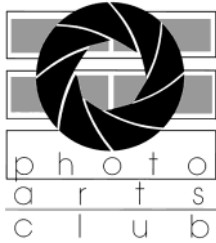


September 2023



The Viewpoint

Letter from the President

Greetings Club Members,

Fall is around the corner. Our newsletter is full of great ideas, tips and destinations to capture the fall colors in our area. Take the time to walk thru our metroparks, travel to parts of Michigan, Northeast Ohio and Southern Ohio.

Assignment Submissions

Have a great subject idea for our Monthly Assignment topics? It is time to submit your ideas to Wennie Anderson. wennieanderson120@gmail.com Monthly Assignments are a great way to challenge, experiment with new techniques and develop your skills. The purpose is to break photographers out of their comfort zone and to try new things that lead to growth and improvement. These assignments keep us motivated to improve our skills and connect with other members. So take the time to think of ideas and email them to Wennie Anderson. We will then have the opportunity to vote on our favorite topic assignment.

Michele Kipplen

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First place
basic
assignment



First Place
intermediate
Assignment



First Place
Advanced
Assignment





2nd Basic Assignment



2nd intermediate Assign-



2nd Advanced Assignment

Reminder

Just a reminder the clubhouse is closed during the Months of July, through September on Thursdays only at 1pm because of Jazz in the Garden events. The Park requires that all village organizations refrain from having meetings in our clubhouses due to the events.

Thank you for your understanding.

BEWARE Scammer Emails

Members please be aware that Michele does not send members emails requesting gift cards or money transfers and will NOT be responsible for reimbursements.

There is a spam/ scammer email going to club members saying: I do not have access to my mobile phone and that Photo Arts Club of Toledo needs some vouchers for donations.

Please block the scammer and help report it as a scam.

Thank you,

Michele

Events in the Garden

2023 Garden Events —Items in Bold We Participate In

*Artists clubhouses are closed during Jazz in the Garden events.

September Dates:

Thursday, September 7, 2023 6:30 Jazz In The Garden

December Dates:

Friday December 1, 2023 4:00-8:00 Heraldng The Holidays

Saturday December 2, 2023 10:00-5:00 Heraldng The Holidays

Sunday December 3, 2023 11:00-4:00 Heraldng The Holidays

Cheat Sheets

Anna Koperczak submitted another source of “Cheat Sheets “ One fits well with Jack and Donna’s presentation on photographing birds. The first is one on Photographing Birds Flying.

<https://www.birdphotographytips.com/>

They come as emails and it looks like it is an ongoing email connection.

Photo Shoot on September 16



On September 16th we will have another opportunity to shoot the sunset on the Maumee river from the railroad bridge. The sun will be setting in line with the river, verses off to the side as it was in the past. We are limited to 12 people-**only 4 openings left**. The cost is \$10. Please let me know if you will be going.

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On August 13th eight members did a photo shoot at the Toledo Zoo. Afterwards those members submitted three of their favorite shots to Jack, who grouped them together in Lightroom Smart collections. That feature then created a link that was sent back to those members to share all the photos.

Great Smoky Mountains Workshops

October 11-14, 2023

New PACT member, [Ben Ayling](#) is teaming up with Atlanta-based landscape and nature photographer [Thomas Yackley](#) to lead a photo workshop in the Great Smoky Mountains. Both are award-winning photographers and career educators. Ben and Tom recently traveled together for a 25-day photo trip to Alaska and spent 11 days in the Rocky Mountains National Park this April. Check out their webpages by clicking their names above.

Join us as we photograph the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains, the most popular of America's National Parks for a reason! We'll photograph intimate landscapes and great vistas, from streams, cascades, and overlooks to historic buildings.

<https://www.thomasyackley.com/workshops-and-classes>

	<p>Great Smoky Mountains Landscape Photography Workshop</p> 	
<p>Led by award-winning photographers and educators Thomas Yackley and Ben Ayling!</p> 	<p>May 10-13, 2023 or October 11-14 (with optional elk add-on 10/15)</p> <p>For more info and to register, go to https://www.thomasyackley.com/workshops-and-classes</p>	

2023 Event Schedule Indiana Rail Experience
Submitted by Anna Koperczak

Dates, venues, prices, and trip details are subject to change. Ticket sale dates for events July – September and September – December are to be announced.

Diesel-powered train rides departing Angola, Indiana. Tickets start at \$15.00.

OCTOBER 7th & 8th – INIANA FALL COLOR TRAIN

All-day steam excursions departing Pleasant Lake for Hillsdale. Tickets start at \$99.00.

OCTOBER 14th & 15th – MICHIGAN FALL COLOR TRAIN



Steam & diesel excursion departing Hillsdale for Angola. Tickets start at \$99.00.

NOVEMBER 24th-26th – CHRISTMAS CABOOSE RIDES

Traditional diesel-powered Christmas train rides and group charters aboard Santa's caboose in New Haven, Indiana. Tickets start at \$10.00.

