

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

March 3 - "Do You Want to Be a Wedding Photographer? How to Set Up Your Business." - Bill Brandewie

April 7 - April Club Meeting Dan Swart on wildlife photography

April 9 - Tentative Spring Shoot at Cincinnati Nature Center

April 16 Smokies Trip - Julie Guenther

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

May 5 - May Club Meeting

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Terry Watson will do tonight's pre-meeting program. He'll be going over and explaining competition rules. The main program will be presented by Club member Bill Brandewie on photographing weddings. He has lots of experience shooting weddings. The theme tonight is Country Living.

FOCUS PHOTO CLUB SHOOTOUTS

Spring is on the way and so are several outings for the Photo Club. Spring is a time to enjoy nature, and all three of the shootouts coming up focus at least in part on nature.

First is a shoot at Cincinnati Nature Center, tentatively scheduled for April 9. We've gone there several times and gotten lots of good shots. 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. More details will be coming in the April Newsletter.

The second shoot is the annual Smoky Mountain Trip, led by Julie Guenther. This has always been a wonderful trip and well-attended by our members, as well as members of several other clubs. This is an opportunity to get to know other photographers better, as well as shooting nature. Julie has led these trips for over 30 years and knows all the best places and the best times to visit them. For all the information, see page 5. To get the group rate, be sure to make your motel reservation by March 15.

At the end of the month, Terry Cavanaugh has tentatively scheduled a dual shoot. In the morning, we'll go to the California Woods Nature Preserve in Cincinnati 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 race track or for parking. We've had shoots at River Downs several times and it's an opportunity to get good, action sports shots. Details in April.

Everyone should certainly find something to appeal to them in one of these spring shootouts! Hope to see lots of people there. Shoots are the best way to get to know the other members while having fun!

President's Corner

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

Can you believe it's already March!!! Before you know it, Spring will be here with flowers in bloom. It's one of my favorite times of the year and I can't wait to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather.

Focus Photo Club Logo: Just a reminder that the Focus Photo Board is currently reviewing potential club logos and we will submit the top entries to the membership for voting. If you are interested in submitting an entry, please submit a logo to the Board and provide a brief statement why you feel the club should use your logo. The top candidates, including the current logo, will be presented to the club in April and voted on by the membership in May. Although we have asked for logo ideas, this does not mean that we are going to replace the existing logo. The current club logo as well as the top submitted entry(s), as determined by the Board, will be submitted to the club for review and a vote as a Constitutional change.

In addition to a review of the existing Club logo, the Board will present potential Constitutional changes to the Club in April with a vote in May. I hope everyone can make the May meeting and participate.

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

Finally, I wanted to remind everyone that the Focus Photo Club Banquet is just around the corner! The June meeting/Banquet will be held once again at the Kettering Banquet Center. We are finalizing the details and we plan to present them to the Club in April.

I hope everyone enjoys tonight's program on wedding photography by Bill Brandewie. Also, remember to buy a Focus Photo Club vinyl decal to show support for the club! And until our April 2011 meeting, get out and shoot!

Billy Crafton

Focus Photo Club President

TERRY ORF EXHIBIT

Focus Photo Club member Terry Orf will have her first photography exhibit from March 19–April 29 at the Synesthesia Gallery. As part of the Emerging Artists Series, she will have a collection of 40 photographs on display. The opening reception is on Friday, March 18 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. There will be music, food and wine. The event is free and dress is casual. The Synesthesia Gallery is located at Wasson Music Center, 35 Marco Lane in Centerville.

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 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.

Executive Board 2010-2011

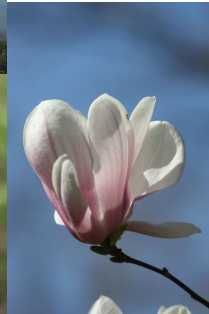
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CINCINNATI NATURE CENTER

RIVER DOWNS

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

March	Country Life
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?

**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!!!!

**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.

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.

February Top Ten

1. Sally Oberbeck	27
2. Stan Rohrer	23
3. Cristina Somerset	21
4. Kristin Heil	19
Dan Swart	19
Robert Breen	19
7. Vickie Barnhill	17
Terry Orf	17
Laura James	17
Joann Jozwiak	17
Kathy Moore	17

Icon Achievers

125

Stan Rohrer

Louise Haws

Laura James

100

Mike Abel

Dan Swart

Pat Lundy

Linda Palmer

Cristina Somerset

75

Tom Woolf

Holly Smith

Eleanor Hilton

Donna Hendrickson

Dan Borzynski

Kristin Heil

50

Sally Oberbeck

25

Pat Shade

Kim Harris

Vickie Barnhill

February Competition Theme - Fences

SMALL PRINT OPEN

1. Untitled #473 - Kathy Moore
2. Untitled #412 - Kathy Moore
3. Andean Condor - Linda Phillips
3. Eric's SnowyDay - Terry Orf
3. Winter Morning - Terry Orf
3. Ohio Farmhouse Desk - Ann O'Connor
- HM - Wishing for Spring - Kim Harris
- HM - Follow Me - Pat Lundy
- HM - Wish I Was There - Julie Lucht

