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Sharing Our Passion for Photography

The Newsletter of the Linn Area Photo Club

From the President

Welcome to all the new members joining the Linn Area Photo Club. We welcome your interest and expertise. You should find the LAPC as rewarding as you want it to be. In other words, to quote the famous philosopher Steve Thompson, "You will get out of it what you put into it." Please feel free to volunteer and participate in as many aspects of the LAPC open to you. We are serious about photography, however, and expect to grow with you in this art. A significant portion of the club's activities centers around taking photographs and reviewing on our images.

December Meeting

The next LAPC meeting will be held:

Sunday, December 12th, 2:00pm
Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning
Center

Topic:
Matting Photographs

Contest Theme:
Fall Colors

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and are ready to enter into our winter months of camera club. Try to get an opportunity to get outside this month and get some good local photo opportunities (i.e. Christmas lights) as well as those special family photos. The exhibit at Indian Creek Nature Center was wonderful. I heard nothing but great comments. A big thanks to Jan Aiels from ICNC for opening up the exhibit on Sunday for our members, families and friends.

At the December meeting our guest will be Erik Madsen, who will talk to us about his humorous photo cards.

Many months ago, LAPC member Rob Haman introduced me to digital guru Tim Grey's daily digital email. Go to www.timgrey.com to signup.

Congratulations to members David Chung, Rob Haman and David Lortz for their images being listed in the Cedar Rapids Gazette Call of the Color fall photo contest.

LAPC 2005 membership dues will be collected at the December 12th meeting.

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The dues are \$15 for all existing members and must be paid before the January 9th meeting. Dues for new members and existing members who do not pay by the January 9th deadline will be \$20 for 2005.

Please start thinking about the possible themes for our February workshop.

As always, LAPC is your photography club. If you have any comments or criticisms, please contact any executive committee member or myself.

Bob Lancaster,
President LAPC

Shooting Assignment Tips

REFLECTIONS

With reflections you have to remember that to get the reflected subject really sharp, you have to add together the distance from the camera to the reflecting surface, plus the distance from that original subject. Naturally, if you are fairly close to the reflecting surface, but the subject is much farther away, focusing on the reflection will put the foreground out of focus, even with the lens fairly well stopped down.

Using an SLR, you can study the effect in the viewfinder and see the actual changes using the depth-of-field preview button. First, study the subject in the viewfinder, watching the depth-of-field effect as the lens is progressively stopped down. When the desired effect is obtained, check the shutter speed. You will most likely need to carry a tripod or searching out some form of support. This is a different matter with action photography, where the shutter speed is usually the prime factor.

Bob Lancaster

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Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from Oct 10th meeting passed.
- 2005 membership dues: for current members that renew before the end of the Jan. 9th (2005) meeting, the 2005 dues will be \$15. For current members that renew after the Jan 9th meeting, and new members, the 2005 dues will be \$20. Sheryl and Pam will be collecting dues at the Dec 12th and Jan 9th meetings.
- N4C report: Four members of the LAPC attended the N4C conference in Amana. N4C is very competition orientated. Early next year (either Jan or Feb '05), there will be a separate meeting for those individuals wanting to compete in the N4C competitions.
- Election of officers: The floor was opened to nominations for the election of new club officers. No nominations were presented. Upon review of the by-laws, and agreement of the current officers, a motion was made and passed to nominate the current club officers to continue in their office through 2005. Election of the club officers proceeded; results are listed below.

2005 Club officers

President – Bob Lancaster

Vice President – Jim Zelle

Treasurer – Pam Wild

Secretary – Brian Mishmash

Noted at completion of election is that club officers can only serve two consecutive terms in the same office. Club members were asked to talk with the current club officers to obtain more information if they are interested in a specific position for 2006 nominations / elections.

- Monthly theme contest – The executive committee has decided to change from a contest format to a show and tell format to promote learning in the club. A monthly theme workshop will be held at each LAPC meeting. The monthly theme will be established in advance (minimum of two months), and be published in the club newsletter and web site.

Members of the LAPC will breakup into small groups (4 –8 people) to review and discuss the photos. The photographer will explain the how, why, etc of their image. Members in the small group will provide constructive feedback to the photographer.

Format

No size limit

Photos may be mounted, and / or matted

Photos may not be framed.

ALL images available in jpeg format presented during the monthly meeting theme will be posted to the website (members will need to provide their images to the LAPC webmaster).

Minutes continued ...

January's 2005 theme will be **REFLECTIONS**.

- Indian Creek will be having a special open house for the LAPC members and their families on Nov 21st from 2 – 4 pm. Feedback from Indian Creek about this years exhibit has been very positive.
- December's meeting topic is **Matting**. Please bring your favorite image that you have matted, or framed to talk about why you matted it the way you did (i.e. color, size, shape, etc).
- Eric Madsen will be our guest speaker in December.
- December's monthly photo theme contest will be **FALL COLORS**.
- Karen is trying to arrange a tour of Photo-Pro for sometime after Thanksgiving.
- Sunday April 10th 2005, Robert Campagna will be hosting the LAPC in his gallery, studio, and darkroom.
- Feedback from the 2nd class at Wickiup has been positive. There were approximately 17 people that attended Mark's class on "How to Choose a Digital Camera" on November 13th.
- If you have ideas for classes, please contact Bob Lancaster. There may be a class in February '05 on "Snow Photography".
- Meeting concluded with the judging of the monthly photo contest and the macro photography workshop. Thanks to Jenny Corbett (she is on the LCC staff at Wickiup) and her husband for providing the critters for the club to photograph.

Membership Application

Please visit www.linnareaphotoclub/about/2004app.pdf for the Linn Area Club Membership Application.

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