



This club was established in 1930 and is believed to be the oldest club in Colorado. Meetings are held at 7 PM on the second Wednesday of each month at the Living Hope Church, 640 Manitou Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO. **Next Meeting - March 9**



THE VIEWFINDER



“Mushrooms in the Mud and Moss” by Jacqueline Vignone

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Table 1

FEBRUARY 2016 COMPETITION RESULTS							
PRINT COMPETITION - MONTHLY STANDINGS AS OF FEB 2016							
	PREV CUM TOT	SUBJECT		OPEN		TOTAL	
		CURRENT MONTH	YTD	CURRENT MONTH	YTD	CURRENT MONTH	YTD
Beverly Cellini	28	0	14	0	14	0	28
Al Schwecke	37	14	33	12	30	26	63
Rita Steinhauer	33	12	29	17	33	29	62
Al Swanson	21	0	0	0	21	0	21
Jacqueline Vignone	0	18	18	18	18	36	36

Subject: Get Down, Shoot from a Low Angle

Award:

“Mushrooms in the Mud and Moss” by Jacqueline Vignone

Honorable Mention:

“Jenny Lake” by Al Schwecke

Open:

Award:

“Blue Morpho” by Jacqueline Vignone

Honorable Mention:

“Brits in a Tree” by Rita Steinhauer

Table 1-1

DIGITAL COMPETITION - MONTHLY STANDINGS AS OF FEB 2016							
	PREV CUM TOT	SUBJECT		OPEN		TOTAL	
		CURRENT MONTH	YTD	CURRENT MONTH	YTD	CURRENT MONTH	YTD
Debi Boucher	35	20	37	23	41	43	78
Bruce Du Fresne	40	16	40	19	35	35	75
Bill Holm	32	14	28	12	30	26	58
Debbie Milburn	33	15	33	16	31	31	64
Jerry Moldenhauer	16	0	0	0	16	0	16
Karen Morris	29	10	24	12	27	22	51
Art Porter	0	8	8	5	5	13	13
Tim Starr	33	11	25	17	36	28	61
Ralph Streifel	38	12	30	14	34	26	64
Al Swanson	32	13	29	13	29	26	58
Jacqueline Vignone	0	11	11	12	12	23	23

Subject: Get Down, Shoot from a Low Angle

Awards:

“Angry Caddy” by Bruce du Fresne

“Yellow Canopy” by Debi Boucher

Honorable Mentions:

“Our Lady of Guadalupe” by Debi Boucher

“Let’s Play Ball” by Bill Holm

Open:

Awards:

“Union Station” by Bruce du Fresne

“Misty Autumn” by Debi Boucher

Honorable Mentions:

“1675” by Tim Starr

“Abandoned Homestead” by Debi Boucher

Table 1-2

CREATIVE DIGITAL COMPETITION - MONTHLY STANDINGS AS OF FEB 2016	PREV CUM TOT	OPEN	
		CURRENT MONTH	YTD
	Debi Boucher	11	10
Bill Holm	7	7	14
Debbie Milburn	9	12	21

Award:

“Lone Wolf” by Debbie Milburn

Honorable Mention:

“Earth Plus Two” by Debi Boucher

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

DEBI BOUCHER

We've had a little bit of everything weather-wise this season, from a massive snow storm to unusually warm weather - both great opportunities for getting out and shooting. As you're out and about, keep in mind the subjects for this year's competitions! The competition schedule is posted on our website.

Speaking of the website, Galen has posted competition rules and member benefits under the info tab. You can find them [here](#). Thanks Galen!

Godex's on Sierra Madre downtown is offering our members a 10% discount on printing, and film and darkroom supplies! Stop by and be sure to tell Jeff you're a PPCC member!

Several of us enjoyed a fun and informative visit to Don Jones' Studio for some staged 'splash' photography instruction where Don graciously set up a tank, lighting and tips on how to get a super sharp image of the splash created by dropping a bottle into a tank of water. Lunch afterwards gave us all a chance to visit and catch up. Thanks again to Don for his terrific instruction and hospitality!

Liz Stokes, our field trip coordinator, is planning a field trip to the Rocky Mountain Wildlife Foundation in Guffey, and I'm working on a trip to the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park. More details to follow.

Remember to bring an 8x10 or 11x14 image at 6PM on March 9 (one hour before the regular club meeting) for instruction on print matting. Please let Rita know if you plan to attend and what size image you're bringing, so there will be enough supplies for everyone. If you like, you can enter your print in that evening's print competition.

Please join me in welcoming new members, Melinda Walls and Mary Smith. Welcome to the Pikes Peak Camera Club Melinda and Mary!

Happy Shooting!

Debi



(Unknown photographer with great timing)

The Story Behind the Photo.....

This is a section in the newsletter where each month I ask certain club members to share their story on how they took their award winning photo.

**Mushrooms in the Mud and Moss
by
Jacqueline Vignone
Cover Photo of this Newsletter**

The most important piece of information I can share is how you can find Emerald Valley for yourself. It's a lovely hike not far from town. It's not crowded. And, you might find as many as a dozen different kinds of mushrooms in a single day.

