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CPS Calendar

October

- 3 Pictorial Slides #3 & Prints #2 Competitions
- 10 Special Program—See Pg 2
- 15 Board Meeting
- 18 People Slides & Prints #2**
- 24 General Critique
- 31 No Meeting

November

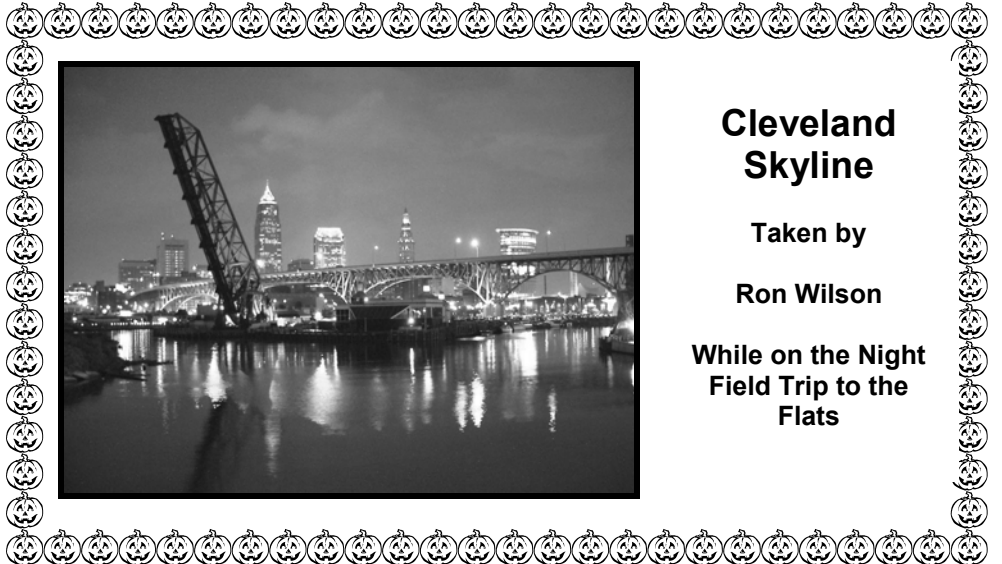
- 7 Creative Slides & Prints
- 15 (Fri) Auction #1**
- 19 Board Meeting*
- 21 Nature Slides & Prints #3
- 28 Thanksgiving—No Mtg.

December

- 5 Pictorial Slides #4 & Prints #3 Competitions
- 13 (Fri) Holiday Party**
- 17 Board Meeting*
- 19 No Meeting
- 26 No Meeting

* Members Only.
 Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.
 Friday Meetings Are In Bold Print

Happy Shooting



Cleveland Skyline

Taken by

Ron Wilson

While on the Night Field Trip to the Flats

With Regret.....

It is with some regret that I feel the time has come for me to resign as editor of Through the Darkroom Door. I want to thanks all those who have supported me in this effort, as well as those who have supplied me with articles, photos and other little tidbits over the past year and a half. I also want to thanks those who have taken the time to tell me how much they appreciated what I have done with The Darkroom Door, as well as what has become my “weekly” reminders of the scheduled meeting programs or competitions. Thanks to all of you who have helped make my time as editor a bit easier.

I will also be resigning as a board member. I initially agreed to be on the board as I felt it would provide information which would be beneficial in helping me keep The Darkroom Door current regarding club and member doings. Thanks again to all of you who have supported me in many of my efforts.

Susan

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 18th of the month.

Special Program October 10, 2002

Our favorite Lolly the Trolley Tour Guide, Charlie Cervenak, will be joining us for the upcoming meeting night. Charlie will be doing a program entitled "10 Reasons NOT to take a picture". I'm sure Charlie will once again give us an educational program along with his own brand of humour. Be sure not to miss this program on the 10th of October.

Susan Swope



Special Award to be given on December 5, 2002 for A Pictorial Slide or Print Taken on a Lolly the Trolley Field Trip

On December 5th, the pictorial competition will include a special award. From all photos entered in the pictorial competition, that were taken on Lolly the Trolley fieldtrips, the judges will select the best one. Judge Charlie Cervenak will present the winner with a valuable, highly desirable prize.

Don't be left out. You could be the winner. Dig out your pics from the Lolly the Trolley field trips and bring them down. See you then. Clang! Clang!

Ron Wilson

Around Town

The Akron Art Museum is hosting an exhibit of photographs by Linda Butler entitled "The Secret Life of Objects". The exhibit will be their through November 3, 2002. The Akron Art Museum is located at 70 East Market Street in Akron, a short distance from I-77. The museum is open from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and admission is free. For further information call 330-376-9185 or check their website at www.akronartmuseum.org.



Congratulations!

Rarely seen CPS member, Joan Wilson, took the Best of Show Ribbon at the Cuyahoga County Fair this year. Her photo of her granddaughter, Abigail, must have won the judge's favor.



