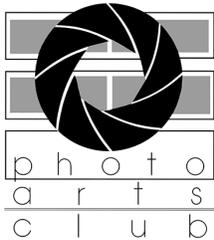


First place basic
assignment

July 2023



The Viewpoint

Greetings Club Members,

Hope you are enjoying your summer!

It is a perfect time to get out and practice your street photography and event photography skills. There are so many summer festivities happening in our communities. I encourage you to have your camera with you and to continue to challenge yourself.

For example walk around with 1 lens preferably prime lens instead of a zoom lens. See what you can capture , you might surprise yourself.

2. Try photographing subjects that are outside your comfort zone. If you photograph 1 particular subject all the time, try a different subject. I regularly photograph real estate/ architecture, so to challenge myself I photograph events or macro subjects.

Take the time to always learn.

Michele Kipplen

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First place
intermediate
assignment



First Place
Advanced
Assignment



Open House Events

The 2nd Saturday of each month the Artists Village will be open to the public from 10am till 4pm. Each of the clubhouses have agreed to be open and to supply activities, tours, and demonstrations of each of their organizations. The Photo Arts Club has the studio group in the clubhouse on this same Saturday, we just wanted to make members aware that the public could stop in for a visit and to remind members to please welcome our visitors. We never know where our next member may learn about us. Metroparks has agreed to add the Open house events to their community calendar and the Metroparks newsletter. So, we are looking for members to assist in shifts to welcome visitors in the afternoons after the studio group is finished. The hours are Noon till 4pm. We prefer that there are two volunteers available.

July 8th – 11am till 4pm- Theme is Chalk Walk Art- There will be chalk artists and stations around the clubhouse for the community to create works of art on the sidewalks. We are encouraged to have our doors open for visitors to join us.

We need 2 additional people to help greet guests in the clubhouse.

Contact **Michele Kipplen** if you are interested.

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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.

Pact Paparazzi

Michele Kipplen would like to thank the following members for taking time out of their weekend to capture photos for the village artist's events last month.

Marble Mania- Wilhem Voegt

Rose Society Show- Carolyn Ford (Rayven)

Thank you both for your images, it is much appreciated.

Pact Paparazzi provides photographers to document our Village Artists events. We still have plenty of opportunities to take photos yet this summer. If you are interested in learning more please reach out to **Michele** for more details.

2023 Garden Events — **Items in Bold We Participate In**

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

Crosby Arts Fest was last weekend.

July Dates:

Thursday July 6, 2023, 6:30 **Jazz In The Garden**

Saturday July 8, 2023, 11:00– 4:00 Chalk Walk

Thursday July 13, 2023, 6:30 **Jazz In The Garden**

Sunday July 20, 2023 1:00 - 4:00 Hosta Festival

Thursday July 27, 2023 , 6:30 **Jazz In The Garden**

August Dates:

Thursday, Aug 3, 6:30 **Jazz In The Garden**

Thursday , August 10, 2023 6:30 **Jazz In The Garden**

Saturday August 12, 2023 11:00-4:00 Art In The Garden

Thursday, August 17, 2023 6:30 **Jazz In The Garden**

Thursday, August 24, 2023 6:30 **Jazz In The Garden**

Thursday, August 31, 2023 ,6:30 **Jazz In The Garden**

September Dates:

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

December Dates:

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

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

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

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.

Scavenger Hunt Coming in August

Photo Shoot on June 3

June 3 Railroad shoot, there were 17 people who enjoyed the evening. Jack has scheduled another railroad shoot for Saturday September 16, it will be limited to 12 people. The sun will be setting (if there are no clouds) over the river. Email Jack for your reservation

jmyers@roadrunner.com



Photo Shoot at Rosary Cathedral

The planned Toledo Walk for July 30th has been changed. Instead there is a photo shoot at Rosary Cathedral. The information follows on the next page

Photo Opportunity at Rosary Cathedral

Mark your calendars for an upcoming photo shoot. On Saturday July 29, from 9:00 AM to approx.10:30AM, we will have access to Rosary Cathedral here in Toledo for a photoshoot. If you have never been in our cathedral, you will be amazed. Beautiful art, stained glass and wood carvings abound. Plan on using all your lenses from wide angle to tele-photo. Please RSVP if you are planning on attending to Chris Boesel at boeselc@gmail.com. Additional details will be sent out closer to the event.