Behind the Broadmoor Hotel, start down the Old Stage Road. The pavement ends at the National Forest Boundary, but you don't need a 4-wheel drive vehicle. Start your odometer at the boundary. At 5.4 miles, turn left at the sign for Emerald Valley. The Emerald Valley Ranch gate is just over 1.5 miles down this road. Park near there without blocking or entering the gate-be careful not to trespass. The hike is straight ahead.

I look forward to seeing your images in competition this summer!



“Let’s Play Ball” by Bill Holm

My son brought over the grand kids on January 30. We spent time doing several things and then it was time to go. That is when I thought about our February subject and decided to try and get a picture of Jackson. I had him get on the ball and I lay down on the floor between the window and him. Jackson kept moving around so I had to shoot pretty quickly. I tried a couple different settings, but it was more about focus and his expression. I ended up with this photograph which was taken at ISO 640 at F/3.5 with a shutter speed of 1/125. The lens I was using was a 28 to 70 mm zoom with it set at 70 mm. In post processing, I changed some of the lighting and cropped and removed some things behind him.

2016 MONTHLY COMPETITION SUBJECTS

January - Into the Night...shot after dark

February - Get down,Get down...Shooting from a low vantage point

March - Architectural Element...window, door, facade, trim,stairs, etc.

April - City Lights

May - Wabi-Sabi...Ruined, decayed, weathered

June - Portrait...of people

July - Wildlife...may be a zoo shot, but not show anything man made

August - Details... close up or Macro **September** - Make me laugh

October - From on High...Shooting from a high vantage point.

November - Beautiful Blur...Demonstrating In Camera Movement (ICM) i.e. zoom, panning

December - Salon Dinner and Awards

TRAVEL TALK

by Nancy Ellis and David Bina

This Month's travel talk is about an article that David found regarding the senior pass.

Overview of the Senior Pass

- 1 Where can I get a Senior Pass?** You can buy a Senior Pass in person from a participating Federal recreation site or office. See [Site Locations](#) that issue the Senior Pass. You can buy a Senior Pass using the USGS online store. Applicants must fill out the [Online Application](#) and upload proof of residency and age. This may be done by photographing your document and uploading it to the order. You will need to provide a credit card payment of \$20.00 (\$10.00 fee for the Senior Pass, and an additional \$10.00 document processing fee). Once the documentation is verified and payment is received, a pass, with the pass owner's name pre-printed on it, will be issued to the applicant. If you cannot order a Senior pass online, you can submit a [Paper Application](#) by mail to the USGS using the paper application and enclosing the same documents and \$20 fee.

Online Senior Pass applications are processed and shipped within 3-5 business days from the day they arrive at USGS. Transit time varies, and is dependent upon the service selected:

- USPS - typically 5-10 business days
- FedEx Ground - typically 3-5 business days
- FedEx 2nd day - typically 2 business days
- FedEx Overnight - typically 1 business day

If you need your pass within 15 days or less, it is recommended that you either obtain your pass at the first site you visit, or request expedited shipping services for your order.

- 2 What is the Senior Pass?** A \$10.00 lifetime pass that provides access to more than 2,000 recreation sites managed by five Federal agencies, with up to 100% of the proceeds being used to improve and enhance visitor recreation services.
At many sites the Senior Pass provides the [pass owner](#) a
- 3** on [Expanded Amenity Fees](#) (such as camping, swimming, boat launching, and guided tours). See [Senior Pass Benefits](#) section.
- 4 Who qualifies for the Senior Pass?** U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are 62 years or older. (You must have turned 62 before you can buy the pass).
NOTE: Owning property or paying taxes in the U.S. does not automatically qualify you for a Senior Pass. You must be a permanent U.S. resident, or a U.S. citizen with identification such as U.S. Driver's License, Green Card or U.S. Passport.
- 5 Are Golden Age Passports still valid?** Yes, Golden Age Passports are valid for a lifetime.
- 6 If my spouse was the pass owner and s/he passes away, does the Senior Pass automatically transfer to me?** No. The Senior Pass is **not** transferable.
- 7 Where can I use my Senior Pass?** *Please contact a site directly if you have a question about pass acceptance and fees.*
The Forest Service, the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, USACE, and Bureau of Reclamation honor the Senior Pass at sites where [Entrance or Standard Amenity Fee\(s\)](#) (Day use fees) are charged.

- Bureau of Land Management <http://www.blm.gov>
 - Bureau of Reclamation <http://www.usbr.gov>
 - Fish and Wildlife Service <http://www.fws.gov>
 - USDA Forest Service <http://www.fs.fed.us>
 - National Park Service <http://www.nps.gov>
 - US Army Corps of Engineers <http://www.usace.army.mil>
- 8 In addition, the Tennessee Valley Authority may honor the Senior Pass for entrance or camping discounts.

