

Crosstown Camera Club

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President's Focus

By Geoff Kuchera

Hello!

Welcome to another year at Crosstown Camera Club!

New Year, New Photos and New Faces

As the new president of the club I'm looking forward to a great year at Crosstown Camera Club. We have lots of exciting salon topics for our members to show their creativity and skill as photographers. Speaking of photographers, we already have two brand new members that have joined this year. Please join me in welcoming our two newest members, Penelope Watson and Neal Nye. I look forward to seeing some of your work and getting to know you better!

Boost your Creativity

Holly Kuchera has come up with the idea of having a "just for fun" creativity exercise. It works something like this: You will receive an e-mail with web links to three or more images. The exercise will be to use one or more of these images creatively; i.e.: change the way one of the images looks for a new creative perspective, or take two or more of the images and combine them into a new composition of your making. Then, when you're satisfied with the results, send them back to Holly by the Monday before the monthly meeting and we'll show them during the meeting break for everyone to see. I hope we'll get a lot of participation in this. Not only can it help with boosting your creativity in how you approach an image, but it can help you learn more about your photo editing program. (And it'll be interesting to see what club members can come up with!)

Survey Says

I'm sure that most of you have already received the survey that was sent out to our current members. We are trying to get an idea of what you guys and gals would like to see out of your club. I think it's very important to get feedback from our members, so please fill out the survey and mail it back as soon as possible. The club board will be discussing the results over the next few months. If you did not receive a survey, please let Holly know: hollis@abu.mn.org.

Fun events to shoot

So what is out there to shoot these days? Well... in the coming months there are lots of photo opportunities. For instance: The State Fair, The Renaissance Festival, Thursday nights at the Velodrome in Blaine for some bike racing, and many many other events, You can find these events and more on Holly's Shot Spots at the following web address: calendar.yahoo.com/hkuchera

So, we're off for another year at Crosstown Camera Club. I hope everyone will be able to have a great time learning about new things, getting some new tips on old things, taking some amazing photos and getting to know your fellow club members even better. I know I am going to do my best to do all of the above as well as be a great president for all of you.

See you at the meeting!

-Geoff

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Crosstown Camera Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Christ Presbyterian Church, 6901 Normandale Road, Edina, MN 6:30 p.m.

www.crosstowncameraclub.com

Calendar of Events



Club Activities

- Sept. 4, 2007 - CCC Board Meeting
6:30 PM at Edina Art Center
- Sept. 11, 2007 - **Digital** Salon entries due by 9PM
At the Edina Art Center
Topic is "Bottles"
- Sept. 20, 2007 - CCC Meeting
6:30 PM at **Christ Presbyterian Church**
- Oct. 2, 2007 - CCC Board Meeting
6:30 PM at Edina Art Center
- Oct. 9, 2007 - **Print** Salon entries due by 9PM
At the Edina Art Center
Topic is "Babies, Infants, Children"
- Oct 18, 2007 - CCC Meeting
6:30 PM at **Christ Presbyterian Church**

Newsletter Request

*Always looking for "travel stories" either in Minnesota or around the world. These can be one pagers with a few pictures to give a flavor of trip.

*Also interested in where members like to go to get nice photos. These could become suggestions or field trips for our club. And note that just because you recommend a location doesn't mean you have to be the one to organize a field trip.

* You can send info to Steve Shor at
photoechoes@hotmail.com

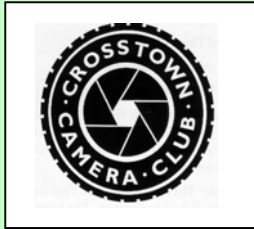
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Salon Topics for 2007-2008

September: (digital) Bottles
October: (prints) Babies,/Infants/
Children
November: (digital) Photojournalism
December: Holiday Party
January: (prints) Curves/Circles
February: (digital) Smoke
March: (prints) Ruins
April: (digital) Extremely Minnesota
May: (prints) Painterly Effects
June: Awards Night

Salon Topics for 2008-2009

September (slides): Gardens
October (prints): Circus/Fairs
November (slides): Deep Woods
December: Holiday Party
January (prints): Literary Adventure
February (slides): Unusual Viewpoints
March (prints): Snow Scene
April (slides): Decisive Moment
May (prints): Found Still Life
June: Awards Night

September Salon - Digital entries - Topic: Bottles

I looked up definition in Webster's and it basically is a glass, pottery etc. container that is designed to contain a liquid.

Reminder regarding digital entries:

- image file must be a JPEG
- max size is 1280 pixels on longest side
- make sure oriented as you want it shown
- file name must be total 22 characters or less
- type T for topic or O for open and use following format. T or O, your club number, concise title, and jpg
- example: O.691.TheBird.jpg
- send entries as an email attachment to "digitalsalon@crosstowncameraclub.com" by 9PM Tuesday, the week prior to Salon.
- Judge shall award points ranging from 5 to 10 for each entry. A competitor will receive 5 additional points for submitting at least one entry judged on topic.

Dues

Annual Dues in the amount of \$27.00, or \$40.00 per couple, are payable to "Crosstown Camera Club" in September.

Other Notes:

- members can submit one image additional each Salon for "Critique Only". New members can submit up to three images for "Critique Only" each salon. These are discussed but no scores are given or recorded. You can use this to help decide upon images to submit at a future time.
- Remember that images scoring less than 8 can be improved and resubmitted at later salons.
- Also note that in 2006-2007 two of the "images of the year" scored "only" an "8" during the regular salon competition. This shows how great is the difference between judges.

