

The View finder

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"1st Place Winner"
Paige Chaney
Sand Creek High School



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June 2009 Events

Meeting/Competition

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

When: 7:00 pm
Tuesday, June 2nd, 2009

Competition Subject: *Cute* - Anything you deem as cute

Board Meeting

The members of the board will meet June 16th, 2009.

Travelogue/Workshop

Rita Steinhauer and Bill Stanley will present a travelogue about their travels in Europe on Tuesday, June 16th at 7:00 pm.

June Fieldtrip

The PPCC June field trip will be this Friday June 12th. Meet at the west side Safeway, 32nd and west Colorado Blvd meet in the parking lot at 5 AM. We will be going to Florissant Fossil Beds National Monumet.

If you have any questions please call, do not email, Jerry at 237-8728.

President's Corner

Hey! It's spring, one of my favorite times of the year. Birds are singing and flowers blooming.

I have been to Fountain creek a few times over the past two weeks and the photography is great, a lot of birds, tanagers, barn swallows, blackbirds, yellow-rumped warblers, orioles, gold finches, and would you believe "Pelicans".

I was there last week and ran into Jerry Moldenhauer photographing the pelicans, we were both shocked to see them. In all my trips there I have never seen one, and here was a whole flock.

Jerry and I took several shots of them and then continued to walk around the refuge. At the end of the big lake Jerry spotted a great-horned owl sitting in the field with a robin close by. He was too far away for any good shots but we took a few anyway.

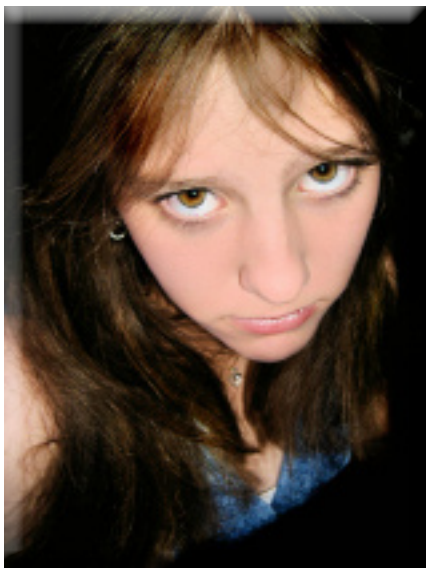
Around the visitor's center there are a lot of barn swallows. Some good shots can be had of them on the nest but you need a flash. If you walk past the visitor's center you can get some shots close-up of them on the fence rail.

I also went to Mueller state park one day to photograph stellar jays and gray jays, I only saw one gray and one stellar. Where have all the jays gone? I use to see a lot up there. I did get some Mountain bluebirds and chipmunks.

This is a great time of year, so grab that camera and get out there and shoot something.

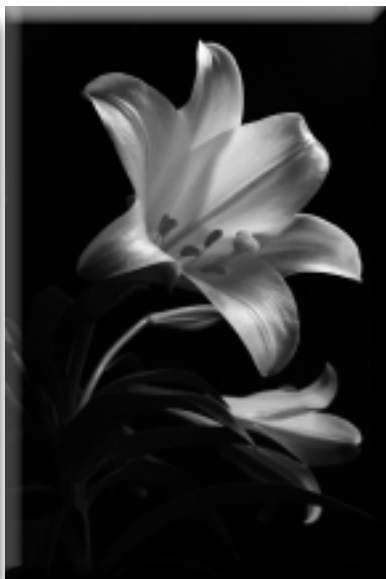
T.W. Woodruff

High School Winners Gallery



"Bee"

Marcy Pagel - Honorable Mention
St. Mary's High School



"Untitled"

Jessyka Kempf - 2nd Place
Fountain-Fort Carson High



"Roxy Playing"

Cassie Junkin - Honorable Mention - Sand Creek High

High School Winners Gallery



"Grade Springy"

Shianne Shucraft - Honorable Mention - Sand Creek High School



"Center of Interest"

Laurin Carlson - 3rd Place - Liberty High School

Future Focus

Cottonwood Exhibition

The exhibition at the Cottonwood Center for the Arts is fast approaching! The show open house is Friday, June 26th from 5:00 - 8:30 PM. Image drop-off begins on Friday, June 19th from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and continues on Saturday, Jun 20th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The members that participated in the last show may enter the same images that were previously accepted regardless of size. New entries must be constrained to the 20" x 30" size limitation established for this show. Bruce is confirming the entry fee, but we're 99% sure it will be \$10 per person. Three images may be entered and other than the size, there are no restrictions. The entries must be ready to hang with a wire type hanger rather than sawtooth or other type hangers.

