



The Sioux Projector

The Official Newsletter of the Sioux Falls Camera Club

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April 2007 Edition

"Here Comes SPRING" Edition Monthly Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, April 3, 2007

The Sioux Falls Camera Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Kenny Anderson Community Center, at Ann Sullivan Elementary School, 3701 East 3rd Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Our program, entitled "*Underwater Photography*", will be presented by our own *Keith Anderson*. He will have some of his equipment on display. Might even wear his "Speedo"!

April subjects are "*Rain*" and "*Nature*."

Steve Thompson will be providing refreshments, so bring your appetites! On the other hand, Keith... forget the Speedo!

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

The Sioux Falls Camera Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Kenny Anderson Community Center, at Ann Sullivan Elementary School, 3701 East 3rd Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Let's have some folks bring along some gadgets. We'll also have a discussion about summer picnics, outings and other special activities for the future, so bring your ideas!

April judging and N4C awards will be announced, and *Jim and Dorothy Stone* will be providing refreshments.

Ready or Not, Here Comes Spring!

Sioux Falls Camera Club 2006-2007



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Feel free to contact the board members or chairpersons concerning Camera Club business.

Dues

Individuals: \$18.00 Family: \$27.00

Please pay Linda Rensberger, Secretary-Treasurer

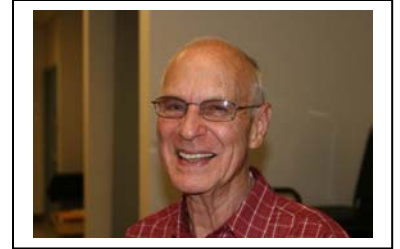
The Sioux Falls Camera Club meets at 7:00 P.M., the first and third Tuesdays, September through May, in the Kenny Anderson Community Center, at Ann Sullivan Elementary School, 3701 E 3rd Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

The Sioux Projector

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***THE NEW
PREZ SEZ!***



I'm happy we are back on daylight savings time. Have you noticed how fast the snow melted with that extra hour of sunshine?

Our daughter, who lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, saw robins congregating several weeks ago, getting ready for their trip north. As of March 12th, we had not seen any, although the cardinals and chickadees were singing. Large flocks of geese were moving north, but still no robins, the true harbingers of spring!

So, we decided to take a drive out to the Big Sioux Recreation Area where we saw more than a dozen robins. For a nice extra bonus, we saw many cedar waxwings, one or two per tree, all along the drive. Big Sioux is a nice state park area close to Sioux Falls. Many improvements have been made recently. The campground has been expanded, camping cabins added, shelter remodeled and new playground equipment added. A new gazebo shelter was built last year, and offers a great hideaway at the Valley of the Giants trailhead.

The park is 430 acres in size and offers several hiking trails. The Prairie Vista Trail leads to the top of a bluff where in the spring you can find pasque flowers in bloom. The park also has a paved bike trail, disc golf course, a GPS trail, canoeing, fishing and more. It's a great place for taking pictures, so check it out!

Ken Starkenburg, SFCC President

***"No photographer is as good
as the simplest camera"***

Edward Steichen

MARCH 2007

Contest Results

The March subjects were
“Security” and “Nature.”

Judges were Ken Starkenburg, Ken Eckert,
Jim Stone and Lori Fisher

Color Prints: 21 Entries

1st.	“Celebrate Independence”	Robert Tebben
2nd.	“In Formation”	Robert Tebben
3rd.	“Money Laundering”	Roger Rose
H.M.	“Two of These Things are Doin’ Their Own Thing”	Chastity Merkwan
H.M.	“Portrait of a Tiger”	Chastity Merkwan

Black & White Prints: 11 Entries

1st.	“The Tower”	Sandy Tebben
2nd.	“Faith-Religious Security”	Roger Rose
3rd.	“Secure”	Ron Balthazor
H.M.	“Prepared for Action”	Ron Balthazor
H.M.	“Cabin on the Lake”	Robert Tebben
H.M.	“Locked and Latched”	Ron Balthazor

Color Slides: 17 Entries

1st.	“Security Breach Eminent”	Amy VanderVorste
2nd.	“Tidbits”	Ron Balthazor
3rd.	“Blue Morpho”	Ken Starkenburg
H.M.	“Fresh Apple Juice”	Ron Balthazor
H.M.	“Green Reflections”	Roger Rose
H.M.	“Ancient Reflections”	Amy VanderVorste

Congrats, ONE AND ALL!

