



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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PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

KATHY MOORE



Kathy Moore's wonderful animal shots helped her to pass everyone else in competition points this year on her journey to becoming Photographer of the Year.

We asked Kathy for some information and she sent a lot of interesting tidbits about herself.

Before she joined the club, her hobbies included raising and training German Shepherds, including obedience competition, tracking, protection training and agility. She also owned two horses, a quarter-horse that she showed in 4-H and open shows and a part Andalusian that she trained from a 2-year-old. She broke this horse herself and showed it in driving, dressage, jumping, cross country, trail riding and western pleasure.

Kathy has also done pottery, winning a few awards at local competitions. She enjoys drawing pets in charcoal and has sold some of her drawings to pet owners. She has worked for veterinarians and was a licensed vet tech. She owned her own pet shop for awhile. "I did not sell dogs or cats unless they were local need homes," she said. She currently is a Professional Pet Care Technician, aka pet groomer. She would love to be able to support herself with her photography,(cont. p. 3)

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2 - Annual Club Awards Banquet

July 7 - July Club Meeting

July 17 - Balloons and Horses Shootout - Ohio Challenge and River Downs

August 1 & 2 - Water Garden Photo Shoot - Joe Kavalauskas

August 4 - August Club Meeting

Sept. 1 - September Club Meeting

President's Corner



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

Well, this month is the end of my two-year term as Focus Photo Club President. I am passing the torch to

Brian Woolum and look forward to contributing to the club from the sidelines. I've tried to do a good job and I am proud of the Digital Competition Category and our continued hosting of the Canon Explorer of Light Seminar. I would like to thank my Board for the past year for making everything go smoothly. Without their volunteer work and sacrifice, the Club could not prosper. I am very thankful for this group of people and their help this year. I would also like to thank Jim Clapp and Amy Traxler for their efforts on the Banquet! They have done a fantastic job.

Speaking of the Banquet, tonight is the night we get to relax, kick back and enjoy the annual awards and everyone's company. It's that time we get to remember the past club year and celebrate the new one. We had another great year as we introduced the Novice Competition Category and I hope everyone enjoyed the excellent programs organized by Terry Cavanaugh.

I can't wait to enjoy the Awards Banquet and I hope everyone is there to join us as we announce the Award winners!

Billy Crafton

Focus Photo Club President



Dan Borzynski Exhibit

Focus Photo Club member Dan Borzynski is exhibiting his photos at the Centerville Police Station Gallery through the month of June. The exhibit consists primarily of his landscape work. There will be a reception on Tuesday, June 7 from 6-8. Dan says, "Guests and gawkers are welcome!"

Jim Hayes Art Work at Mall

The Town & Country Shopping Center has commissioned Jim Hayes to do some artwork there. The subject is Shopping. He submitted two images, both as a regular photo and as a Photoshopped watercolor. Both watercolors were chosen.

Jim also submitted three entries to the website "One Daily Shot." Two of his entries were chosen as the "Daily Shot." Congratulations, Jim!

Swisher's Has Closed

Swisher's Restaurant has closed, so the exhibit that Shari Harms and Pat McCarthy were going to do there in August will not occur.

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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.

MONTHLY THEMES

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!

Pat McCarthy, Newsletter/PR

(Kathy Moore - cont.) but realize that that is not an easy route to go.

Kathy joined Focus Photo after hearing about it at a framing shop. She had just bought her first SLR camera kit, a Nikon D 70s and was excited to find a club. "I joined the first night I was there so I could start competition the following month," she said. "I was so excited during my first competition and it was great fun. I was surprised how welcoming the people were at the club and it wasn't long before I had many great new friends. That first year, I ended up placing 6th in Small Print Open and that was a total shock and delight. I have been entering ever since, trying not to miss a meeting. Because of the great comradeship, advice and friendships I've made, the quality of photos I take has increased greatly. I look back and see that photos I entered early on that I thought were great, now I see why they didn't do so great in the competition."

Kathy's husband was a part-time photographer with a lot of Nikon equipment. She said she kept a Nikon F after the divorce, but film and developing were expensive, so she couldn't afford to do a lot of photography. Then she found digital!

She says, "I love shooting animals, nature, working dog competitions, pretty much anything else outside, almost always with natural light. I'm not comfortable shooting people, but force myself sometimes just to try to expand my abilities.

One of the things I enjoy the most about the club is the different places that we go on photo shoots. I never believed I would enjoy shooting trains, but I had the best time there and got some really fantastic shots."

Since joining the club, Kathy has had a number of "proud moments." She says, "The best one was when the zoo used "See Spot Run" on their t-shirts for the cheetah run at the zoo. It has also been used in their quarterly magazine and screensaver, along with some of my other shots, on the zoo website." They've used some of her other photos on their calendar and her lion shot was used as the cover of the zoo map. Her photos have also appeared in their other publications. Last year she entered the Preble County and Montgomery County Fairs and got Best-of-Show in both, as well as several firsts, seconds and thirds. She got Judge's Choice and a 2nd and 3rd place in the Preble County Art Association show.