Senior Pass Use

- 1 Who is admitted with a Senior Pass?** The Senior Pass admits [pass owner/s](#) and passengers in a [non-commercial vehicle](#) at per-vehicle fee areas and [pass owner](#) + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, where per-person fees are charged. (Children under 16 are always admitted free.)
Note: Photo identification will be requested to verify pass ownership.
- 2 If I have more than four people in my car, how many passes do I need?**
 - One pass covers the vehicle at sites that charge "per vehicle".
 - At "per person"; sites, the applicable fee will be charged for each additional person.
- 3 My family is traveling in two vehicles; will one Senior Pass let all of us into the site?** No. Only the vehicle with the [pass owner](#) is covered. The second vehicle is subject to an [entrance fee](#), or must have (or buy) a second pass.
- 4 What about motorcycle drivers who purchase a Senior Pass?** A Senior Pass permits entrance for one motorcycle.
- 5 What if I forgot to bring my Senior Pass?** You can either buy another Senior Pass with proper

documentation, or pay the applicable [Entrance or Standard Amenity Fee\(s\)](#) (Day Use Fees).

6 What if my Senior Pass is lost, stolen or damaged?

- If lost or stolen, you'll need to buy another one.
- If damaged, it can be replaced as long as a portion of the pass is identifiable and you show proper identification.

7 How do I show my pass at a site that doesn't have an entrance station?

At Federal recreation sites that don't have entrance stations you need to display your pass or show proof of pass ownership to compliance officers via one of the two following methods:

HANGTAGS

A pass can either be displayed on your rearview mirror using a free hangtag or on your dashboard with the signature side showing. Remember, the hangtag itself is only a way to display your Pass, and is not valid for entry unless it holds a valid Pass.

DECALS

If you own an open-topped vehicle (jeep, motorcycle, etc.) you may obtain a free decal to attach to your vehicle that will serve as proof of payment at sites that don't have a staffed entrance station.

- Decals are issued on annual basis, even for owners of lifetime Senior/Access passes
- Decals are NOT valid for entry at staffed entrance sites - you MUST show your pass
- **Decals must be obtained in person and you must show the following:** your Pass, driver's license and vehicle registration. The name on all three documents must match.
- All sites that issue passes issue free hangtags

8 Can I use my Senior Pass at state parks or local city/county recreation sites?

No. The Senior Pass is valid only at participating [Federal](#) recreation sites. Visit

<http://www.recreation.gov> for information about Federal recreation sites.

Senior Pass Benefits

Please contact a site directly if you have a question about pass acceptance and fees.

- 1 Does the Senior Pass include any discounts at Federal Recreation sites?** At many sites the Senior Pass provides the [pass owner](#) a discount on [Expanded Amenity Fees](#) (such as camping, swimming, boat launching, and guided tours).
- 2 What are the discount guidelines?** The pass program is managed by six Federal agencies that operate under different regulations and have different fees. Therefore, the discount program for the Senior Pass is not handled in the same way on all Federal recreation lands.

In general discounts are honored as follows:

- **Individual Campsites:** The discount only applies to the fee for the campsite physically occupied by the [pass owner](#), not to any additional campsite(s) occupied by members of the [pass owner's](#) party.
- **Campsites with Utility Hookups:** If utility fees are charged separately, there is no discount. The discount may apply if the utility fee is combined (seamless) with the campsite fee.
- **Group Campsites and Facilities:** (including, but not limited to, group facilities, picnic areas or pavilions): There is no discount for group campsites and other group facilities that charge a flat fee. If the group campsite has a per person fee rate, only the [pass owner](#) receives a discount; others using the site pay the full fee.

- **Guided Tours:** The pass offers discounts on some guided tours. Only the [pass owner](#) receives a discount if one is offered.
 - **Transportation Systems: (Inquire Locally)**
 - **[Concessionaire Fees:](#) (Inquire Locally)**
 - **[Special Use Permit Fees:](#) (Inquire Locally)**
- 3 Does my Senior Pass provide any discounts at Cooperating Association bookstores or gift shops that are located in the Federal Recreation sites? No.** The Senior Pass **does not** cover discounts in on-site bookstores or gift stores.



“Angry Caddy” by Bruce du Fresne

Things to Know.....

- 1. Don't forget that this Wednesday, Feb. 24th, the club will be having the first workshop of the year. Jesse Summers will be conducting a Night Photography Workshop starting at 7:00 pm.**
- 2. Here is an update from Jerry Moldenhauer regarding this year's High School competition:**

All high schools in El Paso County that have internet or phone listings for staff members have been contacted as of the end of January. I sent a flyer for them to post and asked all that received the flyer to pass it along to any and all staff members and students that may be interested in the competition. In the past, I just targeted the art, graphics, and or photography departments.

High School Competition Judges are:

Debi Boucher, Jackie Vignone, Art Porter

High School Competition Time Line:

By January 30, 2016: Flyers presented to high schools.

April 27, 2016: Image entry deadline.

May 4, 2016: 7PM Competition image judging. (All camera club members are invited to come to the judging.)

May 11, 2016: Awards presented to the winners at our regular monthly meeting.



“Misty Autumn” by Debi Boucher



“1675” by Tim Starr

