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The Newsletter of the Rockford Photo Club

May, 2015

The objectives of the Rockford Photo Club shall be to improve our photography, and to appreciate photography as an art form.

Upcoming Events

**Happy
Mother's
Day!**

May

July

May 14 –Exposure Workshop

July 9 –Light workshop and filters.

May 28 – Nature/Landscape, Wildlife Contest

July 23 – Sports/Action contest



June

June 11 –Action photo workshop and filters.

June 25 – Dave Seigel of Camera Craft: What's New in Equipment.

Pixel People

* The next Pixel People meeting *
* will be held on Thursday, *
* May 21, 2015, from 7-9:00 p.m. *
* at RAM (Rockford Art Museum). *
* All PAID club members *
* are welcome!!!! *

Message from the President—

Tom Lamb

Happy May everybody!

First of all I want to extend a Happy Mothers Day greeting to all of the mothers out there. Mothers are very special people. Whether your mother is here with you or she isn't here with you, I wish you good memories and warm wishes. This will be my first year without my mother.

Second, I want to thank everybody for their diligence and hard work on getting our website back up and running. Maybe you hadn't noticed, but for about two weeks, our website was down. Connie, Diane and Chuck spent many hours getting it up and running again. Thank you to all of them. If you haven't had a chance to see our website, please visit it sometime and, if you are a paid member, you are welcome to have an album to showcase your photos. Email Diane for more information at rafikis40@aol.com. I would also like to thank all of those members who have given their assistance in getting Pixel People changed and functioning well. Thank you!!!!

If anybody would like to help with an upcoming workshop, please let a board member know. We would welcome any help.

May 14 is our Exposure Workshop and on May 28 we will be having our Nature/Landscape/Wildlife contest. Get out now and take your photos.

See you all in May!

Tom Lamb

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CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

DID YOU KNOW?

The photo club has a set of remote-triggered speed light set that any paid club member is welcome to check out and experiment with. Contact Tom Lamb for more information or to check them out.

Are you receiving the newsletter? If you are a paid member and have email, it should be delivered right to your inbox. Let me know right away so I can double check your email address. Thanks—Diane Lamb.

If anybody would like to help with an upcoming workshop, please let a board member know. We would welcome any help. Workshops include Exposure Workshop, Light Workshop and Filters, Closeup/Macro Workshop and Fall Colors Workshop.

Your Rockford Photo Club Agenda for 2015

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January 8	Display: Best of 2014
January 22	Table top/still life shoot
February 12	Composition workshop
February 26	Dave Olson - In Your Nature
March 12	B&W workshop - shooting and printing
March 26	Charlie Beffa B&W contest
April 9	Depth of field & lens workshop
April 23	Display: composition & depth of field
May 14	Exposure workshop
May 28	Nature/Landscape/Wildlife contest
June 11	Action photo workshop & filters
June 25	Dave Seigel of Camera Craft with what new in equipment
July 9	Light workshop & filters
July 23	Sports/Action contest
August 13	Close up/Macro workshop
August 27	Close up/Macro display
September 10	Fall colors workshop
September 24	Open contest
October 8	Fall colors display
October 22	2 nd chance contest
November 12	Scavenger hunt display
November 26	No meeting - holiday

Just a reminder!!!!!!!

Classes/Categories for 2015 Contest:

Realistic Photography (Global Editing)

Global Editing: Editing where the editing adjustments affect the whole image (image edge to edge).

Global editing permits overall adjustments to help polish your captured image. These rules are intended to allow you to fine-tune your entry and correct basic imperfections in exposure, sharpening, contrast, color, etc. Only global editing will be allowed in this class. No selections or spot-editing tools are allowed with the sole exception of cloning out sensor dust or hot pixels. These guidelines apply on post-processing to all edits performed after the image is captured, whether performed in image-editing software, using image-editing built into the camera, or during RAW conversion. (Multiple exposure or layers not allowed).

The use of slider adjustments contained in Photoshop, Lightroom, and other similar programs is acceptable. These adjustments are: Temperature, Tint, Exposure, Contrast, Highlights, Shadows, Whites, Blacks, Clarity, Vibrance, Saturation. Sharpening, Leveling, and Straightening are also allowed.

Enhanced Photography (Global and/or Local Editing)

Local Editing: Editing where the editing adjustments only affect one part/section of the image.

You may use editing built into the camera or post-processing software to edit your captured image. Adjustments may be either global, local, or both. You may clone in or out subjects (as long as the work is yours) and use multiple layers. Let your creativity show from HDR to photo montages.



Don't forget:

Rockford Photo Club Contest Rules 2015:

1. Contests are open only to members who are in good standing prior to the night of the contest: Members in good standing are members who have their dues paid in full at least one regular meeting before participation in any contest is allowed.
2. All images must be the original work of the member and must be created with a camera.
3. Members in good standing may enter up to four (4) images in any combination within the two categories (Realistic and Enhanced). A total of four (4) images can be entered. Images must be shown as prints.
4. Prints shall be at least 5x7 in size and must be firmly attached to a mount board or matted. Minimum overall display size to be 8x10.
5. Maximum overall display size to be 16x20 either "flush-mount" or matted.
6. Prints shall either be flush-mounted (printed edge to edge) or matted.
7. Prints shall not be framed or mounted under glass.
8. No entries for judging are allowed once the judging begins. However, late entries may be displayed and critiqued.
9. Prints that have won (defined as Best of Show, First, Second, and Third places) previously in a Rockford Photo Club contest are not eligible to be entered in another Rockford Photo Club contest.
10. If you have photos to enter but are unable to attend the meeting, you may send your entries with someone else. Photo entry information (name of photographer and category being entered) shall accompany photos being entered. Photos must still be entered before judging begins.

Suggestions, Not Rules:

Since contests are intended as a tool towards learning better photography, it is highly suggested that your photos be taken within the past two years. While prints are supposed to be judged on impact, quality, balance and rules of good photography, do not discount the importance of visual presentation of both the printing and matting qualities on the judges final decision. It could make all the difference.

PIXEL PEOPLE PAGE

Hello [PixelPeople](#) ;

Come and join us as we learn Photoshop Elements.

Our emphasis in May will be teaching and working with Photoshop Elements. We will continue learning the basic tools, watching the tutorials and working with hands-on training.

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Contact Tom Lamb for further information.

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