

# Out of Focus

*Newsletter of the Focus Photo Club*

*A Special Interest Club for Amateur and Professional Photographers*

*Meeting at Cox Arboretum in Dayton on the 1st Thursday each month*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7 - April Club Meeting Dan Swart on wildlife photography

April 9 - Spring Shoot at Cincinnati Nature Center

April 16 Smokies Trip - Julie Guenther

April 30 - Shoot at California Nature Center and River Downs.

May 5 - May Club Meeting People's Choice, Elections.

Selling Stock Photography - Mary Nemeth

June 2 - Annual Awards Banquet

## TONIGHT'S MEETING



Focus member Dan Swart will do the pre-meeting program on wildlife photography. Dan takes wonderful wildlife photos, and every photo in his collection was actually taken in the wild. Come at 6:30 and listen to his tips for shooting wildlife. During the meeting, the proposed changes to the Constitution will be introduced and explained. Also the slate of proposed officers for the next year will be announced. It's not too late to run for an office, as many offices have only one person running.

## CINCINNATI NATURE CENTER SHOOTOUT

Our first shootout of the spring will be at Cincinnati Nature Center on Saturday, April 9. We've gone there several times and gotten lots of good shots. We'll meet at the Frisch's on 741 near the Dayton Mall at 7:20 for breakfast. If you want to carpool, but don't want to come for breakfast, meet us in the parking lot of Frisch's at 8:10. We'll shoot until around noon, then go to a local restaurant for lunch. There will be more time to shoot in the afternoon. The emphasis here will be on shooting wildflowers and birds. There are lots of flowers and two bird blinds, which make it easier to get good shots of songbirds. If you want to meet us at the Nature Center, the address is 4949 Tealtown Rd, Milford, OH 45150.

## CALIFORNIA WOODS/RIVER DOWNS SHOOTOUT

On Saturday, April 30, we have another shootout scheduled. This one will take us to the California Woods Nature Preserve in Cincinnati in the morning to shoot wildflowers and birds. From there, we'll go to River Downs Racetrack to shoot the horses. The races start at 1:00, so depending on time, we'll either eat at the track or grab something on the way. There is no cost to get into the racetrack or for parking. We've had shoots at River Downs several times and it's an opportunity to get good action sports shots. Again, we'll meet at Frisch's at 7:20 for breakfast. California Woods is at 5400 Kellogg Ave. in Cincinnati, and the racetrack is at 5301 Kellogg. If you have any questions about either outing, talk to Terry Cavanaugh or Lynn Milenkevich.

## President's Corner



Welcome to the April 2011 issue of the President's Corner.

What a beautiful weekend! The flowers are in bloom and the temperatures are on the rise. It's a great time to get out and photograph nature.

It's hard to believe we are almost at the end of the Focus Photo Club year! My term as club President officially ends in June. I hope everyone has enjoyed my 2 years as President. We developed a great Digital Photography category as well as continuing the Canon Explorer of Light Seminars.

Tonight we take nominations for the Focus Photo Club Board from July 2011 to June 2012. We will vote in the new Board in the May meeting. We are also presenting recommended Club Constitution changes with an official vote next month.

May is also the time for the People's Choice Awards! It's not too early to start reviewing your photos and looking for a possible candidate.

As another reminder, the Focus Photo Club Banquet is this June at the Kettering Banquet Center. I hope everyone can attend the Banquet and enjoy our recap of the Club Year, introduction of the new Board as well as the announcement of the winners of the People's Choice Awards.

I hope everyone enjoys tonight's program, and the Zoo Shoot Competition. And until our May 2011 meeting, get out and shoot!

Billy Crafton

Focus Photo Club President

## DAN SWART WILDLIFE EXHIBIT



Focus Photo Club member Dan Swart is having an exhibit of his wildlife photography at Brukner Nature Center in Troy. His photos will be on display there until June 19. The Nature Center is open Monday - Saturday from 9- 5 with an admission fee of \$2.50. Admission is free on Sundays and the

center is open from 12:30 - 5. The address is 5995 Horsehoe-Bend Rd., Troy, OH 45373.

## CHRISTINA SOMERSET EXHIBIT

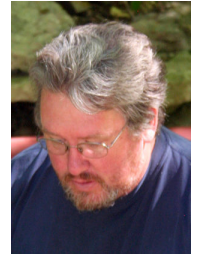
Focus Photo member Cristina Somerset will have her photos exhibited at the Centerville Police Department during the month of May. The date has not been set for the reception, so more information will be available later.



### Executive Board 2010-2011

Executive Board 2010-2011			
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## DON ADAMS WINS AWARDS



In a recent photo competition at the Deer and Turkey Expo in Columbus, Focus Photo Member Don Adams was awarded three ribbons. He got first place in the wildlife category and both first and third in the scenic category.

### GUIDELINES

Competition is open to all paid-up members of Focus Photo Club (dues must be current one week prior to competition.) Entry deadline is 7:10 p.m. on meeting night. Each member may submit 3 entries, no more than 2 in any one category. Competition rules can be found in the Constitution, Article X.

