



The Sioux Projector

The Official Newsletter of the Sioux Falls Camera Club

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December 2007 Edition

Monthly SFCC Activity Schedule

Tuesday, December 4 - Regular Meeting

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.

Steve Thompson will lead a new program entitled "**Member Portfolios.**" Several SFCC members will showcase some of their favorite images and share the motivations and techniques that went into their making. We may also see some presentations from the Scavenger Hunts teams.

The December subjects are "**Autumn Foliage**" and "**Nature.**" Don't forget your "Growing Up With the Holidays" personal pictures for Linda and any Christmas lighting pix for Roger, both to be used for the December 18th banquet.

Eric Merrill will be providing the tasty refreshments, so bring your appetites!

Tuesday, December 18 - Christmas Banquet

Special Note: Our annual **SFCC Christmas Banquet** will be held at the Sunnycrest United Methodist Church at 4801 West 41st Street (just west of the Days Inn). **The banquet will start promptly at 6:30 pm.** Cost will be \$9 per person. Please pay Linda Rensberger before December 12th, so we have a count.

December judging and N4C awards will be announced. We will also have two special programs to add to the evening's entertainment.

Here's Wishing You All A Merry Christmas!

Sioux Falls Camera Club 2007-2008



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Sioux Empire Fair: *Vacant*

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

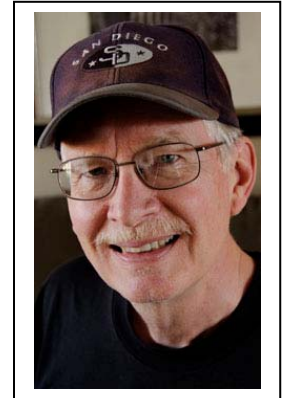
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VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

The Sioux Projector

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THE PREZ SEZI!



We are fortunate to have an active camera club with such a rich history. It offers us a tremendous opportunity to expand our photographic skills and share with others.

Camera Clubs have been in decline in the United States. The Photographic Society of America (PSA) states that PSA affiliated camera clubs have declined from about 15,000, in the 1970's, to under 500 today. However, they also report a recent increase because of the popularity of digital cameras.

The number one goal of our club is: **Maintain a vibrant and growing camera club with continued efforts to increase and retain membership.** Why is this goal number one? With no new members any organization will ultimately fail, including ours. How do we increase membership? What can you personally do to see the club's membership grow?

The SF Camera Club is a bargain. So far this year we have been very fortunate to have had two wonderful outside speakers: Thomas Shields from Augustana College and Frank Klock from SDSU. Additionally, the club has sponsored three field trips, five photography contests, and five workshops. All for just \$18 a year. What a deal! So, one way to attract new members is to communicate to your friends and neighbors just how good of deal it is to become a member.

The evening of December 18th is our Club Christmas and Family dinner. For entertainment we will present two slides shows. One slide show will focus on Christmas lights in Sioux Falls, the second slide show will focus on holiday photographs of club members taken in the past (as old as you can find). Linda Rensberger is going to coordinate a contest to determine who can best recognize the people in the pictures. If you have Christmas light photographs or old family photographs send them to Linda or me.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

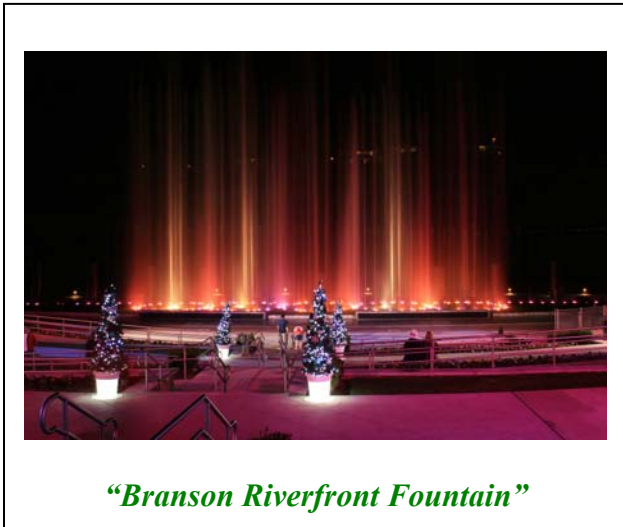
Roger Rose, SFCC President

Members in the News

SFCC Well Represented in 2008 “Conservation Digest” Calendar

Once again, the Sioux Falls Camera Club is well-represented in the annual “Conservation Digest” calendar published by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks. However, the on-going and sometimes animated competition between members Marty DeWitt and Ken Starkenburg has been dampened by the efforts of another member. Keith Anderson had two images published, a bald eagle for February and a red-headed woodpecker for the month of August. Ken had an image of the Bergerson log cabin at the Big Sioux Recreation Area for September and Marty had a close-up of a Bloodroot plant taken at Palisades for April.