In conclusion, Kathy says, "I can't thank everyone enough for all the help and information I've got throughout the years. The friendships have been the best. I encourage everyone to compete in the club's competition, as it is a great way to learn. Her advice to newer club members is, "Even if you don't think you are ready, you will be pleasantly surprised when your photos start winning and even if they don't do so well, someone will help you figure out why and how to improve. I don't think I got Photographer of the Year by winning lots of first places, but by being consistent in the placements. I sort of feel like the underdog that just kept gnawing away at it, trying to improve my photography. I keep an open mind and accept and welcome any criticism, even if I don't agree with it. But most important, HAVE FUN! I DO!" Congratulations, Kathy!

Kathy in her "Run Spot Run" t-shirt



May Top Ten

1.	Stan Rohrer	23
	Lynn Milenkevich	23
3.	Terry Orf	21
	Laura James	21
	Mike Abel	21
6.	Ann O'Conner	19
	Dan Swart	19
	Tom Woolf	19
	Kristin Heil	19
	Glen Buell	19
	Joann Jozwiak	19

Note on Digital Competition

If you are uploading your pictures for digital competition and you are not editing your pictures to meet the club-specified dimensions (1024 max dimension), you must use the web interface, under the link "Upload Pictures (Old)". The new application under "Upload Pictures" will not resize your photos. Photos submitted that don't meet the correct dimensions will not be accepted. This starts with the July Meeting, as that is our first meeting of the new 2011-2012 Club Year.

May Competition Theme - MetroParks

SMALL PRINT OPEN SMALL PRINT THEME

1.	So-Lo-Me-O - Kathy Moore	1.	Pond Life - Terry Orf
1.	Pansy - Ann O'Conner	2.	Caterpillar - Terry Orf
2.	Getting a Head Start - Eleanor Hilton	3.	Trellis at Wegerzyn - Kristin Heil
2.	Barred Owl - Linda Palmer	3.	Wegerzyn Columbine - Ann O'Conner
2.	Bridal Veil - Joann Jozwiak	3.	Wegerzyn Hosta - Ann O'Conner
2.	White Amaryllis - Sue Fanelli	HM - Butterfly at Cox - Pat Lundy	
3.	Lily of the Valley - Linda Palmer	HM - Cox Orchid - Sue Fanelli	
3.	Chrissy - Terry Orf	HM - Island Park Playground - Pat McCarthy	
3.	Wagons - Donna Hendrickson		
3.	Foggy Morning - Pat Lundy		
3.	Pileated Woodpecker - Joann Jozwiak		
HM - Bridge at Cox - Ron Dunn			

COLOR OPEN

COLOR THEME

1.	Kayaking the Elbow - Dan Swart	1.	Cox Bridge - Stan Rohrer
2.	Spring Maple - Joann Jozwiak	1.	Plowing - Dan Swart
2.	Close-Up Amaryllis - Sue Fanelli	2.	Boardwalk - Jim Clapp
2.	Lava Meets Ocean - Richard Fox	2.	Fall at Hills and Dales - Crystal Allen
3.	Untitled # 38 - Dan Borzynski	2.	Cox Bridge in Spring - Mike Abel
3.	Untitled # 39 - Dan Borzynski	3.	Cox Bridge - Crystal Allen
HM - Say AAAH - Eleanor Hilton		3.	Beautiful Flower - Kristin Heil
HM - Dandelion - Eleanor Hilton		HM - Sunrise North Woods - Jim Clapp	
HM - Wally Walrus - Tom Temple		HM - The Twins - Tom Temple	
HM - Cedar Point Train - Jon Carter		HM - Tree Swallow - Jean Kuns	
HM - Fighting Back - Jon Carter			

BLACK & WHITE OPEN

BLACK & WHITE THEME

1.	Sprint Run Bridge - Laura James	1.	Winter at Cox - Kristin Heil
2.	Cascades - Teresa Jack	2.	Plowing at Carriage Hill - Pat McCarthy
2.	Flamingo - Linda Phillips	3.	Who Has the Longest Neck? - Mike Abel
3.	Babysitting - Louise Haws	3.	Buttons - Kathy Moore
3.	Untitled # 37 - Dan Borzynski	HM - Benches at Cox - Pat McCarthy	
HM - Jenny Lake # 3 - Don Adams			

EXTENDED OPEN

EXTENDED THEME

1.	Dazzling Dahlia - Stan Rohrer	1.	Spring Beauties - Mike Abel
2.	On Safari - Louise Haws	1.	Spring Planting - Glen Buell
3.	Red Model T - Stan Rohrer	1.	A Walk in the Woods - Glen Buell
3.	Barn for Sale - Laura James	1.	Summer Jewel - Kathy Newton
3.	Fallen Trees - Louise Haws	2.	Contemplation - Pat Buell
3.	Morning at the Lake - Don Adams	3.	Sandbox - Pat Buell
3.	Gervera Glory - Linda Phillips		
HM - Mesa View - Don Adams			
HM - Greenbriar - Teresa Jack			