## LAURA JAMES HAS PHOTO PUBLISHED

One of Focus Photo Member Laura James's photos from Amish Country has been chosen to be on the cover of a new brochure from the Holmes County Tourist Bureau. This is the same photo Laura won a contest with in the Amish Summer Photo Contest online last fall.



## PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

Coming up in May, you'll have a chance to submit your one favorite photo for the People's Choice Competition. It can be a new photo or one you've entered in competition. You may enter one photo, matted or mounted. Prints only and the same size limitations as competition. Club members will vote for their favorite six photos and the six with the most votes will receive awards at the Banquet. Be prepared to leave your photo till the Banquet.

## Visit with Lewis Kemper - Canon Explorer of Light

Ohio Valley Camera Club is hosting Lewis Kemper, part of the Canon Explorer of Light program, on Wednesday, May 18. Kemper will be at Fernald Preserve, which is located at 7400 Willey Rd., Hamilton Ohio. The program begins at 6:00 pm. You must be a member to go, but membership is free. Just go to the website, <http://www.meetup.com/Ohio-Valley-Camera-Club> to join.

## Dayton Metro Library Spring Photography Series

The Dayton Metro Library is hosting a series of photography programs at the Kettering-Moraine Branch. Presenters are Kim Coughnour and Mark Cela, both former instructors at Ohio Institute of Photography and Technology. All programs are from 6:30 - 8:00. The schedule is as follows:

May 5 Cela Basic Digital SLR Camera Skills, May 12 Coughnour Make the Most of Lighting May 17 Coughnour Composing Your Pictures May 19 Coughnour Advanced Photography Techniques I, May 31 Coughnour Advanced Photography Techniques II, June 2 Cela Making Good Pictures from your Digital Camera Files.

### MONTHLY THEMES

April	Humor
May	5 Rivers MetroParks
June	Banquet—No Competition
July	Chaos
August	Street Life
September	Things that Roll
October	Reflections
November	That Just Ain't Right!
December	What Is It?

## NEWSLETTER INFO

Please e-mail me any information you have for the newsletter. That include good news, like awards you've won, photos you've had published, and exhibits you're participating in. I can also use information about local photography events, contests or exhibits that might be of interest to the members. It's your input that makes my job easier and enables me to include information that is of interest to the members. Thanks!

## March Top Ten

1. Jim Clapp	25
2. Teresa Jack	23
3. Tom Woolf	21
Lynn Milenkevich	21
Mike Abel	21
6. Sally Oberbeck	19
Dan Swart	19
Don Adams	19
9. Kristin Heil	17
Joann Jozwiak	17
Vijay Bahel	17

## Icon Achievers

25

Julie Lucht  
Linda Phillips  
David Steele

50

Ann O'Connor  
Kathy Newton  
John Murphy  
Jim Clapp  
VJ Bahel

75

Pat Buell  
Joann Jozwiak  
Sally Oberbeck  
Erica Watson

100

Lynn Milenkevich  
Tom Woolf  
Terry Orf  
Kristin Heil  
Eleanor Hilton  
Sue Fanelli  
Glen Buell

125

Don Adams Mike Abel  
Teresa James Dan Swart

150

Stan Rohrer Louise Haws

## March Competition Theme - Country Life

### SMALL PRINT OPEN

1. Bamboo Lunch - Eleanor Hilton
2. Morning Glory - Linda Palmer
3. Peeking Gibbon - Kathy Moore
3. Symmetry - Terry Orf
- HM - Frisky Zebras - Linda Palmer
- HM - Snailin' Along - Kathy Moore
- HM - Speed of Light - Terry Orf
- HM - Great Salt Lake Sunset - Linda Madden
- HM - Everglades Restaurant - Julie Lucht

### SMALL PRINT THEME

1. Round-up - Donna Hendrickson
1. Carriage Hill Windmill - Linda Madden
2. Old Barn in the Woods - Erica Watson
2. Dan, the Very Old Cow - Joann Jozwiak
3. Harvest Bounty - Donna Hendrickson
3. Mason Jar - Terry Orf
- HM - Old Farm Pump - Ann O'Connor
- HM - In My Own Back Yard - Julie Lucht

### COLOR OPEN

1. Church Bells - Sue Fanelli
1. Northern Shoveler - Teresa Jack
2. Flicker - Dan Swart
2. Neno - Kristin Heil
3. Sky Ballet - Dan Swart
3. Yellow Beard - Eleanor Hilton
3. Indian Snake Charmer - Sally Oberbeck
- 3 The Candidate - John Murphy
3. Haleakala Caldera - Richard Fox
3. Fine Feathers - Kathy Newton
- HM - What a Great Pair - Tom Temple
- HM - Cincinnati Skyline - Sherri Tingley
- HM - The King - Kathy Newton
- HM - Lotus 77 - Cristina Somerset
- HM - Space Shuttle Atlantis - Richard Fox
- HM - Looking Forward - Pat Weisenbrodt
- HM - Hummingbird - Jean Kuns