Inter-Club Competitions

We have for the past couple of years been holding an annual "Challenge" with Lakewood Photographic Society. Recently I received an e-mail from Western Reserve Photographic Society. They indicated they are maintaining an e-mail list of former NEOCCC clubs. Some of these clubs are interested in having competitions with other clubs. Akron Metroparks Photo Club sent a request to Western Reserve that they are looking for any other clubs who might be interested in an inter-club competition. They would like to invite any of these clubs to participate in a competition. I will in the next few weeks try to see if there is enough interest with our club members in having an occasional inter-club competition with them. If there is enough interest, I will contact Akron's president and we can try to arrange something.

Susan Swope

TECH TIPS

HOW TO TAKE PICTURES WITHOUT A TRIPOD

Do you ever give thought to ways you can hold your camera steady at slow shutter speeds without a tripod? Here's a solution for this problem.

First, let me admit that a full length tripod is the last thing I want to lug around, especially on a trip. With today's improved emulsions, fast lenses and miniaturized cameras, in many photographic situations you won't need to use your tripod. However, there are ways of taking long-exposure shots without any aids.

The camera has to be braced solidly and the shutter released gently. Gain a firm support by pressing the base plate of the camera against a door frame, wall or a pole. The bottom of the camera can even be pressed upside down against the top of a door frame, wall or a pole. The bottom of the camera can even be pressed against the top of a doorway or against a wall. Then, to prevent even a slight camera movement, use a cable release or self-timer to trip the shutter. With care, this technique can result in sharp exposures even on a bulb setting of several seconds.

Paul K. Mathiellis

Nature's Niche

What's Happening in October

1st Week:

Birds —

- Fall migrants like yellow-rumped warblers are common as well as the first of the golden-crowned kinglets, residents of Canada's boreal forests.

Mammals —

- Portly skunks intently prowl open grassy fields in search of their fall diet of insect larvae, preparing for their winter sleep by late November.

Wildflowers —

- Most asters are at their peak blooming this week and will quickly decline after mid-month.
- Jewelweed is in seed. Touch the cigar-shaped green seed pods and find out why they're called "touch-me-nots!"

2nd Week:

Birds —

- Wood ducks begin their migration southward.
- Ruby-crowned kinglets follow the golden-crowned relatives' migration this week.
- White-throated sparrows arrival peaks as they shuffle through underbrush in small flocks looking for insects and seeds.

Trees —

- This week the peak of fall color arrives, generally between the 10th and 20th of the month, though it varies due to climate and moisture in different locals.

3rd Week:

Birds —

- The first of the wintering black ducks should be at Lake Isaac in Big Creek Reservation.

Mammals —

- Woodchucks are feeding late into the night as they prepare for their long winter hibernation; most disappearing into their forest burrows by late November

Insects —

- Crickets may still call on warm nights before the final hard frost.

Wildflowers —

- New England aster and small white aster, the last of the autumn wildflowers, should be at peak of bloom by now.

Reptiles —

- Small and gentle DeKay's snakes can often be

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Competition Results And Standings

Nature Division

Slide Competition #2 September 26, 2002

Judges: Paul Goode, Dorothy Lungmus, Dan Flocke

General

Class A

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----|
| Woodland Sunflower | Bill Gance | 1st |
| Beartooth Pass | Bob Stone | 2nd |
| Pear Shaped Puffballs | Gerry Juskenas | 3rd |
| Money Plant | Maria Kaiser | 3rd |

Class B

| | | |
|--------------|-----------------|-----|
| Wild Berry | Bing Wang | 1st |
| Twilight | Jim Frier | 2nd |
| Cactus No. 1 | Russell Purnell | 2nd |

Zoology

Class A

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|-----|
| Blue Morpho | Bill Gance | 1st |
| Columbian Ground Squirrel | Bob Stone | 1st |
| Monarch on Aster | Ron Wilson | 2nd |
| Sunset Wirth Birds | Ed Rynes | 3rd |

Class B

| | | |
|------------------|-----------|-----|
| Mr & Mrs Mallard | Jim Frier | 1st |
|------------------|-----------|-----|

Print Competition #2 September 26, 2002

Judges: Paul Goode, Dorothy Lungmus, Dan Flocke

Commercial

| | | |
|-------------|-----------|-----|
| Green Heron | Vic Evcic | 1st |
| Tiger | Bob Stone | 2nd |

Pictorial Division

Slide Competition #2 September 5, 2002

Class A

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----|
| New Mexico Sunset | Joe Brilla Jr | 1st |
| Foursome #2 | Gerry Juskenas | 1st |
| Cooling Off | Joe Polevoi | 1st |
| Reflections | Paul Mathiellis | 2nd |
| Beach Scenes #9 | Ed Rynes | 2nd |
| Triplet | Gerry Juskenas | 2nd |
| Red Rock | Ron Wilson | 2nd |

