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"Crested Butte Riding Stable" William Stewart



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February 2008 Events

Meeting/Competition

Where: Living Springs Worship Center 604 Manitou Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO

When: 7:00 pm Tuesday, February 5th, 2008

Competition Subject: Portraits - An expressive view of someone else.

Board Meeting

The members of the board will meet February 19th, 2008.

New Members

Please welcome Laura Mikalaitis and Jim Van Namee as our newest members!

PSA

No PSA announcements at this time.

Travelogue/Workshop

Tom and Jerry Moldenhauer will be covering landscape photography emphasizing Colorado locations on Feb. 19th.

Field Trip

Saturday, January 19th

Saturday February 9th we'll meet at the Village Inn at I-25 and S. Circle Drive. The Village Inn is located in the north / west quadrant of I-25 and S. Circle Drive. Meeting time will be 12: noon. The main focus will be old growth cedar trees in the "Lake" Pueblo wildlife Area, on the south side of the reservoir. I plan on staying until sun set, weather permitting. We may see bald eagles, or other wildlife so be prepared for all types of photography. We'll grab dinner on the way back to Colorado Springs.

Questions? Call Jerry Moldenhauer at 237-8728 or email him at streetroder@netzero.net.

President's Corner

T.W. wanted to share this article from the January PSA Journal (http://psa-eid.org):

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It's a great number! And no password needed! Anyone can look at all the images on the 24 Internet Study Groups of the Electronic Imaging Division. Each group has 7 participants. With a one-a-day approach, a viewer can look at and learn from 7 new images almost every day of the month.

New Study Group members are added continuously and often put on a waiting list for a specific group. It's so easy to participate. Twice a month, you go to the Internet and either email your new photo (electronic image) or your comments on the current images. What a straightforward way to share and learn!

Division > Electronic Imagine > Study Groups. Just 3 clicks on the PSA website takes you to the web page full of links to all 24 groups as well as the person who can get you started, director of Sutdy Groups, Barbara Miller, FPSA, PPSA.

Nevertheless, no membership is needed to be an active viewer of $24 \times 7 = 168$ new images per month. A world of wonderful images and inspiration is always available to study and admire. It's only 4 clicks away!

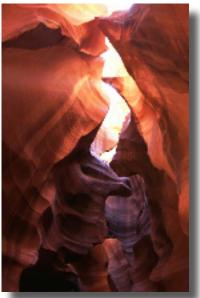


"Ranch Below Blanca Peak" William Stewart

Gallery



"Waiting For Oats" Carol Meisenheimer



"Nature's Sculptures" Andy de Naray



"Lassoed" Andy de Naray

Gallery



"Grouse in the Woods"

Tom Moldenhauer

"Pine Martin in Tree"

Carol Meisenheimer





"Are We Going or Not?"

Andrew Saj

Future Focus

Membership Dues

Just a reminder that it's once again time for Bruce to collect our annual membership dues. The cost for 2008 is still \$30.

For those members who would like to mail the due, send them to:

Bruce du Fresne 4791 Bunchberry Ln Colorado Springs, CO 80917

2008 Yearbook

Bruce is hoping to have the new yearbook ready for distribution at the February meeting.

Spring Scavenger Hunt

Tim will have the scavenger hunt subject list ready at the February meeting.

Monthly Competition Rules

Please refer to the yearbook for rules regarding the monthly competition for prints and slides.

Projected Digital Image File Requirements

JPG format Max size - 500 kb/longest side 1024px Colorspace - sRGB Compression - 72dpi/7-10 quality Naming structure - 08_01_Open(or subject)_Title_YourName Questions? Contact Tim Starr (719-683-4347, timstarr@falconbraodband.net

2008 Competition Subjects

<u>January</u>

Horses - Scene containing at least one horse

<u>February</u>

Portraits - An expressive view of someone else

<u>March</u>

Camouflage - An example of something camouflaged

April

PSA/Spring Scavenger Hunt - Subjects to be announced

<u>May</u>

Planes, Trains and Automobiles - Photograph containing any of these things

<u>June</u>

Inclement Weather - Dramatic view of Mother Nature in action

<u>July</u>

Flowers - Scene containing at least one flower

<u>August</u>

Bugs - Insect type stuff (spiders, etc.)

September

Reflection - A subject that is being reflected or the reflection itself

October

Fall Scavenger Hunt - Subjects to be announced

<u>November</u>

Landscape with Windmill -Classic landscape shot with windmill as central subject

December

Salon - Subjects to be announced later in the year

Print Competition as of January 2008

Entrants		Subject		Maker Made		Commercial		Total	
		Current Month	ΥТD	Current Month	ΥTD	Current Month	ΥTD	Current Month	YTD
du Fresne	Bruce	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
James	Deb	21	21	19	19	0	0	40	40
Kittiel	Linda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LLoyd	Bill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meisenheimer	Carol	17	17	21	21	0	0	38	38
Meisenheimer	David	18	18	19	19	0	0	37	37
Moldenhauer	Jerry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moldenhaue	Tom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Porter	Art	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saj	Andrew	19	19	18	18	0	0	37	37
Snow	Dick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanley	Bill	21	21	18	18	0	0	39	39
Starr	Tim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steinhauer	Rita	16	16	0	0	19	19	35	35
Stewart	William	0	0	21	21	0	0	21	21
Vignone	Jacqueline	17	17	0	0	21	21	38	38