This is a perfect opportunity to showcase your work and let the public see what you can do! So don't wait until the last minute. Get your images ready now!

Monthly Competition Rules

Please refer to the yearbook for rules regarding the monthly competition. The new yearbook will also contain digital requirements.

2009 Competition Subjects

January

Curves - Image emphasizing one or more curves.

February

Shades of Gray - An image depicting shades of gray

March

Bovine - An image containing anything related to bovines (cows or oxen)

April

PSA/Spring Scavenger Hunt - Subjects on previous page - judging will take place on March 31st.

May

Walking the Dog - Image containing any scene related to walking a dog

June

Cute - Anything you deem as cute

July

Outhouses - Scene containing at least one outhouse

August

Flowering Trees - Scene containing any part of a flowering tree

September

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument - Any image depicting a scene at the monument

October

Fall Scavenger Hunt - Subjects on previous page

November

At the Farmer's Market - An image containing anything relating to a farmer's market

December

Salon - Subjects to be announced later in the year

High School Contest Winners



First Place

Paige Chaney

Sand Creek
High School



Third Place

Lauren Carlson

Liberty
High School

High School Contest Winners

Honorable
Mention

Cassie Junkin

Sand Creek
High School



Honorable
Mention

Marcy Pagel

St. Marys
High School

Print Competition thru May 2009

Entrant		Subject		Open		Total	
		Current Month	YTD	Current Month	YTD	Current Month	YTD
Cellini	Beverly	12	53	15	54	27	107
Cherry	Sherwood	0	0	16	16	16	16
James	Deb	0	46	0	0	0	46
Kittiel	Linda	0	61	0	0	0	61
Lloyd	Bill	0	56	15	53	15	109
Meisenheimer	Carol	15	15	15	57	30	72
Meisenheimer	David	16	16	21	75	37	91
Saj	Andrew	0	44	0	48	0	92
Snow	Dick	0	51	0	0	0	51
Stanley	Bill	19	63	18	69	37	132
Steinhauer	Rita	0	0	0	57	0	57
Starr	Tim	14	59	16	58	30	117
Swanson	Al	10	10	16	46	26	56
Van Namee	Jim	7	7	23	33	30	40
Vignone	Jacqueline	16	16	20	60	36	76

Subject: Walking the dog

Awards

Walking by Woods
Bill Stanley

Puppy Trail
Al Swanson

Honorable Mention

Out for a Jog
Jacqueline Vignone

Crashing Waves and Dogs
David Meisenheimer

Open

Awards

High Maintenance
Jim Van Namee

Denali and Red Berries
David Meisenheimer

Honorable Mention

Paint Mine Pair
Jacqueline Vignone

Lily & Pads
Jim Van Namee

Slide Competition thru May 2009

Entrant	Subject	Subject		Open		Total	
		Current Month	YTD	Current Month	YTD	Current Month	YTD
Cellini	Beverly	6	46	20	64	26	110
de Naray	Andy	14	62	19	66	33	128
Meisenheimer	Carol	16	58	17	67	33	125
Meisenheimer	David	14	74	20	73	34	147
Moldenhauer	Jerry	0	45	17	64	17	109
Moldenhauer	Tom	0	47	20	64	20	111
Starr	Tim	0	39	0	46	0	85
Stewart	William	0	56	15	66	15	122
Swanger	Spencer	19	77	19	79	38	156
Woodruff	TW	0	12	0	14	0	26

Subject: Walking the dog	
Awards	Honorable Mention
10 Mile Range Spencer Swanger	Killing a Stick Carol Meisenheimer

Open	
Awards	Honorable Mention
Frosted Trio Spencer Swanger	Evening Light on Chimney Peak Tom Moldenhauer
Civic Center Beverly Cellini	Pine Cache Andy de Naray

Winners Gallery



"Evening at the
Totems"

Carol
Meisenheimer

"Paint, Rust &
Rivets"

Art Porter



"White Sand &
Soap Tree"

