-club competition twice a year with Streator Pictorialists, Photography Unlimited and Sandwich Photographic Society. Next competition will be hosted by Sandwich on Thursday, May 27, 2010. The assigned subject is "Architecture or Buildings". Participating clubs can enter color slides, color prints or black and white prints. Prints are judged as one category. Learn more about the Morris Camera club at our website at www.morriscameraclub.com.

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