DECEMBER 8TH-10th – INDIANA SANTA TRAIN

Diesel-powered holiday excursions and events departing Pleasant Lake. Tickets start at \$35.00.

DECEMBER 15TH – 17th – INDIANA SANTA TRAIN

Diesel-powered holiday train excursions and events departing Pleasant Lake. Tickets start at c [Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society](#) and the [Indiana Northeastern Railroad Company](#). Dates, venues, and trip details are subject to change as needed.

Education Nights

The September Education night is TBD.

Education night for **August 10th** was a Critique night, via Zoom. Per a suggestion from one of the members, if Lightroom is used to make changes to a photo, the list of changes will be sent to the author. This was a great success and led to a Beginning Lightroom evening on Monday, September 8th with a second one to follow on September 25th.

Lightroom

The Lightroom Group will meet on Monday, September 18th via Zoom at 7:30 pm. The topic this month is "Removing Distractions".

On the following Monday, September 25th, we will meet again on "Getting Started with Lightroom Classic, Part 2". Zoom meeting starting at 7 pm. We will continue where we left off on August 28th concentrating on editing photos in Lightroom Classic. All are invited even if you did not attend Part 1, but you may want to watch the recording of the Part 1 meeting.

Recording of 8/28 meeting: <https://youtu.be/Bn1d16ZvMm4>

Getting Started Slides: <https://www.photoartscluboftoledo.com/>

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First Place Open Intermediate



First Place Open Advanced



Autumn Photography

Hints for Autumn Photography

<https://www.outdoorphotographyschool.com/how-to-photograph-stunning-fall-colors/>

<https://blog.watermarkup.com/best-fall-harvest-photography-ideas-and-tips/>

<https://www.photoworkout.com/autumn-photography-ideas-and-tips/>

Timing for Best Color in Ohio

<https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/ohio/best-times-and-places-fall-foliage-oh/>

Ohio Peak Color https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8_Hl_KPBTkzs_tTgxl3rqYZEKYsblQm6

The ODNR site publishes at the end of September with locations as well. This was last years site:

<https://ohiodnr.gov/go-and-do/see-the-sights/fall-color/>

Timing for Best Color in Michigan

<https://mymichiganbeach.com/michigan-peak-fall-colors/>

<https://www.wzzm13.com/article/weather/2022-fall-color-outlook-across-michigan/69-3ab31f14-060c-4cd8-a4c7-38a6f65d5fcf>

Where To See The Colors

Some of the best places to see the Fall colors are the various metroparks in Ohio. Most of us are familiar with the **Toledo Metroparks**. Do remember to check out the new ones. Most of them have a variety of trees. A variety of trees will present the best colors.

www.metroparkstoledo.com

Other locations for Autumn Color in **Northwest Ohio**:

Wood County Parks District

<https://www.wcparks.org/>

Schedel Arboretum and Gardens

www.schedel-gardens.org

Irwin Prairie State Nature Preserve (Just South of Secor Metropark)

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/irwin-prairie-state-nature-preserve>

There are many metro parks systems in Ohio. We're just touching on some of them. In **Northeast Ohio**, there are several great metropark systems:

Summit County (around Akron)

www.summitmetroparks.org

Cleveland Metroparks (includes areas outside of Cleveland proper)

www.clevelandmetroparks.com

Lake County Metroparks

www.lakemetroparks.com

Lorain County Metro Parks

www.loraincountymetroparks.com

Many of these parks in North East Ohio include **waterfalls** as well.

Other locations for **Northeast Ohio**:

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

<https://www.nps.gov/cuva/index.htm>

Holden Arboretum

<https://holdenfg.org/holden-arboretum/plan-your-visit/>

Peak Color For Autumn Photography

Ohio Peak Color

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8_Hl_KPBTkzs_tTgxl3rqYZEKYsblQm6 2023 has not been released yet.

OHIO DNR usually has a listing of dates for peak viewing. It isn't up yet but will be before the end of September.

Michigan Peak Color Sources submitted by **Ben Anderson:**

Michigan Fall Foliage Map

<https://mymichiganbeach.com/blog/michigan-peak-fall-colors>

Pure Michigan

<https://www.michigan.org/fallcolormap>

Committees

The Viewpoint

Viewpoint Newsletter Any information intended for the Viewpoint Newsletter can be sent to me, **Mary Mather** at mmather@toast2.net