Carol
Meisenheimer

Winners Gallery



"I Got Dirty on My Walk"
Bill Stanley

"Frosty Does"
Jerry Moldenhauer



Digital Projection Competition thru May 2009

Entrants		Subject		Open		Total	
		Current	YTD	Current	YTD	Current	YTD
Cellini	Beverly	14	60	16	61	30	121
Cherry	Sherwood	6	21	16	30	22	51
Deffeyes	Bob	0	30	0	28	0	58
Du Fresne	Bruce	20	66	20	74	40	140
Holm	Bill	19	67	16	69	35	136
James	Deb	0	34	0	32	0	66
Meisenheimer	Carol	0	0	23	71	23	71
Meisenheimer	David	0	0	18	71	18	71
Moldenhauer	Jerry	14	31	19	56	33	87
Porter	Art	0	12	17	29	17	41
Stanley	Bill	18	47	16	45	34	92
Starr	Tim	0	52	0	55	0	107
Steinhauer	Rita	16	27	15	23	31	50
Swanger	Spencer	13	58	16	72	29	130
Swanson	Al	10	50	17	63	27	113
Van Namee	Jim	0	0	21	21	21	21
Vignone	Jacqueline	13	13	16	16	29	29
Woodruff	T.W.	0	40	16	57	16	97

Subject: Walking the Dog

Awards	Honorable Mention
I Got Dirty on My Walk Bill Stanley	Woman in Garden of the Gods Bruce du Fresne
Get in Step Bill Holm	Man Walking Dog in Snow Bruce du Fresne

Open

Awards	Honorable Mention
Barb & Drops Bruce du Fresne	Paint, Rust and Rivets Art Porter
Red Racer Jim Van Namee	Evening at the Totems Carol Meisenheimer
White Sands and Soap Tree Carol Meisenheimer	Frosty Does Jerry Moldenhauer

Random Bits & Bites

Rewind...

Photography Resources

"The Photographer's Eye" by Michael Freeman (Composition and Design for Better Digital Photos)

www.cambridgeincolour.com - Photography resource website

Photography Tip of the Month

Simplifying Composition

(<http://www.fodors.com/focus/focresults.cfm?aid=45>)

A good photograph should reveal a single subject or idea with as little clutter as possible. It's okay if someone looking at your travel photos asks where they were taken, but if he or she has to ask what they are pictures of, you're on shaky ground, photographically speaking.

Paring your compositions down to their bare bones begins as a mental process. Try to describe in a single sentence what it is you're photographing: "This is a photograph of a lighthouse at sunset." Then begin to eliminate all but the essential visual elements. Do you need the kids on the sandbar in the foreground to make the picture? Or the boat dock in the background?

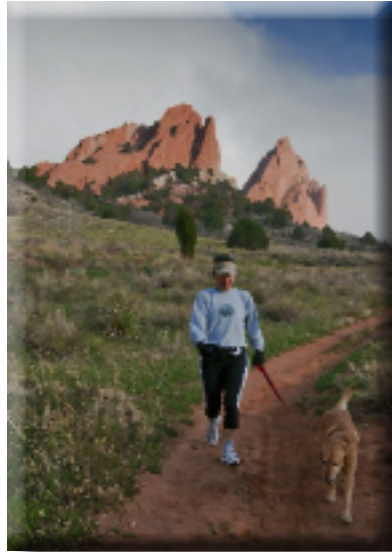
One way to isolate subjects is to experiment with different angles of view. Often shooting from an elevated vantage point will help you eliminate distracting or cluttered backgrounds, while getting down on your belly and shooting from ground level will let you isolate subjects against the sky. Another way to subdue a busy background is to use a technique called selective focus, which puts everything except your main subject out of focus. Of course, if your subject is movable (like a person), you can always move it to simpler surroundings.

Yet another technique for clarifying your message is to silhouette a subject by photographing it against a brightly lit background--a fisherman at sunset--so its shape is instantly identifiable.

Winners Gallery



"Red Racer"
Jim Van Namee



"Woman in Garden of the Gods"
Bruce du Fresne



"Man Walking Dog in Snow" by Bruce du Fresne

Winners Gallery



"Get in Step"
Bill Holm



"Barb & Drop"
Bruce du Fresne

PBS Program

Some time ago I mentioned the PBS program "Travels to the Edge with Art Wolfe." I've noticed PBS is currently rerunning both sets of episodes. I don't know the exact times and dates, but check your listings for them. It's a really interesting show!

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