



The Sioux Projector

The Official Newsletter of the Sioux Falls Camera Club

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October 2007 Edition

It's a Brand New Season!

******NOTE MEETING LOCATION/TIME CHANGE******

***The Sioux Falls Camera Club will gather for the
October 2nd meeting at 7 p.m. at the Oak View Public
Library, located at 3700 East Third Street, which is
just north of our usual meeting place at the Kenny
Anderson Community Center.***

Tuesday, October 2:

Augustana College Professor Thomas Shields will speak to us on "***Artistic Design.***" Professor Shields teaches graphic design and oil painting and is a nationally renowned artist. Try to make this meeting if at all possible!

The September subjects are "***Old Buildings***" and "***Nature.***" Let's see some of those new summer shots!!

Jim & Dorothy Stone will be providing the tasty refreshments, so bring your appetites!

Tuesday, October 16:

For our second meeting, we will be back at our regular location in the Kenny Anderson Community Center at Anne Sullivan School on East Third Street.

October judging and N4C awards will be announced. We'd also like anyone who has one to bring a "nifty gadget" or helpful tip to share.

Teresa Lane will provide the great surprise treats!

Sioux Falls Camera Club 2007-2008



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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

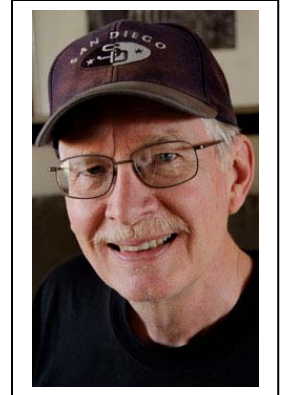
The Sioux Falls Camera Club meets at 7:00 P.M., the first and third Tuesdays, September through May, in the Kenny Anderson Community Center, at Ann Sullivan Elementary School, 3701 E 3rd Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

The Sioux Projector

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THE "NEW" PREZ SEZ!



The Executive Board adopted club goals for this year and beyond at their August 21st meeting. These goals were presented at the Club's September 4th meeting for approval by the club members. The ballot results are as follows:

1. Maintain a vibrant and growing camera club with continued efforts to increase and retain membership. (100% For)
2. Provide learning opportunities to enhance club member's artistic and technical skills through a wide-range of programs and hands-on training. (100% For)
3. Identify public locations suitable for exhibiting club member's photographic artwork. (90% For)
4. Improve the club's exposure on the internet through an enhanced website displaying club member photography, with links to club member websites, educational sites and sites utilized by club members for display and critique of their personal portfolios. (85% For)
5. Explore and develop avenues for club member personal growth through photographic related community service activities. (95% For)
6. Acquire a digital projector, notebook computer and necessary software to enhance the showing of club competitions and the presentation of programs and training. (75% For)
7. Evaluate the need to update the club's photo competition program, competition presentation format, and competition judging procedures. (75% For)

As you can see all of the goals were approved by substantial majorities. Now comes the hard part: working to accomplish them!

At the September 18th meeting the Team Scavenger Hunt Program was introduced and three teams were formed. It is rumored that one of the Teams, "Don's Angels," has employed a secret strategy for winning.

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The “New” Prez Sez, (continued)

Only time will tell. Additional teams will be formed during the October meetings.

Also during the September 18th meeting, Steve Thompson gave us an overview of the N4C meeting recently held in Marshalltown, Iowa. Steve announced that Ron Balthazor’s aerial photograph won first place for the 2006-2007 season in its category. Congratulations to Ron! Thanks to Steve for representing the club at Marshalltown.

Following the close of 18th meeting the Executive Board decided to purchase a Sharp XR-30X multimedia projector. This series of Sharp projectors was highly rated by *PC World* magazine. Executive Board members will be reviewing it’s capabilities to determine if it meets our needs. If not we will look for a model that does. (This is in support of Goal 6)

A new concept of “Learning Workshops” began on September 25th. The Club member survey suggested a desire for more hands-on training. This concept is an attempt to provide more in-depth training with a hands-on approach. It is in support of Goal 2 and for the concept to succeed your participation is essential.

A big thank you goes out to Teresa Lane for assuming responsibility for the monthly competition judging and presentations. She is also handling the N4C coordination. We are looking for someone to help Teresa. Please let me know if you are interested.

On Saturday, October 6th, Ken Starkenburg is leading a field trip at the Outdoor Campus. For helpful photo pointers from Ken be there at 9:00 a.m.

Thanks for your support. See you at the next meeting.

Roger Rose, SFCC President

Outdoor Campus Field Trip!!!

***Join KEN STARKENBURG for AN ENJOYABLE AND
RELAXING photo excursion to
The Outdoor Campus at Sertoma Park
Saturday, October 6th at 9 A.M.***

**2007 N4C
CONVENTION
Results**

SFCC Member Awards

***The following SFCC members
received awards at the 2007 N4C
convention in Marshalltown, Iowa. Thank
for representing SFCC in such a great
fashion! Great job everyone!***

JENNIE Patrick

3rd Place – B&W Pictorial – “Skim Milk or 1%?”