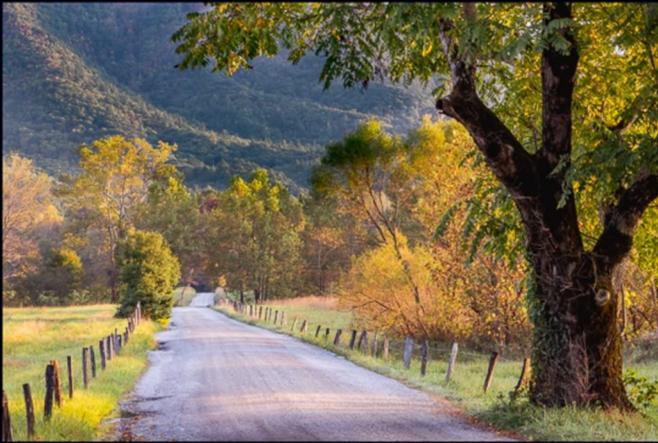
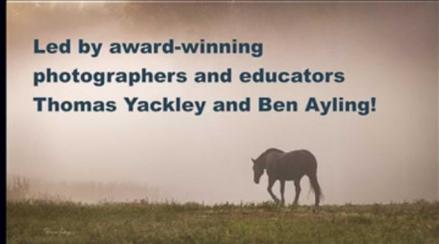
Great Smoky Mountains Workshops

October 11-14, 2023

New PACT member, [Ben Ayling](#) is teaming up with Atlanta-based landscape and nature photographer [Thomas Yackley](#) to lead two photo workshops 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 will spend 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

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.

JULY 7th & 8th – WINE & CHOCOLATE TRAIN

Diesel-powered train rides departing Angola for passengers 21-and-over. Tickets start at \$75.00.

JULY 13th – 15th – INDIANA RAIL CAMP

Immersive, three-day railroad skills and educational camp for young adults to develop their passions and skills, and for scouts to earn their Railroad Merit Badge. Camp admission and registration TBA.

JULY 15th – WINE & WHISKEY TRAIN

Steam-powered train ride departing Angola for passengers 21-and-over. Tickets start at \$75.00.

JULY 16th – ICE CREAM TRAINS

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

JULY 29th & 30th – RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE

Featuring Little River Railroad, Gramling Locomotive Works, and Nickel Plate Road no. 765. Admission is free. Ticket prices TBA.

JULY 19th – SOUTH MILFORD MEMORIAL DEDICATION TRAIN

Steam train ride departing South Milford, Indiana. Ticket price TBA.

AUGUST 20th – TAILS, ALES & RAILS

Train rides for good dogs and their owners departing Pleasant Lake, Indiana. Tickets are \$45.00.

OCTOBER 7th & 8th – INDIANA 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 \$35.00.

The Indiana Rail Experience is a partnership between the [Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society](#) and the [Indiana Northeastern Railroad Company](#). Dates, venues, and trip details are subject to change as needed.

Education Nights

Previous presentations from Steve Stalker, Michele Kipplen, Donna Gottschalk and Kelly Chalfant are available on the Website

Donna Gottschalk and Jack Myers are working on a presentation for bird photography. The date has not been set yet. In the mean time, Jack put together information on the bird feeders he uses in his yard. Hopefully it inspires you to photograph birds right in your own yard. There are many places in the area to photograph birds, but the convenience of your own yard is special.

Jack's backyard birding

I have eight different feeders in my yard, some for specific birds. For example, I have an Oriole feeder that is only out from May to July, as they migrate through. Orchard Orioles and Red-Bellied Woodpeckers feed from the orange half or grape jelly that I put out. I live near Grand Rapids near the river. Over the years I have put up specific feeders for several reasons. The birds you see will differ at your location. We have a Bluebird house and ever other year they will nest. By contrast, a friend lives in Whitehouse and they are so plentiful they nested in his newspaper box at the street.

This is an upside-down thistle feeder. Only Goldfinch birds can feed on it. As you can see in the picture, the Goldfinches feed upside-down. They are the only finch that can do this.

With standard thistle feeders, there are several different birds that will come to it. I wanted just Goldfinches.

This example is from Perky-Pets, about \$15.



Improve Your Photography

IYP

classes started June 20th for nine students. July 11th is Hands-on night at the Epilepsy Center.



1st Place
Basic Open

1st Place
Intermediate Open

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Important Accessories for Your Camera Bag

Article from Anna Koperczak

<https://mailchi.mp/c259ed46cd1e/catch-a-wave-cate-brown-read-about-air-support-monopod-6260428?e=14d331bb74>

Promaster circular polarizers and how to use them.

