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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 7th, program by Will Clay on the Creative Use of Light

Will looks at the qualities of light throughout the day, starting before sun up and finishes after sundown. He breaks the light into 4 categories, which are before and after sunrise and sunset, sunrise and sunset, overcast, and mid-day. He will explain the difference in the light during these times and how he photographs them. A handout packed with information will be available for the program.

November 14th Board Mtg.

The board has decided not to meet in person but to conduct the meeting via e-mail. The minutes of this virtual board meeting will be published in the next issue of our newsletter.

Outing Nov. 10th & 11th

See details of our outing to Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Refuge on page 2.

Special Thanks To

Our club members who saved our October 17th meeting when our scheduled presenter cancelled at the last minute. We saw 5 great member presentations:

Allison Newberry - *Canada*
Jim Bodkin - *Costa Rica*
Joan Sayre - *Odds 'n Ends thru a Macro Lens*
Jim Sayre - *Desert Southwest*
Sheri Sparks - *Alaska*

Welcome New Members

Jamie Godshalk, Rick Sanders, and Allen and Phyllis Siegle who have joined this year.

Annual Club Dues

Should be sent to Karen Frischman. Dues are \$30 each or \$45 per couple. Please remember your dues must be paid before you can compete on December 5th.

November 20th CAPS

Don't forget that you signed up for CAPS on Sunday, Nov. 20th. Registration is now closed

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Alt – Joan Sayre
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Goodies

Thanks to Julie Cheng for the treats on October 3rd and Steve Bittner for the treats on October 17th.

.....**Our Next Outing Saturday and Sunday, November 12-13, 2011**

Photographing the Sandhill Crane Migration

Join us for an overnight outing to Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Refuge near Medaryville, Indiana, Saturday and Sunday, November 12-13, 2011 to photograph the Sandhill Crane migration as they head south.

The group will meet at the observation deck between 4:00-4:30 PM at the viewing fields for evening shots, possibly against a sunset, as the thousands of cranes come in to roost for the night.

Our overnight stay will be at Knights Inn in Rensselaer, about 45 minutes away. Dinner will be at a restaurant in Rensselaer.

The group will return to the observation deck again on Sunday morning about 6:00 AM for the best photography with sun lighting up the birds as they fly by to forage in fields.

Late breakfast with the whole group will be at IHOP in Merrillville, Indiana.

A trip to Indiana Dunes is tentatively planned for the afternoon enroute back to Chicago.

If interested, please contact Jim or Diane Bodkin at 847-382-7934 or send an e-mail to jrbodkin@comcast.net. More details to follow for those registering for the trip.

Editor's note: Joyce Burzloff's winning DPI Image of the Month, *Sandhill Cranes Duo*, (page 6) was taken from the viewing stand at the Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Refuge.

Mounting Boards for Print Competition

Do you need **mounting boards** for your prints? Please let Sheri Sparks know how many small and large boards you would like for this year. Earl Kubis will be taking an order at the next CACCA meeting in November. A box of 100 11x14 mounting boards are \$73 and a box of 100 16x20 boards are \$105.

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September 26, 2011

Minutes of the Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the president at 7:30 PM. All board members were present with the exception of James Bodkin, Norm Carl, Irene Kummer and Venkat Siva.

Brochure Publication/Distribution: Thanks to Melissa, the RNPS Brochure was published by VistaPrint and we now have 500 copies available for club use. Ideas were discussed for how best to utilize/distribute the brochures, including handouts to friends and guests by Frank (Membership) or by other members, handouts at Print Exhibits or at CAPS (Rich is taking a batch to place on the CACCA Club's Information table). We learned that we cannot place brochures on the Ryerson rack since RNPS is not part of the Forest Preserve system. Melissa will check to see if we can include the brochure/information in the Forest Preserve's Horizon News. We also agreed to post the Brochure on our website – Jim S. to email a pdf copy to Venkat. Additional brochures are kept in the Storage area of our Ryerson meeting location.