Slide Competition as of January 2008

Entrants		Subject		Open		Total	
		Current Month	YTD	Current Month	YTD	Current Month	YTD
Cellini	Beverly	17	17	17	17	34	34
de Naray	Andy	20	20	19	19	39	39
Du Fresne	Bruce	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meisenheimer	Carol	20	20	20	20	40	40
Meisenheimer	David	18	18	17	17	35	35
Moldenhauer	Jerry	17	17	17	17	34	34
Moldenhaue	Tom	18	18	20	20	38	38
Porter	Art	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saj	Andrew	16	16	19	19	35	35
Stanley	Bill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Starr	Tim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stewart	William	23	23	17	17	40	40
Swanger	Spencer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodruff	T.W.	0	0	0	0	0	0

PRINT

Subject: Horses

Awards:

Eye of the Horse by Bill Stanley Appaloosa by Deb James Honorable Mentions: Horses II by Andrew Saj Scratching My Chin by David Meisenheimer

Open Commercial

Award

Victor Mining Site by Jacqueline Vignone Awards: Honorable Mention New Zealand Beach by Rita Steinhauer

Open Maker Made

Award

Eagle Looking Right by Carol Meisenheimer

Honorable Mention Bristlecone in Late Light by William Stewart

SLIDE

Subject: Horses

Awards:

Crested Butte Riding Stable by William Stewart Lassoed by Andy de Naray Honorable Mentions: Waiting for Oats by Carol Meisenheimer Ranch Below Blanca Peak by William Stewart

Open

Grouse in the Woods by Tom Moldenhauer Pine Marten in Tree by Carol Meisenheimer

Honorable Mentions:

Nature's Sculptures by Andy de Naray Are We Going or Not by Andrew Sa

Digital Projection Competition as of January 2008

Entrants		Subject		Open		Total	
		Current Month	YTD	Current Month	YTD	Current Month	YTD
de Naray	Andy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Du Fresne	Bruce	21	21	19	19	40	40
James	Deb	18	18	17	17	35	35
Lloyd	Bill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meisenheimer	Carol	0	0	19	19	19	19
Meisenheimer	David	0	0	23	23	23	23
Moldenhauer	Jerry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moldenhauer	Tom	0	0	0	0	0	0
Porter	Art	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snow	Dick	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanley	Bill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Starr	Tim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steinhauer	Rita	17	17	17	17	34	34
Woodruff	T.W.	19	19	21	21	40	40

Digital Projection

Subject: Horses

Awards:

Sunset Silhouette by Bruce du Fresne

Honorable Mentions:

Running Horses by TW Woodruff

Open Commercial

Awards

Fruit Basket by TW Woodruff One Mad Kitten by David Meisenheimer

Honorable Mention

Bee on Coneflower by Bruce du Fresne Mom & Sibling by David Meisenheimer

January Field Trip

It was 9 degrees and gray on the morning of January 19th when I showed up at the I-25 and Woodman Park and Ride. Around 7:05am Ralph Mitchell pulled into the Park and Ride, dressed as if he was in Russia during the winter, and he was ready to go make pictures. I then called my wife to let her know that the field trip was on. I picked up Jackie at our house and we headed down I-25 toward the Pueblo Historic District with Ralph leading the way.

I was talking to Ralph at the January meeting, and that's when I found out about the Pueblo Historic District. He mentioned all the stuff to see and photograph down there, and mentioned it may be a good place to do a field trip. And so it was... So if anyone has any places they really like to photograph let me know. I enjoy getting introduced to new places as much as I enjoy introducing new places to all of you. With Ralph at the helm we went straight to the old part of Pueblo. When we arrived at the old Pueblo Train Depot it was a balmy 20 degrees. The depot was a great stopping point, especially with May's subject being Trains, Planes, and Automobiles. The depot is walking distance to old down town Pueblo too. The depot and other buildings in this area were built in the late 1800's and early 1900's, and offer a lot of intricate stone, brass, wood and steel work to photograph.

From the depot area we drove to the CF and I steel plant museum. We did the tour there, and then we went back to old Pueblo to photograph more of old down town in different light. At 3pm Jackie and I saw Ralph taking in old Pueblo. We thanked him for showing us some of the sights down there, and Jackie and I headed back to Colorado Springs. We did not do the old growth cedars at the Pueblo wildlife area as planed, so I plan on making that February's field trip focus. More on that in the February field trip section of this newsletter.

Jerry Moldenhauer

Favorites

Note from the editor

This is a new section I've added to the newsletter for which I'd like input from other members. I thought it would be fun to add things like a "photography tip/trick of the month," "Photoshop tip/trick of the month" and favorite resources like websites, books and/or magazines. If you have something you'd like to add in future months, please send the information to me at debljames@hotmail.com.

Photography Resources

National Association of Photoshop Professionals (NAPP) www.photoshopuser.com

"National Audubon Society Guide to Landscape Photography" by Tim Fitzharris

www.luminous-landscape.com - Photography resource website

Digital Photography Tip of the Month

Understanding the Histogram and "Exposing to the Right"

If you're not using your camera's histogram, you're missing out on a very valuable tool for ensuring a correct exposure. First you need to understand the histogram and the information it contains. Check out this website for a detailed tutorial:

http://www.luminous-landscape.com/tutorials/understanding-se-ries/understanding-histograms.shtml

Once you understand the histogram, it's important to understand the concept of 'exposing to the right.' Basically half of the 4096 tonal values are captured within the first f-stop (farthest to the right). The number of tonal values captured is reduced by half for each step to the left. The far left of the histogram reflects only 128 tonal values. So to obtain the most tonal values and detail in your image, expose as far right as possible without clipping your highlights. For a better and more detailed explanation go here:

http://www.luminous-landscape.com/tutorials/expose-right.shtml

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