### COLOR THEME

1. Hard Plowing - Jim Clapp
1. Hoe Yo' Tobacco - Jim Clapp
2. Starting Young - Dan Swart
2. Old-Fashioned Plowing - Mike Abel
3. Kentucky Barn in Autumn - Sally Oberbeck
3. Winter Farm - Stan Rohrer
- HM - Farm on Findley Mill Rd. - Eleanor Hilton
- HM - Country Grazing - Sue Fanelli
- HM - Blaze's Friend - Kathy Newton
- HM - Going to Town - Pat McCarthy

### BLACK & WHITE OPEN

1. Cape Lookout Lighthouse - Sally Oberbeck
1. Night Bridge - Kristin Heil
2. Yorktown Blacksmith - Jim Clapp
2. Deep in Thought - Don Adams
3. South Haven Light - Teresa Jack
- HM - White Tiger - Don Adams
- HM - Waiting for Spring - Jon Carter

### BLACK & WHITE THEME

1. Plowing the Fields - Teresa Jack
2. Cow Girl - Joann Jozwiak
3. Home Sweet Home - Robert Breen
3. Back to the Barn - Mike Able
3. Winter Feeding - Pat McCarthy
- HM - Old Country Store - Linda Phillips
- HM - House in the Woods - Amy Traxler
- HM - Heading for the Barn - Joann Jozwiak

### EXTENDED OPEN

1. Fresh Fallen Snow - Don Adams
1. Hanging Out in the Jungle - Kathy Moore
2. The Time Is? - Glen Buell
2. Lily 77 - Cristina Somerset
3. Covered Bridge - Robert Breen
3. Smooth Landing - Louise Haws
3. Sunset - Pat Buell
3. Legacy Stairwell - Linda Phillips
- HM - What Do You See in Me? - Erica Watson
- HM - Gray Wolf - Tom Temple

### EXTENDED THEME

1. Amish Countryside - Mike Abel
2. Autumn Road - Stan Rohrer
3. Whoa Box - Louise Haws
3. Garden Walk - Pat Buell
3. Autumn Wagon - Linda Phillips
- HM - Carriage Hill - Stan Rohrer
- HM - Country Home - Pat Buell

### DIGITAL OPEN

1. Number 3 - Vijay Bahel
1. Flying Pelican - Lynn Milenkevich
2. Vijay Bahel - Number 3
2. Great Horned Owl - Linda Palmer
3. Night Heron - Lynn Milenkevich
- HM - Jumping Gal - Louise Haws
- HM - Flat Fork Falls II - Tom Woolf

### DIGITAL THEME

1. Chew Mailpouch - Tom Woolf
1. Just Doin' my Job - Tom Woolf
2. Amish Church Day - Lynn Milenkevich
3. Barn Babies - David Steele
- HM - Out in the Country - Holly Smith
- HM - Yellow Springs Building - Ryan Traxler

## **REQUEST FROM TERRY WATSON**

Historian Terry Watson needs photos to include in the slideshow for the Focus Photo Club Banquet on June 2. If you have any photos of club members at club-sponsored events, shootouts or meetings, Terry would appreciate being able to use them. You can either e-mail them to Terry at [tdwatson66@yahoo.com](mailto:tdwatson66@yahoo.com) or put them on a CD and bring them to the March or April Meeting. Terry asks that you size them to 1024 pixels on the longest side. The slideshow is always one of the highlights of the Banquet, but without your cooperation, Terry won't have enough pictures for it.

## **FOCUS PHOTO CALENDAR COMPETITION**

Focus Photo Club is putting together a calendar of our members' best work, voted on by the club. The competition will be done like the International Competition. The first place photo will be on the cover and the next 12 in ranking will be in the calendar in random order. The name of the photographer and the title of the photo will be added to each image. The calendar will then be for sale for \$15.00. This is a fund raiser for the club and it will be available by the November meeting, so keep it in mind for a great Christmas gift for family and friends.

High resolution images will be submitted by disc to John Murphy or Laura James by the end of the June meeting. Limit of 2 images per person. Images must be horizontal and must measure 11.75 x 8.75. We will be doing preorders starting now, again to either John Murphy or Laura James. The results of the competition will not be known until the calendar is published. **SURPRISE!!!!**

## **NEWEST FOCUS PHOTO MEMBER**



Maxwell Dean Kennard

## **FOCUS PHOTO CLUB ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**

Instead of a regular meeting in June, we always have our annual awards banquet. Again this year, we will have it at the Kettering Banquet Center. We had it here last year and it was ideal for our purposes.

Besides the dinner, we'll enjoy a slide show of images from our meetings and activities in the last year. (Don't forget to give Terry Watson your photos for him to include). The evening also includes door prizes and items to be raffled off. And, of course, awards are given out to the photographers with the most points in each category, as well as the Photographer of the Year. Winners of the People's Choice contest will also be announced and those awards given out. And the results of the election will be announced and the new officers introduced.

There will be more information coming your way soon, including the menu, times and cost. This is always a lot of fun, so plan to be there!

## **SMOKIESTRIP COMING UP**

Our annual trip to the Smokies, led by Julie Guenther, will be from April 16-22. I hope you already have reservations so you can get the group rate. If not, you can still go - you just will have to pay more. This is a wonderful trip and it's the perfect time of year for it.