



The Viewpoint

May 2020



Toledo Farmer's Market Photos courtesy of Chris Boesel

PACT Schedule and Events

Due to these unprecedented events that we are in the midst of, all face-to-face club activities are suspended until further notice. See below for an update on our "Virtual" activities!

President's Message

Greetings Club Members,

Hopefully we are seeing light at the end of this long pandemic tunnel. The PACT Board continued to meet last month to wrap up a few items, the Lightroom group hosted a virtual class which was very well received by those who attended. It has been a good experience for us to be able to

conduct virtual meetings without having to meet physically.

I encourage you to keep photographing and take this time to learn something new. There are so many resources available to you. Many of them continue to be free.

I personally have taken the time to organize my photos, prepare photos for contest entries, learn more about Lightroom and improved my Photoshop skills. What have you been working on? It could be photography related or personally related.

Take time to Continue to grow, stay safe and healthy and I do hope to see you soon.

Sincerely, Michele Kiplen

Annual Contest

We have received additional confirmation from Metroparks Toledo that they are looking forward to hosting the contest at Secor Park once they are able to reopen the buildings. We are waiting for additional direction from the Metroparks before we can fill out the processing, judging and exhibit schedule

Lightroom Group Virtual Meeting

Our attempt to conduct our Lightroom Group session via Zoom was a success on April 20th. Thanks to Chris Boesel for hosting the session! We had nine participants and were able to have a meaningful dialog along with some show and tell. There were a few glitches we hope to resolve before our May gathering on May 18th. Be sure to let Chris Boesel and Charlie Mather know if you plan to attend (virtually, that is)

Newsletter Editor

After 6 years of editing this newsletter, Steve Stalker has passed the torch. Chris Boesel has agreed to take on the challenge. If there is something that you would like to see included, please drop him a note with your suggestions.

Lighting Group Virtual Meeting

The Lighting group will be hosting a Zoom meeting on Saturday, May 9th from 10am-Noon. The topics will include but not limited to a description of the Lighting group, ideas for future topics and Q & A. Watch your email for the meeting announcement

Improving you Photography Class (IYP)

The PACT board has decided to complete the 2020 IYP online using Zoom. We will have a learn Zoom/trial run on April 28th with the course resuming May 5.

We will determine April 28 whether to continue on with week 2 (Exposure) or review the camera controls (week 1) and move on from there.

Week 3 (Hands-on) will be skipped and held at a later date when we can get together as a group for one-on-one shooting. This is not ideal, but better than just letting IYP drop.

Summer Exhibit

The Summer Exhibit, "Urban Landscapes" is on track with submissions due by May 15, 2020. We have extended the time so that everyone has an opportunity to send their best shots. Please check the club web page for submittal details. The actual exhibit opening is in flux until our community re-opens. Once we know details, we will let you know.

Monthly Contest

After managing our monthly contests for the past several years, Ben Anderson has chosen to hand off these responsibilities to Jerry Lohman. Be on the lookout for any potential changes as Jerry takes over this important task.

Remaining categories for the year:

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| May | No Contest (Quarantine) |
| June | No Contest (Summer Vacation!) |
| July | No Contest (Summer Vacation!) |
| August | No Contest (Summer Vacation!) |
| September | Churches: Inside, Outside or landscape that Includes the church (Digital) |
| October | All about Rain (Print) |
| November | Exposure of 5 seconds or longer (Digital) |
| December | No Contest |

...So what does a photographer do when you're stuck at home!

Shoot!

- The spring flowers are really ramping up and the weather is getting consistently better!

Learn!

- The learning opportunities continue flow into our inboxes. Below are just a few of the opportunities that I have come across:
 - Here is a really interesting (and simple!) article to help with getting everything in focus.
 - <https://www.michaelfrye.com/2020/04/20/how-to-get-everything-in-focus/>
 - A lot of tech and creative tools here
 - <https://backcountrygallery.com/the-bcg-college-of-photo-education/>

Hopefully you find some of this information helpful.

2020-2021 PACT Board

Elections for the 2020-21 PACT board took place at our March meeting. For the coming year the board is:

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Members Photos Out and About

Our own Wennie Anderson had one of her photos published in the Monroe News recently.



Spring versus Winter! Congrats to Wennie!

Members Equipment For Sale

If you have a piece of photo equipment you are either looking to sell or looking for, this newsletter will be an option for you.

Hints & Tips:

If you have come across a learning opportunity that you want to share with the club, just send it to me (Chris Boesel, boeselc@gmail.com) Also, if you have an area of interest that you feel would be of interest to the club, I welcome and encourage contributions. Creating an article for a newsletter normally results in learning for you as well as contributing to your club.