DIGITAL OPEN

DIGITAL THEME

1.	Tahquamenon Falls - Lynn Milenkevich	1.	Misty Cox Morn - Tom Woolf
2.	Lighthouse at Night - Lynn Milenkevich	2.	A Bee, See? - Tom Woolf
2.	Fly-fishing at Spring Run - Laura James	2.	Riverscape Fountains at Dusk - Dave Lundy
2.	#2 - Vijay Bahel	2.	Riverscape Fountain - Lynn Milenkevich
3.	Red-Tailed Hawk - Linda Palmer	3.	Winter Allee - Holly Smith
3.	Backlit Ladyslipper - Dave Lundy	HM - Summer Day at Cox - Dave Lundy	
HM - #1 - Vijay Bahel		HM - #3 - Vijay Bahel	
HM - Munch, Munch, Munch - Holly Smith		HM - Swimming at Cox Arb - Holly Smith	
HM - Use it or Lose it - Tom Woolf			

PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNERS

At the May meeting, the membership voted on photos entered in the Annual People's Choice Competition. The winners were as follows:

"Paws" - Eleanor Hilton

"Screaming Eagle" - Pat McCarthy

"Fly United" - Dan Swart

"Spring Run Boats" - Laura James

"Mountain Lion" - Tom Temple

"Autumn Path" - Stan Rohrer

WATER GARDEN SHOOTOUT

Joe Kavalauskas will be in charge of a Focus Photo Shoot on August 1 and 2. Members will have the opportunity to shoot at two different ponds each night. If you are interested in participating, e-mail Joe at jkavalauskas@woh.rr.com

He will e-mail you the locations of the ponds when the date comes near. The owners of the gardens are members of the Miami Valley Water Garden Society. You may shoot from 6-10 each night.

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CALIFORNIA WOODS/RIVER DOWNS SHOOTOUT



Photos by Dave Lundy

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THANK YOU FROM NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I'd like to thank everyone who sends me info for the newsletter. I couldn't do it without you. Special thanks to Dave Lundy for photos and to John Sullivan and Nancy Roach for writing articles.

END-OF-YEAR STATS

SMALL PRINT OPEN

1. Kathy Moore
 2. Linda Palmer
 3. Terry Orf
 4. Pat Lundy
 5. Erica Watson
 6. Donna Hendrickson
- HM - Nancy Christolear
HM - Dave Berry

SMALL PRINT THEME

1. Pat Lundy
 2. Donna Hendrickson
 3. Terry Orf
 4. Ann O'Conner
 5. Joann Jozwiak
 6. Erica Watson
- HM - Pat McCarthy
HM - Eleanor

COLOR OPEN

1. Dan Swart
 2. Cristina Somerset
 3. Sue Fanelli
 4. Dan Borzynski
 5. Jon Carter
 6. Kathy Newton
- HM - Tom Temple
HM - Teresa Jack

COLOR THEME

1. Stan Rohrer
2. Crystal Allen
3. Mike Abel
4. Jim Clapp
5. Dan Swart

Color Theme continued

6. Sue Fanelli
- HM - Tom Temple
HM - Eleanor Hilton

BLACK & WHITE OPEN

1. Don Adams
2. Laura James
3. Teresa Jack
4. Dan Borzynski
5. Sally Oberbeck

BLACK & WHITE THEME

6. Jon Carter
- HM - Kristin Heil
HM - Louise Haws

BLACK & WHITE THEME

1. Pat McCarthy
 2. Mike Abel
 3. Kathy Moore
 4. Kristin Heil
 5. Robert Breen
 6. Stan Rohrer
- HM - Linda Phillips
HM - Joann Jozwiak

EXTENDED OPEN

- 1, Don Adams
2. Louise Haws
3. Laura James
4. Glen Buell

EXTENDED THEME

5. Cristina Somerset
 6. Stan Rohrer
- HM - Pat Buell
HM - Chuck Shade

EXTENDED THEME

1. Glen Buell

Extended Theme continued

2. Mike Abel
 3. Pat Buell
 4. Stan Rohrer
 5. Louise Haws
 6. Joann Jozwiak
- HM - Sue Fanelli
HM - Kathy Newton

DIGITAL OPEN

1. Lynn Milenkevich
2. Laura James
3. Vijay Bahel
4. Tom Woolf
5. Linda Palmer
6. Teresa Jack

HM - Dave Lundy
HM - Vickie Barnhill

DIGITAL THEME

1. Holly Smith
2. Dave Lundy
3. Tom Woolf
4. Lynn Milenkevich
5. Vickie Barnhill
6. Dave Steele

HM - Joann Jozwiak

HM - Vijay Bahel

NOVICE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

TERRY ORF

Tied for Second

ANN O'CONNER

&

ERICA WATSON

Congratulations!

TOP TEN OVERALL

1. Kathy Moore



2. Louise Haws



3. Stan Rohrer



4. Laura James



5. Mike Abel



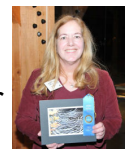
6. Dan Swart



7. Don Adams



8. Teresa Jack



9. Linda Palmer



10. Lynn Milenkevich