Great Job Guys!



“Branson Riverfront Fountain”

Member Recipes

Now you can sample some of the great SFCC meeting treats in the comfort of your own home!

Our first entry is from Lori Fisher

EASY TWIX BARS (made easier by my misfortune!)

- 1 tube sugar cookie dough
- 1 bag caramels
- 1 bag chocolate chips
- 1 can low-fat sweetened condensed milk
- 1 stick margarine (light margarine can be used)
- 1 1/2 cups peanut butter

First layer: Spread the tube of cookie dough in a 9x13 pan that has been sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes. Let cool for at least 10-15 minutes.

Second layer: In a medium saucepan, melt the butter, caramels and sweetened condensed milk over medium heat until smooth, stirring frequently. Pour mixture into the pan on top of the sugar cookie layer, spreading evenly. Place in the fridge to cool for an hour.

Third layer: In a medium saucepan, melt chocolate chips and peanut butter over medium heat until smooth, stirring frequently. Pour into pan over caramel layer, spreading evenly. Cool in fridge for at least an hour.

**my variation:* The first time I made this recipe I burnt my second layer (oopsie) and had to improvise! I had caramel ice cream topping, so I used that instead! That is the way I've continued to make it!!

Hospitality List

The following members have graciously agreed to bring tasty treats to our meetings. Many THANK in advance for your assistance!

Dec. 4 - Eric Merrill

Dec. 18th – Christmas Banquet

January 8 - Karel VanderLugt

January 22 - Rensbergers & Ida Spenny

Feb 5 - Ken Starkenburg

Feb 19 – Marty DeWitt)

March 4 - Chuck Taylor

March 18 - Val Goering

April 1 - Ron Balthazor

April 15 - Steve Thompson

May 6th – Need a Volunteer!!!!!!

May 20 - Spring Banquet

Photo CLASS PLANNED



SFCC member **Keith Anderson** will be offering a **“Basics of Photography”** class at the Outdoor Campus on **Sunday, January 13th** from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The class will focus on different types of equipment and an introduction to exposure and composition. This great program is for anyone 12 years of age and older. Families are encouraged to attend to learn more about the new cameras they may have found in their stockings or under the tree. The class is limited to 50 people, so don't dawdle! Register online at www.outdoorcampus.org or by calling 605-362-2777.



JANUARY Monthly Theme

“OhBah Humbug!”

Ken Starckenburg

The photo theme for January is **“Christmas Decorations”**. With everyone getting into the holiday spirit, you should have no problem finding many colorful scenes to photograph. So grab your tripod, remote releases, and creative filters and hit the streets. And get some of your best shots to Roger as soon as possible so they can be included in the Christmas banquet show on the 18th.

New Member Profiles

First, I have a correction to make. Last month I introduced you to someone who doesn't exist! Despite my high-tech and quite expensive tri-focals, I still have trouble reading some days. In this case, I misread Ida Spenny's info sheet, and mistakenly introduced her as Ida Sperry.....My apologies. So, let's all welcome the real **Ida Spenny** to SFCC!

This month we welcome **Lane Lundebly**. Lane has been involved with photography for the last nine years, and has spent quite a bit of time traveling and photographing the northern reaches of Minnesota. He is especially interested in capturing waterfalls. His favorite photo trip was to Gooseberry Falls along the north shore of Lake Superior. When asked what his favorite image was, he recalled a night shot of a lift-gate bridge in Duluth. He was just wandering around with his camera (as we all should do more often!) and captured the image when no one was around to get in the way. Join me in welcoming Lane to SFCC. And we sure look forward to seeing some of those great northern Minnesota images!