Class B

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----|
| Quack | Jim Frier | 1st |
| Untitled | Steve Kleinman | 1st |
| Out Boating | Russell Purnell | 2nd |
| Floating Leaves | Suzanne Cooper | 2nd |

Slide Competition #3 October 3, 2002

Class A

| | | |
|----------------------|----------------|-----|
| Wood Stork Descend. | Ed Rynes | 1st |
| Pen Station Dome | Bill Gance | 1st |
| Swirling Leaves | Joe Brilla Jr | 2nd |
| St. Stans | Elaine Kukral | 2nd |
| Hybrid Rose | Ed Rynes | 3rd |
| San Francisco Harbor | Bob Stone | 3rd |
| Encircled | Gerry Juskenas | 3rd |
| Peacock Feather | Ron Wilson | 3rd |
| St. Maria De Salute | Fred Reingold | 3rd |

Class B

| | | |
|---------------|------------------|-----|
| Stairs | Bing Wang | 1st |
| Summer Breeze | Kolman Roxenberg | 1st |
| Rock Climber | Ken Kukral | 2nd |
| Deer Scenic | Ken Kukral | 2nd |

Print Competition #2 October 3, 2002

Color Maker Made—Class A

| | | |
|-------|----------|-----|
| Kayla | Ed Rynes | 1st |
|-------|----------|-----|

Black & White Maker Made — Class B

| | | |
|------------|------------------|-----|
| End Run | Kolman Rosenberg | 1st |
| Six Points | Kolman Rosenberg | 1st |

Commercial

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------|-----|
| Devastation of 911 | Elaine Kukral | 1st |
|--------------------|---------------|-----|

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Accumulated Points

Nature Slides

General

Class A

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Bill Gance | 9 |
| Bob Stone | 8 |
| Ron Wilson | 8 |
| Bob Malek | 5 |
| Ed Rynes | 5 |
| Gerry Juskenas | 3 |
| Maria Kaiser | 3 |

Class B

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| Jim Frier | 14 |
| Russell Purnell | 9 |
| Bing Wang | 5 |
| Ken Kukral | 4 |

Zoology

Class A

| | |
|------------|----|
| Bill Gance | 10 |
| Jim Kunkel | 8 |
| Ron Wilson | 4 |
| Bob Malek | 4 |
| Ed Rynes | 3 |

Class B

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Elaine Kukral | 9 |
| Jim Frier | 5 |
| Ken Kukral | 4 |
| Geoff Powers | 4 |

Nature Prints

Black & White Maker Made — General & Zoology

Classes A & B

| | |
|------------|---|
| Jim Kunkel | 5 |
|------------|---|

Commercial — General & Zoology

| | |
|-----------|---|
| Vic Evcic | 9 |
| Bob Stone | 9 |

Pictorial Prints

Color Maker Made

Classes A

| | |
|----------|---|
| Ed Rynes | 5 |
|----------|---|

Classes B

| | |
|--------------|---|
| John Armonas | 5 |
|--------------|---|

Black & White Maker Made

Classes A

| | |
|-----------|---|
| Jim Frier | 5 |
|-----------|---|

Classes B

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Kolman Rosenberg | 10 |
|------------------|----|

Commercial

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Jim Frier | 5 |
| Bill Gance | 5 |
| Elaine Kukral | 5 |
| Bob Stone | 4 |

Pictorial Slides

Classes A

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| Joe Brilla | 15 |
| Gerry Juskenas | 12 |
| Ed Rynes | 12 |
| Maria Kaiser | 9 |
| Ron Wilson | 7 |
| Bob Stone | 6 |
| Bill Gance | 5 |
| Joe Polevoi | 5 |
| Susan Swope | 5 |
| Elaine Kukral | 4 |
| Paul Mathiellis | 4 |
| Fred Reingold | 3 |

Classes B

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Jim Frier | 13 |
| Ken Kukral | 13 |
| Russell Purnell | 8 |
| Steve Kleinman | 5 |
| Kolman Rosenberg | 5 |
| Bing Wang | 5 |
| Suzanne Cooper | 4 |

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found sunning themselves along the Metroparks trails this week as they prepare for a long winter hibernation.

4th Week:

Birds —

- Whistling (now called tundra) swans begin to appear throughout Cleveland Metroparks as winter begins in the far north.
- Red-bellied and downy woodpeckers return to feeders as cooler weather approaches.

Mammals —

- Deer begin their fall breeding season in the meadows of Cleveland Metroparks, which will last until January. If you see a female deer, stand quietly and watch for a buck to follow in her tracks.

Wildflowers —

- Milkweed pods open and fill the air with their fluffy parachute seeds this week.

Trees —

- By month end, the appearance of flowers on witch-hazel, announce the final act of the plant world's play for the year.