

North Metro Photo Club

'Serving photographic enthusiasts of the North Metro suburbs in the Twin Cities area.'



North Metro Photo News – newsletter of North Metro Photo Club

June 2009

Potluck / Picnic
June 27, Saturday
4:00 pm
At Kathy Wall's
6020 West Bald Eagle Blvd.
White Bear Lake

rsvp would be appreciated to accommodate chairs, etc. Kathy will provide paper products and coffee

Bring a dish to share

Directions:

- Take I-694 East
- Keep left to take I-35E North
- Take exit 120 toward County J (.2 miles)
- Turn right onto CR-J Ash St.
- Turn right onto Otter Lake Road / CR-60 (1.5 miles).
- Turn left onto CR H2 E / CR-5 (.5 miles).
- Turn left onto W. Bald Eagle Blvd / CR-149.
- Continue to follow W. Bald Eagle Blvd (1.5 miles).



Two notes as we break for the summer –

Print drop off points – There are three options for submitting prints for the August 20th competition. Bring/drop off your prints by August 5th to:

- Kathy Wall, 6020 W Bald Eagle Blvd, White Bear Lake. 651-426-6331
- Grace Schrunk, 950 113th Av NE, Blaine. 763-755-0575
- Or – Bring them to the June 27th picnic.

Dues are Due - North Metro Photo Club dues are due in May. Traditionally, those not paying by September 1st are no longer eligible for competitions.

Dues can be paid at the August meeting, or mailed to the Treasurer (Fran Warzaha, 7124 – 88th Av. N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55445). Annual dues are \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family.

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CALENDAR

Jun 27
Potluck Picnic – 4:00 - ?? at Kathy Wall's (see page 1 for more info)

Aug 20
Regular meeting – 7:00 pm at St. Philips
Category: Prints (Color and Monochrome)

Sept 17
Regular meeting – 7:00 pm at St. Philips
Category: Nature

Competitions & Contests

July 15th
TCACCC Logo Contest – The [TCACCC Council is looking for a new logo](#), one suited for the 21st century and beyond. Winner receives admission to 2010 Spring Break/Interclub (dinner included).

Jul 15
National Wildlife Refuge Photo Contest

Jul 31
Environmental Photographer of the Year

Jan 10, 2010
Entries due for 2010 Minneapolis-St. Paul Print Circuit

See www.cameracouncil.org

Upcoming Events

Jun 28 (Sunday)
Como Conservatory Camera Event – Special time for photographers to bring in tripods. Cost: \$5.00 per person. **8:00-10:00am**

Jul 15 (Wednesday)
Como Conservatory Camera Event – Special time for photographers to bring in tripods. Cost: \$5.00 per person. **6:30 – 9:30 pm**

Sept 20 – 26
PSA International Conference, West Yellowstone, Montana – Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort. See www.psa-photo.org for more information.

Oct 1 – 4
N4C Annual Convention in Duluth. See www.N4C.us for more information.

**Deadline date for next newsletter:
July 22**

(The next issue will come out in late July to remind you to submit your August images by the 5th and to kick off the new Club year.)

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New officers / chairs

Many officers and chairs are continuing in their positions. However, Jean McDonough and Duane Wraalstad have once again 'retired' as president and vice president, respectively, of North Metro Photo Club. Replacing them are –

Kathy Wall – President
Rachel Cain – Vice President

One other change – Missy plans to travel more next winter and thus will be gone a lot. Terri Sposito will become refreshment chair with Missy backing her up when needed (if she is in town).

A complete list of the officers and chairs is on page 5.

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2010-2011 Categories

August	Prints
September	Photo Travel*
October	Architecture
November	Animals
December	Landscapes
January	Bridges
February	People**
March	A Touch of Red
April	Water in all its forms

*Photo Travel doesn't necessarily mean some exotic place. **People can be one or more persons. These categories should be available to everyone and would not necessitate having equipment that new members might not have – example: macro lens. Some of the categories submitted by our members can be used in the above listed categories.

Category lists for both 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 can be found on page 6, along with instructions and information about submitting images.

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E-Mail Address for Submitting Digital Images

Please use the following e-mail address for submitting digital images:

northmetrophotoclub@hotmail.com

Photography records the gamut of feelings written on the human face, the beauty of the earth and skies that man has inherited, and the wealth and confusion man has created. It is a major force in explaining man to man.

~Edward Steichen

That 1% or Less Acceptance Rate

by Walt Fluegel

I heard a professional photographer talk about his business at a history center. Of the thousands of photos he has taken, about 1% of them have made the cut for commercial acceptance. That was before digital photography. Now the percentage is much lower with less expense to make each photo. It seems reasonable considering reports that National Geographic photographers used to burn hundreds of rolls of film just for one article in their magazine. Likewise, we camera club members snap many more than we can possibly use for competition or personal use. Aside from what to do with the volume we have accumulated, I now fast forward two days to an article I read in a recycled ten-year-old garden magazine.