“The color of the object illuminated partakes of the color of that which illuminates it.”

Leonardo da Vinci

2007-2008 Monthly Themes!

- December – Autumn Foliage**
- January – Christmas Decorations**
- February – Reflections**
- March – Clocks**
- April – Clouds**
- May – Anything Goes!**



CANON Software Update

This item is from Amy VanderVorste

Canon has recently updated much of the software that goes with its DSLR cameras, perhaps others too.

To get to the software:

- Go to

<http://www.usa.canon.com/consumer/controller?act=ProductCatIndex1Act&fcategoryid=101>

- Find your camera's page
- Click on Drivers and Downloads.
- Make sure to choose your OS (operating system - XP, Mac, etc), or most of the software options won't show up
- Choose the newest postings for the software. Older links don't seem to work, so you don't need to get versions between yours and the newest one.

In the EOS Utility 2.2 Updater for Windows, you can have your camera automatically add your name (and copyright year) to your photos if you want. Derrick Story at the Digital Story gives directions at

http://www.thedigitalstory.com/blog/2007/08/have_your_camera_add.html . It wasn't too hard to do when I tried it - just follow directions.

PHOTOS NEEDED!!!

This item is from Linda Rensberger

Please bring a couple of pictures of you as a child (limit of 3 pictures per member) for a contest we are having at the December 18 Christmas party. We would like the picture at the next meeting (no later than Dec 4). You may also email the pictures to us. We can use just about any photo as we will scan it in for what we need. It would be preferred if you have a Christmas picture, but others will be accepted. We want you all to participate in the fun.

Everyone will get to vote on who (camera club member) is in the picture. Prizes will be awarded!!!!

MEMBER RECIPES

Here's one from Amy VanderVorste

Aunt Phyllis' Crumb Cake

2 cup flour
1 cup sugar
2/3 cup shortening

Mix together until like cake crumbs. Set aside 1 cup for topping. Add ingredients below to crumbs that weren't set aside.

1 egg
1 tsp soda
1 tsp cinnamon
1 cup milk

After mixing that all in. Add 1 bag chocolate chips. Pour into greased pan. Sprinkle w/ topping that was set aside. (Sometimes I save a few choc chips to put on top.)

Bake @ 350 degrees for 1/2 hour until toothpick comes out clean (unless poked into chocolate chip). (Usually takes a bit longer in my oven.)



“The Grand Palace Theater”

Take Your Best Shot!

By Marty DeWitt, SFCC Editor

Well, it’s been an interesting month. Cathy and I made a trip to Branson, Missouri to take in an early dose of musical cheer for the holidays. This was a first for both of us, and it was quite enjoyable. Some shows were better than others, and the traffic was absolutely nuts, but it was well worth the trip.

From a photographic standpoint, it was a great chance to shoot some images for the January theme. Everywhere you turned, there was another holiday lighting extravaganza. The picture at left was the lobby of the Grand Palace Theater, where we saw Mannheim Steamroller’s Christmas concert. We visited with the employee responsible for the decorating, and he told us that they had more than \$250,000 invested in the holiday décor. I believe it! (no wonder the tickets were \$50 a head!).

Another feature not to miss is the Old Branson Waterfront. The decorations and the impressive dancing fountain (see pictures on pages 3 and 4) offered even more opportunities to grab some festive shots. I was very surprised that most theaters allowed cameras. They didn’t

allow video or audio recording, but you could snap all the still shots you wanted. In fact, some performers even made special efforts to “mug” for the cameras as part of their performances. I admit, the constant popping of the little flashes was at times annoying, especially in the darker theaters. But hey, it’s all about the music anyway.....

On another topic... Would you like to get some great shots of long-eared owls? If so, take a trip out to the Big Sioux Recreation Area south of Brandon, and head for the north end of the campground near cabin #1. Check out all the cedar trees lining the road and you may find up to a dozen young owls perched in them, especially just before sunset. I talked to one fellow who said he counted sixteen one day. They are pretty tolerant of photographers, so check it out!

Well, better get this wrapped up. Get your baby Christmas pictures in to Linda, and give Roger some images of holiday decorations or lights so they can get the banquet programs put together.

From all our editorial and newsletter staff, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

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!!!