RON Balthazor

1st Place – Photojournalism Slide - “Farm Tours”

ROBERT Tebben

HM – PJ Print – “Standing Room Only”



Check out the cross!

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Sioux Falls Camera Club Board Meeting Minutes Sept. 4, 2007

The SF Camera Club Board met on Tuesday, Sept. 4th at 6:15 PM at the Oak View Library. Members present were: Ken Eckert, Jennie Patrick, Linda Rensberger, Roger Rose, Ken Starkenburg, Eric Merrill, and Amy Vander Vorste. Absent: Marty DeWitt. Visitor: Jim Stone.

Roger went over the minutes of the Aug. Board Meeting and asked for member updates. Minutes were adopted. Jennie is unable to volunteer for the Scavenger Hunt on Sept. 18 due to a work problem.

Ken Starkenburg wants Oct. 6 for the field trip to the Outdoor Campus at 9:00 AM. Amy presented the Competition Rules Revision for the New Member packets. Jim Stone will help her with some of the wording and corrections and they will be added to the packets.

Roger handed out information to board members with information he is presenting at the membership meeting.

Roger researched Tax Exempt Status for the Camera Club. Many camera clubs, such as Lincoln, have tax exempt status. Roger informed the board about the pros and cons and asked board members to research the topic on the internet.

Monthly Competition Coordinators are still needed for the coming year. Later, during the regular meeting, Teresa Lane volunteered to chair the competition committee. Roger will assist her until additional support is forthcoming.

New Member Welcome folders are to be passed out at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Rensberger



Sioux Falls Camera Club Board Meeting Minutes Sept. 18, 2007

The SF Camera Club Board held a special meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 18 after the general meeting. Members present were: Ken Eckert, Linda Rensberger, Roger Rose, Ken Starkenburg, and Amy Vander Vorste.

Roger brought to the group information about a digital projector which was on sale at Staples. He had done a great deal of research on it. It is a Sharp SR-40X digital DLP Projector. Ken Starkenburg made a motion that we purchase the projector. Amy Vander Vorste seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned. Roger will get the projector tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Rensberger

2007-2008 Monthly Themes!

Here is the list for you to start working on:

- October – Old Buildings***
- November – Close-ups***
- December – Autumn Foliage***
- January – Christmas Decorations***
- February – Reflections***
- March – Clocks***
- April – Clouds***
- May – Anything Goes!***

Take Your Best Shot!

By Marty DeWitt, SFCC Editor



Senior portraits “on the cheap!”

September went so fast this year, it’s almost like it didn’t even exist! I just looked at the calendar and realized that it was time for another edition of the “Sioux Projector”, and unlike most other months, I don’t have a running list of newsy items to share. In fact, I don’t have much of anything. Now that’s a scary thing when it happens, mostly because when I don’t get a bunch of tidbits from members, I am forced to fill space in my own creative way. Trust me; it’s a lot easier when you folks provide me with some good “stuff”. I can’t believe that no one has a helpful tip or creative gadget to offer. I don’t believe for a moment that some of you don’t have an interesting photo experience to

share. How about neat place you’ve discovered for fall colors? How about some neat night shots? Have you stumbled across a good photography book or website? Have you heard of a photo workshop or gallery exhibit folks might be interested in? Have you found a great deal on gadgets or equipment that others might be interested in? Have you got some good photo gear you’d like to sell? Come on! The sky’s the limit!

I did have a couple neat experiences last month. I agreed to help a friend out by shooting her son’s senior pictures. Now, I normally don’t like taking pictures of people (plants and animals don’t typically complain...) but I offered to help just the same. As it turns out, the lighting was simply awesome at the park, and we had a lot of fun. I shot nearly 200 images, and after goofing around with Picasa (free photo software from Google), I ended up burning them a CD with nearly 50 nice images, some B&W, some with soft focus and a few other techniques. All in all, I spent less than an hour at the computer, and they got a nice selection of images to print as they wished. Simple? You bet! And I learned a lot by trying something I don’t normally do. That’s what made it all worth while.

The other great experience I had was when I gave a presentation at a conference for the Rocky Mountain Region of the National Garden Clubs hosted in Sioux Falls. I showed them my dual projector slide program about native wildflowers, and finished up with a brief program about flower photography. It was a great group and a fun morning spent teaching about two things I really enjoy... flowers and photography! One lady even asked me if I could go to Colorado Springs and do the program there. Maybe a road trip is in the making....? I made the mistake of telling her I’ll go anywhere for food!

On a more somber note, I’ve heard that Robert and Sandy Tebben’s mother has been hospitalized following a stroke. You may recall seeing images of their parents in the show about their trip through the Panama Canal. Please keep the Tebbens family in your thoughts and prayers.

Roger tells me that the September 25th Learning Workshops were well attended. He is looking to carry on the new tradition and is seeking volunteers to prepare and present a workshop of their own choosing. The available dates are October 23rd from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and November 27th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please contact Roger directly if interested.

Lastly, you’ll notice that this is a rather short issue. Want more amusing stuff? Well, get those ideas in and I’ll gladly see what I can do! Until we see each other in the viewfinder.... Keep on Shooting!

Marty DeWitt, SFCC Editor

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!!!