COLOR OPEN

1. City Palace Jaipur, India - Sally O.
1. Hyatt Lane - Cristina Somerset
2. "Woody" - Dan Swart
2. Bengal Tiger - Tom Temple
2. One of the Roaring Fork Cabins - P. Shade
2. White-throated Sparrow - Jean Kuns
2. Blue Dasher Dragonfly - Jean Kuns
3. Winter Cardinals - Dan Swart
3. Berries in Snow - Don Howard
3. Cute Girl - Stan Rohrer
3. Looking through the Window - Pat Shade
3. Untitled #29 - Dan Borzynski
3. Untitled #26 - Dan Borzynski
- HM - Winter Wolf - Don Adams
- HM - Sprague Lake - Art Fabian
- HM - Ice Cubes - Cristina Somerset
- HM - Colorful Parrot - Sue Fanelli
- HM - Air Force - Kari Romine

BLACK & WHITE OPEN

1. Skiing after the Big Snow - Sally Oberbeck
2. Untitled #28 - Dan Borzynski
3. Trio - Laura James
- HM - Hard Winter - Louise Haws
- HM - More Ice and Snow - Chuck Shade

EXTENDED OPEN

1. Sitting Pretty - Louise Haws
1. Washington State Barn - Cristina Somerset
1. Franklin Montessori - Ryan Traxler
2. Blue Roller - Tom Temple
3. Yellowstone Elk - Don Adams
3. Honor - Laura James

DIGITAL OPEN

1. Rock, Cliff & Waves - Lynn Milenkevich
2. Great Egret - Laura James
3. Mail Pouch - Vickie Barnhill
3. Little Screech - Linda Phillips
3. Up We Go - Tom Woolf
3. The Golden Hour - Vickie Barnhill
- HM - Barred Owl - Teresa Jack
- HM - Pink Lotus - Lynn Milenkevich

SMALL PRINT THEME

1. Wrought Iron Fence - Joann Jozwiak
2. Do Feed the Animals - Donna Hendrickson
2. Over the Fences - Joann Jozwiak
2. A Fence in Xenia - Terry Orf
2. Garden Gate - Kristin Heil
3. Erosion Fence - Eleanor Hilton
3. Where to Next? - Pat Lundy
3. Farm Fence - Pat Lundy
3. Trail Fence - Don Howard
3. Path to the Wetland - Ann O'Connor
3. Clifton Gorge - Julie Lucht
- HM - Good Morning - Don Howard
- HM - Cemetery Fence - Pat McCarthy
- HM - Late 1800s Fence - Ann O'Connor
- HM - Don't Fence Me In - Amy Traxler

COLOR THEME

1. Autumn Path - Stan Rohrer
1. Red Barn - Stan Rohrer
1. Sunset through Sand Fence - Sally O.
2. Meadowlark on Fence - Dan Swart
3. Trapped - Kristin Heil
- HM - Penitentiary Fence - Robert Breen
- HM - Colorado Ranch - Art Fabian
- HM - Country Road Holmes Co. - Linda Phillips
- HM - Surprise, Surprise! - Amy Traxler

BLACK & WHITE THEME

1. On the Beach - Eleanor Hilton
1. Penitentiary - Robert Breen
2. Garden Gate - Robert Breen
2. Fence Post - Kristin Heil
2. Cades Cove - Art Fabian
3. Looking Over the Fence - Mike Abel
3. Chicago River - Linda Phillips
- HM - Tennessee - Sue Fanelli
- HM - Fence and Cabin - Pat McCarthy

EXTENDED THEME

1. Dry Fall Morning in Kentucky - Mike Abel

DIGITAL THEME

1. Autumn Fence - Tom Woolf
2. Snow Line - Vickie Barnhill
3. Bird Fence - David Steele
3. Oregon District Fence - Dave Lundy
3. Lighthouse Fence - David Steele
- HM - Caesar Creek Fence - Dave Lundy
- HM - Winter Scene - Jim Hayes
- HM - Golden Road - Teresa Jack
- HM - Kentucky Fences - L. Milenkevich

SMOKY MT. SPRING PHOTO OUTING

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 - THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011

I want to inform you of the holiday week-ends that occur on this week of the photo outing. The first week-end is Palm Sunday. The second week-end is Easter. I have scheduled this outing for arriving on Saturday, April 16 thru Thursday, April 21 and departing for home on Friday, April 22, 2011.

Anyone wishing to attend this photo outing is welcome. It is a very relaxed 6 days with lots of photography and socializing. We will be going to different areas of the park each day. If you want to do your own thing on your schedule, please feel free to do so. Scheduling of where we go in the park is done after dinner so I can know what the next day's weather might be.

Please contact me if you will be attending the outing and when you will be arriving. I have a list of items to help prepare you for this outing, especially if you are new to this Smoky Mountain Spring Photo Outing. Rooms have been blocked off for our photo group at the Valley View Lodge, Townsend, TN. Please make your own room reservation by calling 865-448-2237 or 1-800-292-4844 (toll free). Be sure to tell them that you are with the "Guenther Photo Group" and ask for Bldg. # 6 for your room. Your expenses are your own. The rates are for this period only and reservations must be made by March 15, 2011. Each room has two double beds with a small refrigerator, microwave and coffee pot. The rate for our group (2 people per room) Sunday through Thursday is \$49 plus 14.25% room tax = \$55.98. Friday and Saturday rate is \$59 plus 14.25% room tax = \$67.41. Be sure you confirm this special price.

If you have any questions, please call me at 937-433-8710 or e-mail me at Julieguenther7712@sbcglobal.net.

Looking forward to you joining me in the Smokies.



Julie Guenther