The article was about seed and plant hunters who go all over the world to find new plant varieties for our gardens. One plant hunter collected 10,000 varieties of which "only 100 or so were worth introducing". Do the math: about 1% acceptable for introduction. That statistic was a remarkable coincidence with the history center lecture.

Think of it this way: many photographers and plant collectors go to the ends of the earth for that exotic, unusual, interesting, and colorful image (or plant/flower). They may risk their lives, sometimes dangling from a cliff, or meeting bandits in remote parts, eating unfamiliar foods, getting information from the locals, contracting indigenous ailments, putting up with bugs of all kinds, keeping equipment and notes safe from weather and curious critters, and a host of minor inconveniences – all for having an image in a magazine or on a wall or finding a plant for someone's garden.

These professionals know the odds of acceptance are small; the discard rate is very high. To paraphrase the photographer, the larger your own wastebasket, the better off you are in introducing your image to the world. With the plant collector whose company tests varieties back home for a few seasons, he or she or the company must also weed out unacceptable plants for the home market. Both collector and photographer or their representatives have to be stern judges as to what will be acceptable and finally, what will sell.

The image is seen in a magazine or book for just a few moments, and then the page is turned. Maybe someone will take another look later. The gardener must put his or her own labor into the product to



see the end result. If it is liked, it stays in the garden. If the photo is liked, it stays on the wall. In the meantime, from discovery or capture to market, and what you see before you, the plant hunter and photographer are probably on other assignments. Their job, in part, is to try to find that 1% acceptable new vision, a delight and joy for the eyes.

HAVE FUN, WALT

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News from Hawaii

By George Jensen

(Our long-standing member with the longest commute – he stays active in the club via e-mail and digital imaging.)

The big news is that I have passed the newsletter responsibility for the Hilo club to one of the computer wizards in the club. He has done his first issue and it is a million percent better than I was doing. Take a look at it at our website www.hiphoto.org/. Click on the word "here" on the opening page. You must have the latest version of Adobe reader to open it.

We are finally heading toward summer weather here. There are more and more sunny days although our trade winds have not returned yet causing some vog problems up at the park.

Tourism in Hawaii is down by 8%, the equivalent of nobody coming here for one whole month. This has had a very bad effect on the small shops that depend on the tourist traffic.

I have had two new additions to the cat family. A black cat with 4 white socks I have named Socks and a totally grey cat I have named Greycy. Both are 6 weeks old and are cute little bundles of energy.

I haven't had much time in the past few months to get out and take any photos but now that things are slowing down, I am going to make an effort to do just that.

That's the news from here. Everybody have a great summer.

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It is my intention to present - through the medium of photography - intuitive observations of the natural world which may have meaning to the spectators.

– Ansel Adams

What's Happening Around Here

by Grace E. Anderson Schrunk

Uffda. The month of May was not exactly kind to me. I didn't get to go on my trip to NC to see my cousin because she had major surgery the first part of May. My computer quit and my John Deere Mower didn't want to start. As things usually go, my son Brad set me up with a high speed computer and my mower is working again.

We have a major treasure right in our back yard and it is free. I heard a talk and watched a slide show given by Siah St. Clair from the Springbrook Nature Center last month.

Bird banding is taking place on the first and the fourth Sunday of the month from 7am until noon. You can participate or just watch the banding take place after the birds are either trapped in a cage or caught in a special net. Now is the migratory time for the birds, hence, the need to get the job done.

Siah St. Clair has been at Springbrook for many years and it shows that he truly loves what he does. he is more than willing to share his vast knowledge with anyone, particularly the kids from the various elementary schools in the area including a bus load of children from the Cambridge area.

It was 1973, I was working at the Fridley State Bank when the community voted on whether the 127 acre site would become a golf course or a nature center. The "suits" that worked at the bank were so sure the vote would favor the golf course and so did I. What we didn't know was that the community went out and knocked on doors and worked very hard so the residents would favor the nature center. The next day at the bank, the powers that be were in total shock that the golf course didn't win. Some of the land was sold off for development in later years.

I happened to catch a story about a Tom Miller who is a pin hole photographer. He showed the oatmeal box that he uses to take, sometimes, an 8 minute exposure. On the last day of April, the pin hole enthusiasts upload their photos to share with each other and the world. His personal axiom is: even if I don't get anything worthwhile, at least I was out there, which I think is something we all can think about as we venture out to photograph something we haven't tackled before.

The nice weather is finally here, as we all know it won't last as long as we would like so get out and enjoy it while you can.

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North Metro Photo Club 2008–2009 Year-End Competition Results

	Points
Color Prints	
1. Duane Wraalstad	99
2. Jean McDonough	98
3. Kathy Wall	88
Tied for 4 – 5 – 6:	
4. Marian Beach	86
5. Shirley Bebensee	86
6. Carol Madison	86

Black and White Prints	
1. Duane Wraalstad	101
2. Carol Madison	91
3. Rachel Cain	89
4. Jean McDonough	87
5. Kathy Wall	85
6. Shirley Bebensee	84

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For Digital images, the lowest one month's total was eliminated.