Improving Your Photography

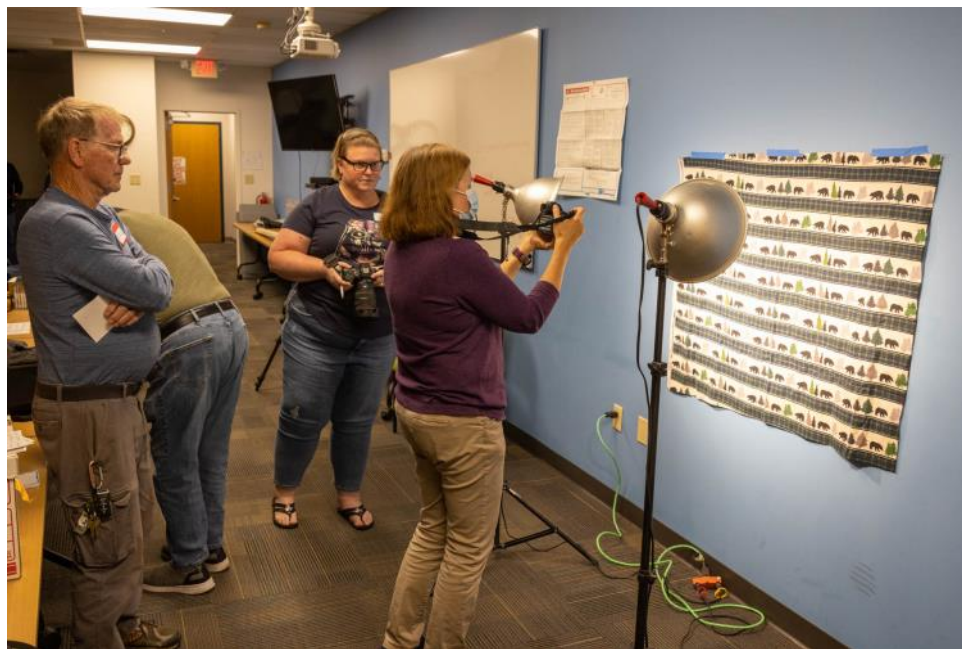
The next IYP sessions begin Tuesday September 12th at 7 PM in the clubhouse. There are six people signed up for the classes. As before, we will need club members to attend the first two classes to help the students navigate their cameras. The third class is hands-on night. We will need 5 members to demonstrate specific lessons, more on this later. I'm traveling now and can't tell you what cameras they have, but I will later.

Nearly 45% of new members in the last year have taken or will take the IYP classes. It is why many people join, to learn their camera and how to take photographs. Please let me know if you can help out with this.

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Thanks, Jack

Improving Your Photography



Membership:

We have 71 members, 2 of which are in the grace period.

Membership renewals:

Ross Ellet

Margie Langenderfer

New Member:

Sandy Mercurio

Monthly contest: The August monthly contest had 36 entries from 12 members. The assignment was Macro Shot. The September competitions are open, the assignment is Arch(s).

Competition assignments:

October – Waterfalls

November – Barn(s) old or new. This is a print competition in the clubhouse.

December – Trees

There have been a few questions lately about what photos can be submitted into the competitions.

Photos from your phone are allowed, it is the camera you used at the time.

Photos do not need to be ones you just shot, you can use old photos you have too. This question came up for the Macro assignment. The member had done macro photography several years ago and wanted to know if those could be used, Yes.

Jack

Competition	Level	Image Title	Last Name	First Name	Award
Assignment - Macro Shot	Basic	beauty in white	Mercurio	Sandy	Honorable mention
		Bee wings in lavender	Sparks	Addison	3rd
		new beginning	Mercurio	Sandy	2nd
		morning dew	Mercurio	Sandy	1st
	Intermediate	Day Lily	Maziar	Micah	
		Last Leaf to Fall	Anderson	Wennie	
		After the Rain	Fisher	Kathy	
		Bee Feast	Walles	Nancy	
		Wet Nose	Maziar	Micah	Honorable mention
		Busy Bee	Fisher	Kathy	Honorable mention
		Sunflower Glow	Walles	Nancy	3rd
		Sunflower	Walles	Nancy	2nd
		Monarch and Milkweed	Fisher	Kathy	1st
	Advanced	Balance	de Miguel	Mariano	
		Tips	Myers	Jack	
		Bradford Pear Berries	Mather	Charles	
		Pistil Packing	Williams	Leah	
		Echinacea	Williams	Leah	Honorable mention
		Morning Dew	de Miguel	Mariano	3rd
		Ladybug, Ladybug, Where are you?	Williams	Leah	3rd
		Carpenter Bee	de Miguel	Mariano	3rd
		Queen Anne's Lace	Mather	Charles	2nd
		Morning dew	Myers	Jack	1st
August Open	Intermediate	St. John's Wort	Anderson	Wennie	Honorable mention
		Victorian Ceiling	Mather	Mary	3rd
		L-39 Albatross over Lake Butte des Morts	Maziar	Micah	2nd
		Springtime at Gezebo	Anderson	Wennie	1st
	Advanced	Smoking Gun	Walles	Jeff	
		Dry Falls	Myers	Jack	
		Tiger - Detroit Zoo	Anderson	Ben	
		Wakotahachi Wetlands Florida	Anderson	Ben	
		Quarry Pond at Blue Creek Metropark	Mather	Charles	
		Pinnacle Butte	Anderson	Ben	Honorable mention
		Sunrise In Marquette	Ayling	Ben	3rd
		Owl Nap	Ayling	Ben	2nd
		On The Nest	Ayling	Ben	1st

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For more information about the happenings or Zoom links to the meetings please check out the website.

<https://www.photoartscluboftoledo.com/club/clubschedules.aspx>.