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This and That Column

By Steve Shor

CCC Year End Awards 2006-2007

Images of the Year

Digital Image of the Year



Bob Dachelet -
Sheep Shearing

Color Print of the Year



Cynthia Fleury -
Literary Walkway Central Park

Mono Print of the Year



Cynthia Fleury -
Wisteria

Art Dickey Image of the Year

Bob Dachelet -
Sheep Shearing

All Year End Award Winners

(judge: Maryann Cyr)

Digital

- 1st - Sheep Shearing - Bob Dachelet
- 2nd - Ice Hockey - Mark Karney
- 3rd - Bales in Light - Cynthia Fleury

Honorable Mentions

- Warbird - John Ringquist
- Abandoned - Lars Michael
- Car Triptych - Bob Dachelet
- Leah in IR - John Ringquist
- Ice Fisherman - Mark Karney
- Montana - Bob Cuerden
- Erika - Matt Blum
- Sideways - Geoff Kuchera

Color Print

- 1st - Literary Walkway Central Park - Cynthia Fleury
- 2nd - Daisy and Cup - Holly Kuchera
- 3rd - Sea Star - Steve Shor

Honorable Mentions

- Morro Bay Estuary - Steve Shor
- Mountain Sunrise - Cynthia Fleury
- Recycled Art - Geoff Kuchera
- Tasty - Holly Kuchera
- Two Boats - Mark Karney

Mono Print

- 1st - Wisteria - Cynthia Fleury
- 2nd - Backlit Girl - Dennis Mills
- 3rd - Glowing - Cynthia Fleury

Honorable Mentions

- Dawn at the Lake - Cynthia Fleury
- Crop Art - Bob Dachelet

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Photography "Shot Spots" by Holly Kuchera

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Keep up to date on possible photogenic events -- <http://calendar.yahoo.com/hkuchera>
We'll be keeping this calendar full of events you may want to photograph, updated throughout the year. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions for coming months, please contact me at hkuchera@yahoo.com. Enjoy!

Date	Start Time	Event	Location	Info/Website
Thurs - Mon 8/23 - 9/3	6 AM	MN State Fair	1265 North Snelling Ave. in St. Paul, MN - <i>fee</i>	http://www.mnstatefair.org/
Weekends & Labor Day + Fri 9/28 8/18 - 9/30	9 AM	MN Renaissance Festival	3 miles south of Shakopee, MN off Hwy 169 - <i>fee</i>	Journey back in time as more than 275 merchants contribute to the atmosphere of this charming 16 th century village featuring 22 acres of entertainment, shopping, fun and food fit for a king! http://renaissancefest.com/MRF/index.html
Sun 9/2	10:50 AM	Antique Train Ride	William O'Brien State Park Marine-on-St. Croix, MN - <i>fee</i>	Join us on the rails as we take an antique train ride. After a mile walk out to the train tracks, a naturalist and a train conductor will rove the train cars and take you on a tour of the history and landscapes of the St. Croix Valley. http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/william_obrien/index.html#
Fri - Sun 9/1 - 9/3	10 AM	Family Life on the Frontier	Historic Fort Snelling St. Paul, MN - <i>fee</i>	Families at Fort Snelling faced hardships different than modern families do. Living at a frontier military post was often difficult and included times of joy and sadness. http://events.mnhs.org/calendar/results.cfm?CalDate=20070901
Fri - Sun 9/1 - 9/3	Noon	Threshing Weekend	Oliver H. Kelley Farm Elk River MN - <i>fee</i>	In the mid-19th century, threshing the grain harvest was the culmination of the entire growing season's hard work. Help the Kelley Farm staff as they bring grain bundles in from the fields, thresh the grain in an 1856 horse-powered Cox and Roberts threshing machine, help bag up the grain and rake away the straw. http://www.mnhs.org/places/sites/ohkf/
Thurs & Sat 9/6, 9/8, 9/13	7 PM	Velodrome Races	National Sports Center Blaine, MN	Cycling: Speed and endurance are tested every Thursday when racing takes over the velodrome. Twelve races are offered for four different divisions of men and women from beginning Category 4 riders to elite level Category 1 racers. http://www.nscsports.com/sports/cycling/index.htm

Thurs 9/13	6:30 PM	Evening in the Park Series - Music & Dance	Fort Snelling State Park St. Paul, MN - <i>fee</i>	Join us with your picnic dinner for our 2nd summer of music and dance in the park. Each of four evenings will reflect a different culture and the impact that it has made on our Twin Cities. http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/fort_snelling/index.html#
Sat - Sun 9/15 - 9/16	10 AM	Fall Gathering	North West Company Fur Post Pine City MN - <i>fee</i>	Celebrate the season amidst the crisp air and bright fall colors at the North West Company Fur Post. Experience a fall gathering of Ojibwe, voyageurs and fur traders as they prepare for the winter trading season. Listen to traditional music, participate in children's activities, discover camp life and visit with the historical merchants. http://www.mnhs.org/places/sites/nwcfp/
Fri - Sun 9/21 - 9/23	Sat/Sun 1 PM	Wacipi Honoring the 38 Dakota	Land of Memories Park Mankato, MN - FREE	http://mahkatowacipi.org/