Digital Images – Open	
1. Jean McDonough	176
2. Duane Wraalstad	174
3. Carol Madison	173
4. Sue Dilcher	159
5. George Jensen	155
6. Rachel Cain	155
7. Tim Oien	155
8. Molly Rhoe	154
9. Walt Fluegel	153

Digital Images – Category	
1. Jean McDonough	174
2. Duane Wraalstad	162
3. Tim Oien	158
4. Kathy Wall	156
5. Rachel Cain	155
6. Carol Madison	153
7. Sue Dilcher	152

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Digital Images

Digital Open and Category images were judged as a group. The judge picked the Image of the year, runner-up image of the year, 5 awards and 10 honorable mentions. Seventeen images out of 200 digital images accepted during the year were chosen by **Judge, John Olson.**

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2009 Year End Awards - continued

Image of the Year:

Duane Wraalstad – Cenaco Park

Runner-up Image of the Year:

Dennis Hoyne – Reaching

Awards

1. Shirley Bebensee – A Cowgirl's Days Gone By
2. Due Dilcher – Broken Dreams
3. Dennis Hoyne – Hook
4. Teresa Sposito – Platter Bloom Pink
5. Duane Wraalstad – Tree on Hillside

Honorable Mentions

1. Dennis Hoyne – State Fair
2. Duane Wraalstad – Fighting for the Ball
3. Carol Madison – Conservatory in Winter
4. Carlos Nazareth – Hands
5. Tim Oien – Metro Center
6. Carlos Nazareth – Stephanie
7. Walt Fluegel – Daisy Chain
8. Carol Madison – Red Water Lily
9. Teresa Sposito – Colorful Chairs
10. Jean McDonough – Great Horned Owl on Rock

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Black and White Prints

Image of the Year:

Rachel Cain – Egg and Basket

Runner-up Image of the Year:

Shirley Bebensee – The Bog

Honorable Mentions

1. Carol Madison – Worthington Landmark
2. Shirley Bebensee – Old Truck
3. Rachel Cain – Chair Shadows
4. Kathy Wall – Seal on San Diego Beach
5. Jean McDonough – Yosemite Scene

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Color Prints

Image of the Year:

Carol Madison – Grand Canal

Runner-up Image of the Year:

Duane Wraalstad – North Shore Waterfalls

Awards

1. Debbie Kippen – Dawn
2. Rachel Cain – Red Wine Shadows
3. Rachel Cain – Watercolor Rose

Honorable Mentions

1. Carol Madison – Three Tumacacori Pots
2. Marian Beach – Oriental Lilies
3. Jerry Warzaha – I'm Sure, I Think
4. Bernice Wenzel – The Gossips
5. Jean McDonough – Happy Sweeper

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Grand Canal

NMPC N4C Competition Results

(Complete list included in monthly bulletin and winners posted at www.N4C.us)

Nothing to report.



TCACCC

North Metro Photo Club Information

Affiliated with: Twin City Area Council of Camera Clubs (TCACCC) – www.cameracouncil.org
 North Central Council of Camera Clubs (N4C) – www.N4C.us
 Photographic Society of America (PSA) – www.psa-photo.org

Where: St. Philips Lutheran Church, 6180 NE Hwy. 65, Fridley, MN.

When: 7:00 pm – third Thursday August thru May. (No June or July meeting, although a member often hosts a picnic/potluck.) Club also meets the fifth Thursday of each month that has five Thursdays.

Membership: Individual \$20.00 Family \$30.00
 Call Fran Warzaha for membership information (763) 425-7090

Newsletter:
 To receive the newsletter, call or e-mail Carol Madison at 763-781-2083, or carmadison@msn.com.

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North Metro Photo Club Competition Categories

Projected Image (Digital/Slide) Competition Categories

2009-2010 Season

August	Prints
September	Nature
October	Food
November	Photojournalism
December	Creative Expression
January	Waterscape
February	Doors / Windows
March	People at Work
April	Fences
May	Year-End Banquet

2010-2010 Season

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Fifth Thursdays – Print competition / member 'slide' shows

Instructions

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Submitting Images

Projected Image (Slide / Digital) Competitions – Images (digital and scanned slides) should be submitted by the 5th of the month to: northmetrophotoclub@hotmail.com.

Print Competitions – Send / deliver prints to Kathy Wall (the print chair) or Grace Schrunk by the 5th of the month in August or those months with a Fifth Thursday meeting.

N4C Digital Competition Submissions

Send N4C digital images (one pictorial, one nature, and new this year - contemporary) to Duane at duanewraalstad@gmail.com by the 5th of the month (September through November and January through May). See North Metro Photo Club Member Handbook for detailed instructions.

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