February 2007 NAC Judging Results

Contemporary/Creative Prints

First Place! – “Burn Out!” – 45 pts.
By Marty DeWitt

Photo Travel Slides

HM – “Omaha Nights” – 39 pts.
By Ron Balthazor

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Here’s what I have for this month:

Marty DeWitt had a number of images published in both the Office of Tourism’s *2007 South Dakota Vacation Guide* and the *Off the Beaten Path* travel guide published by the Southeast South Dakota Tourism Association. He also had a photo of several SFCC members on a Palisades outing published in the latest issue of the South *Dakota Magazine*.

Amy VanderVorste had one of her images displayed in a gallery in Switzerland! She submitted a photo to the Musee de l’Elysee in Lausanne, Switzerland for their “We Are All Photographers Now” exhibit. The show runs through May, and will feature a continually changing display of digital images from all over the world. If you’d like to enter, check out www.allphotographersnow.ch for more information.

So - What’s up with you?

SFCC MEMBER HONORED



We heard through the grapevine that one of our SFCC members received some nice recognition recently. The Outdoor Campus announced that Keith Anderson was the March recipient of the Excitement! Award. He has just completed his first year helping out at the Outdoor Campus, where his wife Kathy is also a volunteer. Keith works with a number of different projects, like butterfly care, Project Feeder Watch and the Great Backyard Bird Count. He has also become the go-to guy whenever photos are needed.

Congratulations, Keith!

Photographing Kids!

Submitted By SFCC Member, Alyice Edrich

Alyice is an aspiring photographer and the editor of an online publication for busy parents. Visit her at <http://thedabblingmum.com> or <http://alyiceedrich.net>

Photographing Kids DVD Review

I recently purchased and have been viewing a DVD by **Jim Miotke** entitled ***Photographing Kids***—which is also part of his ***Adventures In Photography*** series—and I have to say it's been very informative and helpful. It's definitely something I'd recommend to anyone who wants to take better pictures of children. Parents, grandparents, hobbyists, amateur photographers, and professionals can all benefit.

Jim doesn't spend a lot of time discussing the technical aspects of photography, such as what aperture means, how to use a metering tool, or things of that nature. Instead, he acts as a personal mentor, taking us out in the field and showing us what works and what doesn't. In other words, he's actually in the middle of very informal photo shoots with his children and a few neighborhood kids.

In ***Photographing Kids***, you'll discover:

- how to interact with children to get the perfect picture,
- why it's important to be flexible and work with what you have,
- why shooting from different angles is vital to obtaining good shots,
- how to use natural lighting,
- when to use lighting fixtures,
- the difference between close-up shots and distance shots,
- the difference between portrait shots and candid shots,
- how to shoot sporting events,
- and so much more.



If you're serious about improving the quality of your children's photos, I encourage you to pick up a copy of ***Photographing Kids*** today—even if you only walk away with one new tip, it's worth the \$24.95 price tag.



Earth Day Photo Walk!

What better way to usher in the spring season than a walk in a state park? Well, here's your chance!

Palisades State Park is hosting its annual ***Earth Day Photo Trek*** on ***Saturday, April 21st***. The walk will meet at the picnic shelter at 10 a.m. and then hike to different areas of the park offering unique photo opportunities. In the past we've seen

nesting geese and unique wildflowers like Bloodroot and Dutchman's breeches. This year, you may even be able to photograph a crazy and very vane Cardinal, who likes to look at himself in the mirrors on cars. A park entrance permit (\$3/person or max of \$5/vehicle) is required for entry into the park.

May Theme - "Anything Goes!"



It is so hard to imagine that another season of the SFCC is nearly in the bag! Seems like only yesterday we were looking at a new list of monthly subjects and getting ready to learn more about this great hobby.

Now, here it is April and were looking toward our end of the year banquet and our final "Anything Goes" competition. For all our new members, this is when you dust off the best images you had this year and submit them for the May contest. Or, if you've got a new shot to enter, that's great, too!