Programs and Workshops for Fiscal Year 2011/2012: Ralph advised that the one "TBA" (1/12/12) on the tentative schedule has now been filled in with a "Black and White" Program by Walt Anderson which should work nicely with the Special Competition on "B&W Nature" coming up on 3/5/12. Also, the Picnic date is being firmed up for 8/26/12 – see comments below under Picnic. As the Program/Workshop Schedule gets revised, including Picnic, it will be posted to the website.

Financial Issues: Karen presented a Financial Statement of last year's 2010/11 Income and Expenses vs. Budget. Our Income was about \$276 below budget primarily because this year's dues received in Aug. 2011 were "accrued" into the next 2012 fiscal year. On the Expense side, expenses exceeded Budget by about \$431, primarily due to the one-time charge of \$286 for Brochures. The net result was a shortfall of about \$707 vs. Budget. However, RNPS is financially healthy and we have a year-end balance of about \$3055. Since Karen will not be at the Nov. Board Meeting, she will email the FY12 YTD Actuals to Jim to track/report spending progress over the first two months.

Picnic – August 2012: A committee of six was formed to investigate possible locations for our next RNPS Picnic. Kelley (Chair) advised that the committee had recently met at Reed-Turner Nature Center in Long Grove and advised this facility has a kitchen, restrooms, large indoor room and lawn area outside (partially shaded), tables, chairs, photo ops, etc. Cost is \$50 for ½ day rental. We decided the best date was Sunday, 8/26/12, and the committee will firm that up with Reed-Turner/Long Grove Village.

Website Update: We discussed the many recent updates to the RNPS website such as the Photo Galleries and many sections of the Membership Booklet. There were a few additional suggestions for the website:

- Add to Web Links, some additional photographic references such as where to get camera cleaned, websites to find things, etc. Send ideas to Matt P who will assemble a recommendation for this.
- Add a List/Spreadsheet summarizing members and their favorite photographic locations, what equipment they use, etc. Mel is assembling a recommendation for this.
- Add the CACCA Newsletter (pdf) to our website or to the Yahoo RNPS Group.
- A question was raised about whether our website could list the contents of the current Membership Booklet and just click on specific topics (i.e., Competition Rules) and up they would pop. We need Venkat's input on this issue – Frank to pursue with him.

Equipment Survey: Ralph had suggested that RNPS conduct a survey of members to obtain information regarding camera brand, computer type, preferred editing program, etc. It was stated that the information could be obtained on line at no cost. The data would be used to help plan programs and workshops. Ralph indicated that he would pursue this survey in the near future. Rich offered to assist him in developing some of the questions.

Competition #1 on 10/3/11: We decided to change the order of categories for the upcoming competition. We will do Slides, DPI, Small Prints “B”, Break, Small Prints “A” and then Large Prints. DPI images should be emailed to Rich by Friday, 9/30/11. Time permitting after the competition, we will ask the Judges to provide specific comments of a few of the Small Prints in Class “B”.

Rich will show the Test Patterns before showing the DPI images. He will also send the Grid to Mel.

Outings: Diane Bodkin advised that they are trying to schedule an Outing to Jasper-Polaski (Sandhill Cranes) for Nov. 12-13 – more email information to follow.

Miscellaneous:

- Melissa advised that she would be stepping down from her board role as Co-Chair Competitions Assistant – she will continue to be a member of the club.
- Left over Picnic supplies may be used for Dec. Party.
- Rich will add the names of all Board Members to Yahoo Groups for possible emailing purposes (so we don’t have to email all of RNPS).
- Various members have heard others talking unfavorably about images during competitions. We must be more respectful and not talk out loud when comments can be heard by others. Jim will make an announcement before the 10/3 Competition that we must “be more respectful.” Also, remind members and judges that should any one wish to challenge an image as showing the “hand of man,” that they wait until after the scoring to do so.
- Compile a list of **On-line Media Resources** such as Pioneer Press, Patch, Trib Local, What’s Happening, etc. and alert them about upcoming RNPS/CACCA events. Kelley is working on a recommendation for this.
- Marty Winn (Equipment) purchased a laser pointer for the club - should be useful for future meetings such as our Critique Night.
- Draft Minutes will be circulated to the Board Members for comments. After approval, the final version will then be issued to Board Members. Mel will include the Final Minutes in the next Cable Release Newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned by the president at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jim Sayre, for Norman H. Carl, Secretary

.....**Our Last Outing, Were You there?**

Eighteen RNPS members gathered at the Lakewood Discovery Museum in Wauconda on October 15 to view the Ansel Adams exhibit. Seventy of his black and white prints were on display.

