



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
Next Meeting - March 9 at 7:00 PM



THE VIEWFINDER

NEWSLETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK CAMERA CLUB



“Fearful” by Al Swanson

Read the story of this photo on Page 8

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Table 1-2

| Digital Monthly Standings as of 1 Feb. 2022 | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|
| | SUBJECT | | OPEN | | TOTAL | |
| | CURRENT MONTH | YTD | CURRENT MONTH | YTD | CURRENT MONTH | YTD |
| Nina Calderone | 21 | 35 | 15 | 34 | 36 | 69 |
| Bill Holm | 18 | 35 | 16 | 30 | 34 | 65 |
| Debbie Milburn | 14 | 31 | 15 | 33 | 29 | 64 |
| Karen Morris | 14 | 31 | 17 | 31 | 31 | 62 |
| Candee Read | 12 | 12 | 13 | 32 | 25 | 44 |
| Ken Read | 11 | 25 | 15 | 28 | 26 | 53 |
| Barbara Rose | 15 | 29 | 13 | 31 | 28 | 60 |
| Al Swanson | 19 | 39 | 13 | 27 | 32 | 66 |
| Art Porter | 0 | 0 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Ken Roberts | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 26 | 26 |
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Subject: Create a Mood

Awards:

“A Cold Good Morning” by Nina Calderone

“Fearful” by Al Swanson

Honorable Mentions:

“Dancing in the Street” by Bill Holm

“My Love Face” by Nina Calderone

Open:

Awards:

“White Orchid” by Ken Read

“Egyptian Entrepreneur” by Karen Morris

Honorable Mentions:

“Into the Fog” by Bill Holm

“Companions ” by Debbie Milburn

Table 1-1

| Creative Competition - Monthly Standings as of Feb. 2022 | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----|--|--|
| | OPEN | | | |
| | CURRENT MONTH | YTD | | |
| Nina Calderone | 11 | 17 | | |
| Bill Holm | 7 | 13 | | |
| Debbie Milburn | 10 | 17 | | |
| Candee Read | 6 | 16 | | |
| Ken Read | 6 | 14 | | |
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Award:

“Flower Princess” by Nina Calderone

Honorable Mention:

“There are Three” by Debbie Milburn

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

KAREN MORRIS

Our March meeting will be held in person! Let's hope we can continue to meet in person for the rest of the year, and begin to get back to "normal". I'm looking forward to seeing everyone, again.

For those of you who would have entered prints in the January and February competitions, please bring your prints to the March meeting, and the judge will score your prints. Remember, for the November, Salon competition, you will need to submit digital copies of your prints, because the three judges will be judging via Zoom. You will then bring your physical prints to the end-of-year potluck, in December.

June may seem like a long way off...but it's not too early to begin thinking of what images you'll want to enter in the Show Down Under. This is our annual, international competition with the Adelaide, Australia Camera Club. Each club submits 30 images, which are randomized and judged by two judges, one from the Adelaide Club, and one from our club. We are fortunate to have Mark James judging for this "friendly tussle" as the Adelaide club calls it. He judged for us last year, and his comments were thoughtful, professional, and fair.

Images for the Show Down Under must be submitted by Sunday, June 19. Please send them to me, as jpeg attachments. The naming structure is the same as for monthly competitions; but, instead of putting "subject" or "open", put SDU. The category is open, and 15 members can submit 2 images each. Images can be from previous competitions, and have won HMs or Awards. Plan ahead to get your best images! On October 26, we will meet to view all sixty of the images, hear the judges comments and scores, including the overall results.

High School competition is held in the Spring, and we'll need three judges from our club, to judge, via Zoom, in late April/early May. The quality of the high school entries improves each year, and the images are often stunning, and reflect a different perspective and unique interpretations of subjects. Awards will be announced at the May 11 meeting.

Have you paid your club dues yet??????

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



Cover Photo of this Newsletter

“Fearful” by Al Swanson

We were vacationing down near Creede, Colorado a couple of years ago in an RV campground just outside of town. After a day of roaming through the countryside we came back to a very cloudy and dismal afternoon. This church stands just outside of the town and I walked around it a couple of times shooting different images from different angles. I overshot it several times to include the sky because it was so dramatic. Then for this month’s exercise I highlighted the clouds and brought out more of the vivid detail. To me it represented a potential fearful moment when a person might feel he was being spoken to from above and in not a very gentle tone.



“A Cold Good Morning” by Nina Calderone

I was sipping on my delicious hot coffee, when the morning sun struck the mountain and the clouds....clouds....really? Wake up Nina! After overthinking everything way too long, I finally took my camera and went outside. To capture this stunning morning, I decided to bypass the tripod to save time and go directly to handheld. To get the exposure I needed holding the camera, I decided to increase my ISO and opt for more noise, instead of losing the depth-of-field by opening my aperture.

Settings: 70mm | 1/160 | f/14 | ISO 1000

Post-processing: Lightroom and Topaz DeNoise

Equipment: Sony a7iii camera with a Tamron 70-180mm F2.8 lens

Location: Manitou Springs looking at Red Rock Canyon open space and Section 16



Pikes Peak Camera Club Subjects for 2022

- Jan. 12 Between ~ What is in the space or interval that separates?
- Feb. 9 Create a Mood ~ Consider the sky, lighting, facial expressions, body language
- Mar. 9 Art on the Streets ~ Public Art
- Apr. 13 Colorado's Great Plains ~ Much of the eastern half of Colorado is part of the Great Plains, a unique grassland prairie ecosystem.
- May 11 Ghost Towns ~ Deserted, or still inhabited...Animas Forks, South Park City, St. Elmo, and many more to explore
- Jun. 8 Jailhouse Blues ~ Old or current jails/prisons, feeling trapped, locked up
- Jul. 13 Historical Sites ~ Sites that tell a story of our past
- Aug. 10 CO State Parks ~ Colorado has over 40 State Parks, Mueller, Cheyenne Mtn, and our newest one - Sweetwater
- Sep. 14 Show Me the Money ~ Money must be in the picture
- Oct. 12 Signs of Fall ~ Leaves, harvests, festivals, fairs, football
- Nov. 9 Gates or Doors/Openings ~ Distinctive doors, gates, openings that beckon the observer
- Nov. 16 Salon Judging
- Dec. 7 or 14 Potluck/Salon announcements