From Mariano de Miquel, MD

An apple tracking device. How does it work? Your AirTag sends out a secure Bluetooth signal that can be detected by nearby devices in the Find My network. These devices send the location of your AirTag to iCloud — then you can go to the Find My app and see it on a map. The whole process is anonymous and encrypted to protect your privacy. And it's efficient, so there's no need to worry about battery life or data usage.

(I learned the hard way.) On my last trip I did not think about taking this tracker and sadly had my gear stolen shortly before boarding the plane for Iceland. If you travel to another country I cannot stress how important it is to include this in your bag.

From Sanjay Gupta

Nothing unless you count, for birds a TC. 400/4.5 + 1.4TC so 560@6.3. Convert to DX to get 840 mm equivalent and about 20Mp with a Z9. Thinking about a 180-600/6.3 to get variable zoom. Maybe filters in the future. Variable ND to start. This picture attached was at 560mm Lots of brush.



Membership: There are currently 70 members, 40 members are eligible to compete. 2 members are in the grace period.

Membership Renew:

Mickey Ross

Laurie Dietrich

New Members:

Julie Wasserman

Monthly Contest: The June monthly contest had 46 entries from 15 members. The assignment was Depth of Field and it drew a lot of interest. The July contest assignment is Street Photography.

Competition assignments:

August - Macro Shot

September – Arches

October – Waterfalls

Competition Title	Level	Image Title	Last Name	First Name	Awards
Depth of Field, show F stop, in or out of focus, Bokah	Basic	Pinks in a group f3.2	Nelson	Kathryn	Honorable Mention
		Parsley flower f3.2	Nelson	Kathryn	3rd
		Spiderwort flower f2.8	Nelson	Kathryn	2nd
		Addison f 6.3	Sparks	Addison	1st
	Intermediate	Inspiring Future Aviators (f/5.6)	Hormann	Jeffrey	Honorable Mention
		Classic Cadillac (f/2.8)	Hormann	Jeffrey	3rd
		Skateboard man Iso 400 200mm F2.8	Voet	Wilhelm	2nd
		Dandelion ISO 100 200mm F2.8	Voet	Wilhelm	1st
	Advanced	Black and White Warbler	de Miguel	Mariano	Honorable Mention
		Red-headed Woodpecker, 1/1250 sec at f/8.0, ISO 5000, 500 mm lens	Myers	Jack	3rd
Helter-skelter, f6.3		Ayling	Ben	2nd	
House Finch, f6.3		Ayling	Ben	1st	
June Open	Basic	IMG 2	Werder	Sarah	2nd
		IMG 3	Werder	Sarah	1st
	Intermediate	Toledo Skyline	Anderson	Wennie	Honorable Mention
		Prothonotary Warbler	Hormann	Jeffrey	3rd
		Thanks for this day	Anderson	Wennie	2nd
		Le Vian Rose	Anderson	Wennie	1st
	Advanced	Great Egret	Anderson	Ben	Honorable Mention
		Father-Daughter Time	Mather	Charles	3rd
		Remember Our Vets	Anderson	Ben	3rd
		Feed Me	Anderson	Ben	3rd
		Looking Glass Falls	Mather	Charles	3rd
		Chilly Morning on the Beach	Boesel	Chris	2nd
		woman with lights in her hair : A great idea my wife got. Taken in a very small space with a sturdy Manfrotto tripod holding a NikonD610 with a Nikon 50mm f1.8 prime lens.	de Miguel	Mariano	2nd
Tower Bridge	Myers	Jack	1st		

Street Photography

The assignment for July is Street photography. Below are some street photography thoughts from the internet:

Typically, street photography is about candidly capturing life in public areas. And contrary to its name, street photography does not have to be done on the streets. You can do street photography anywhere.

A good street photo needs a clearly defined subject. All the rules of composition, such as rule of thirds, leading lines, use of negative space, symmetry, frames, etc. still hold. Try and tell a story with your images. Create photographs where the viewer pauses and asks questions.

Whether or not street shots need people in them is up for debate.

Shadows can be used to capture thought-provoking shots, even if you can't see the humans casting them. You could photograph things left behind by people. These images leave the viewer wondering what the story is behind the discarded objects.

Taking photographs in public spaces is legal in "most" countries. In both Canada and the United States, this is true. If you are in a public area, you are well within your rights to take pictures. However, it is important to realize that even if you are shooting in a public space, you must exercise a reasonable expectation of privacy.

The 4th of July holiday should provide some good opportunities for street photography.

Jack Myers

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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>.