Matt Plofsky, Workshop Chair, gave a short presentation describing Adams' Zone System, his technique for capturing the full range of tones, which was so characteristic of his works. In an effort to provide a full educational experience, Outings and Workshop were paired for this occasion, followed by a photo shoot for the participants to apply the principles of shooting black and white photography. Look for a separate club email with Matt's *The Zone System* handout.

Members had lunch at the Dock in Wauconda.

Photo shows all members attending except presenter Plofsky. Attendance at the exhibit is free for everyone in the month of October.



First Competition Results from October 3, 2011

Small Color Prints - Class B

POM Monarch Butterfly by Julie Cheng

HM Egret in Flight by Julie Cheng
Looking for Mom by Oggie Loux

Small Color Prints - Class A

POM Inside a Goatsbeard Flower by Don Bolak

AW Wood Duck Tete a Tete by Diane Bodkin
Dancing with the Stars by Matt Plofsky

HM Dinner for Pigeon Guillemot by Jim Bodkin
Catesby's Trillium by Karen Frischman
Foxglove by Matt Plofsky

Large Color Prints

POM Tiger by Roland Fulde

AW Rough Blazing Stars by Don Bolak

HM Coyote in Snow by Mel Ellingsen
Lupine at Stream by Roland Fulde

Pictorial Slides

POM Rain Drops on Oak Leaves by Don Bolak

HM Timber wolf #2 by Joyce Burzloff
Miners Beach at Sunset by Don Bolak

DPI

POM Sandhill Cranes Duo By Joyce Burzloff

AW Prairie Smoke by Don Bolak

HM Red Rocks at Arches by Don Bolak
Great Sand Dunes by Don Bolak
Cheetahs On A Kenya Morning by Karen Frischman
Yellow Lady Slipper by Karen Frischman
Spider Bite by Happ Kelly
Anhinga Posing by Plofsky Matt

Thanks to our judges:

Bailey Donnally
Bob Benson
Gene Burda



CACCA News

By Sheri Sparks, CACCA Rep

Results from Saturday, October 8th

Slides

“Rain Drops on Oak Leaves” by Don Bolak, 23 pts., HM
“Opossum Triplets” by Lilian Fulde, 22 pts.
“It’s a Big World Out There” by Richard Fisher, 21pts
“Purple Coneflower Surviving” by Joyce Burzloff, 20 pts.

Small Color Prints, Class AA

“Wood Duck Tete A Tete” by Diane Bodkin, 23pts, HM
“Dancing With the Stars” by Matt Plofsky, 23 pts.
“Monarch Butterfly” by Julie Cheng, 21 pts.
“Olive Sparrow” by Mel Ellingsen, 21 pts.

Small Monochrome Prints, Class B

“Trumpeter Swan” by Mel Ellingsen, 21 pts.

Large Color Prints Class A

“Rough Blazing Star” by Don Bolak, 23 pts.
“Grand Canyon Evening Glow” by Jim Bodkin, 22 pts.
“White Ibis on Limb” by Mel Ellingsen, 21 pts.
“Tiger” by Roland Fulde, 19 pts.

Individual Nature Prints

Sheri Sparks – Class A

“Spiderwort” AW; “Red Fox Portrait” HM

November Individual Competitions are Individual Nature Slides, Portrait Prints and Creative Digital Projected Images. You can submit 4 images in each category. Please turn your entries in to me by the November 7th workshop. Alteration of Reality Images should be emailed to cacca.aris@gmail.com by November 5th. If you have any questions on how to title your jpg files, just let me know.

The **Special Category Slides** for November is “The Color Yellow.” You can submit 4 slides for this competition for award or honorable mention ribbons. **Special Category DPI** competition for November is “Video Clips,” maximum 3 minutes. These videos are to be emailed to Jerry Hug (jerryhug@comcast.net) by November 5th. You can enter up to 2 videos in this competition.