Coming Events

"Second Saturday For Kids Photo Workshop"

Photography Class by Marty DeWitt

Sponsored by the Sioux Empire Arts Council

At the Horsebarn Art Center, Sioux Falls

Saturday, April 14th from 9 – 12 noon

Basic photography for kids, ages 7 and older

For more info, or to register:

call 605-977-2002

"Take Your Best Shot"

Photography Class by Chad Coppess

Sponsored by Southeast SD Tourism Association

Saturday, May 5th at 9 a.m.

At the Outdoor Campus, 4500 S. Oxbow

For more info, or to register:

www.southeastsouthdakota.com/photoclass.html

or call 1-888-353-7382

"A Prairie Theme" Photo Contest

In Memory of SFCC Member

Ron Schemmel

Deadline for entries is May 30, 2007

For contest rules and more information

Contact The Outdoor Campus

605-362-2777

www.outdoorcampus.org



You've BEEN Framed!

A Reminder from SFCC Member

Steve Thompson

Framers Supply Company, located in Canton, is adding a second shift of people to do custom mat cutting and framing. They need 60 full time staff. The shift starts at 2:30 p.m. I was told the starting wage will be \$10.80/hour and they have a full benefits package.

If you or anyone you know is interested, they are offering tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To arrange a tour and get more information, call Amy Faschingbauer at 1-800-310-9712 ext. 2720.

Take Your Best Shot!

By Marty DeWitt, SFCC Editor

What a busy time of year! With summer bearing down on us like a locomotive, there's so much to get ready in the parks. And, since we really only got a couple weeks of honest-to-goodness winter, it seems like we'll never really be ready....

It's a busy time for photographers, too. It seems like there are more interesting classes, workshops and photo



activities going on than normal. And there are quite a few things going on in our local area (or within a reasonable drive, anyway). In addition to the ones listed in this newsletter, there were a couple others in the recent N4C Bulletin that merit mentioning.

Spring Break 2007 – (hosted by the Twin Cities Area Council of Camera Clubs) – Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1 at South St. Paul High School in St. Paul, Minnesota. Featured speakers will be Photographer Rick Sammon (Canon Explorer of Light Series) and Photoshop Tutorials by Christopher Grey. The deadline for discounted registration was March 15th, but there still may be room. Next deadline is March 22nd, so if you are interested, call 651-578-1874 or email photopeople@cs.com.

Springbrook Camp-In – April 27-29 at Springbrook State Park near Guthrie Center, Iowa. This is always a fun adventure, and a chance to get to know fellow photographers throughout the N4C organization. The outdoor setting, facilities and food are all great, and this year's program looks very interesting. The cost is \$84/person for dorm accommodations, or \$69/person for just the meals and sessions. Pre-registration is required before April 18th, so contact me for a registration form (I'll have them at the next meeting).

Did any of you get any shots of the lunar eclipse a couple weeks ago? I did manage to sneak out, but thanks to the "Blizzard of the Century" the roads were not very good, so I was limited as to where I could get to. I did manage to snap a few frames before heading to warmer surroundings. I was able to get a better series several years ago, when the whole event was in view. This time, the eclipse was well underway before moon-rise, so we could only see/capture the emergence of the moon from the earth's shadow. It was still pretty cool to see! The image at right was taken with my Canon 30D and Canon L Series 400mm f/5.6 lens at 1/160 sec. at ISO 800.

I'm getting ready for another photo junket. I leave with my oldest son Jason on Saturday the 24th, and although the actual route won't be decided until we hit the road, I hope to add a few new national parks to my "life-list".

(Incidentally, former SFCC member Vern Koepp just sent me an email of all the national parks he and his wife Neva have visited, and trust me, it put my list of 80 to shame... guess I have my work cut out for me!)

We've been talking about going to Texas and checking out Padre Island National Seashore and Big Bend National Park, however reports are that the drunken spring break crowd is still terrorizing that region, so we may venture west and check out Yosemite and Sequoia/Kings Canyon in California. Depends a bit on the weather, too, especially since we are planning to camp along the way. Guess we'll figure it out when we get there..... ahhh, my kind of trip! See y'all next month!



Remember- Happy "Clickers" Take Better Pictures!

The Fine Print – The opinions expressed in "Take Your Best Shot" are those of the SFCC *Sioux Projector* editor, and not often (but occasionally I get lucky) those of the SFCC and its awesome photographers. Corrections, rebuttals, and certainly kind words are graciously invited but, depending on my mood, may or may not be published in future issues. Got a better idea? Think I'm all wet? Bring it on!!!