

Your Best Shot

Friday, December 01, 2006

Hello,

Welcome back to those of you who are returning members, and welcome aboard for you new members.

Our first competition of the year was held this past Monday. We introduced the Novice category for the first time and it seems to be working. I know that when you're new or making the big change from film to digital, it can seem overwhelming. Based on the level of competition, I think we will have a very good year. Those who provide their slides to Tom Kreulen, and those who won in the digital categories will find those images on the web site at www.ftmyerscc.com.

The scheduled meeting dates, assignments and field trip information will also be available there. How lucky we are to have Tom doing this for us. I know it is a lot of work.

FMCC Bob Chamberlain is the current President of the FMCC with Sharon Antonelli as the Vice President. Cindy Bateman is the Treasurer.

The field trip for Dec. 9th to the Water Treatment Station 5 will be a good one. I went there last week as I will be unable to go with the group on the ninth. There were an abundant number of birds and ducks. We even found river otters. I saw stilts, spoonbills, many species of ducks, and of course lots of herons and egrets.

Congratulations to Karen Lund for winning recognition at the Alligator Farm Competition. Her winning photo will appear in their calendar.

Digital images MUST be received by Karen Lund (Karenlund@aol.com) 2 days before competition, or will not be entered. This allows Karen time to prepare images for competition. Proper naming convention and resizing is a must. Naming Convention is as follows:

(Naming convention should be A-Murray-M-120406-N-1-6 Flower. That stands for A=Advanced or N=Novice, then the last name, first initial, date, category, image number, name of image, all parts separated by a dash - .

Maximum size must be 1024 pixels horizontal and 768 pixels vertical. Make sure when resizing that menu shows constrained check-

marked and the other side of image will default to correct size. If this all seems very complicated, it really isn't. Even I can do it. Karen is a wonderfully patient person to work with and will help. She does a wonderful job and works really hard to make our presentations the best they can be. Thanks, Karen.

Guests are always welcome at our meetings and new members are like treasure found. Please extend your hand and let these new faces know they bring warmth and friendship into the clubs.

In future, I hope to make certain that we recognize all of our new found friends. It's also been great to have some of our old friends back. Don Chisholm and Alice Morse had been missed and it's good to see them smiling in the group again.

Cindy Bateman has the membership roster. Since we are at the beginning of a new year, she will need a little time to have the entire current information ready, including new members. It was announced that membership is required to compete in any of our meetings.

I would like very much to tell our general membership a little about those of you joining us. If possible, would you send me an e-mail giving me a paragraph or two about yourself that you'd like to share? If you'll send to me at murray770@aol.com, I'll gladly publish.

Winners of 11/27 Competition:

Congrats to all!

Digital

Flowers - Novice

Don Chisholm - 1st - Pretty Petals
Don Chisholm - 2nd - Pink Blooms
Judith Demkow - 2nd - Nature at Work
Bob Chamberlain - 2nd - Yellow Lily

Flowers-Advanced

Suzie George - 1st - Shaving Brush
Tom Kreulen - 2nd - Pansies
Tom Murray - 2nd - False Foxglove
Rose Kreulen - 2nd - Columbine

General - Novice

Mike Fisher - 1st - Tampa Tiger
Judith Demkow - 1st - Sunrise at North Myrtle Beach
Bob Chamberlain - 2nd - Hands

General - Advanced

Rosalie Kreulen - 1st - Flower Boy
Rosalie Kreulen - 2nd - Misty Sunrise
Suzie George - 3rd - I Don't Want To Wear This

Nature - Novice

Bob Chamberlain - 1st - Parrot
Bob Chamberlain - 1st - Hummingbird
Judith Demkow - 2nd - Gotcha

Nature - Advanced

Tom Kreulen - 1st - Snowy Egret
Rosalie Kreulen - 2nd - Mockingbird Chicks
Karen Lund - 2nd - Feeding Frenzy
Tom Murray - 2nd - Sedona
Karen Lund - 2nd - Suzie's Solace

Slides

Assignment

Novice

Dan Paetznick-1st-Anthunium
Dan Paetznick-2nd-Thistle
Alice Morse-3rd-Begonia Basket

Advanced

Mary McCoy-1st-Crocus on Snow
Tom Murray-2nd-Orange Rose
Mary McCoy-2nd-Blazing Red
Eugene Hamm-2nd-House Cactus

General- Advanced

Faye Hamm-1st-Butterfly at Rest
Mary McCoy-1st-Road to the Barn
Mary McCoy-1st-Shell Point Fog

Nature – Advanced

Norm Bateman-1st-Scarlet Tanager
Norm Bateman-1st-Blue Grosbeak
Eugene Hamm-3rd-Ferruginous Hawk
Norm Bateman-3rd-RoadRunner

Norm Bateman, by the way, had the high score of the night

Visitors and Guests

11-13 meeting
John Rothsland, Nancy Burroughs, Ted Boynton, Tau Jensen, Claire Pederson and Bob Herring joined us.

11-27 meeting
Lorrie Prest, Mary Iacofono were guests. Ted Boynton joined (yeah, Ted!) and brought his wife Mary. Ann Moore and Dave Davis were also with us. We all enjoy new happy faces and new competition.

For Sale

Dark Room Equipment for sale
2 enlargers (b/w and color)
trays, several kinds of lights, timers, canisters, photo paper, lens, drying sheets, etc.
These items are the property of a gentleman who has lost his eyesight and can no longer use. His asking price is \$100. If interested, contact Don Condon at 466-1668 or 246-9002.

Refreshments

This year, the membership has agreed that it is nice to have some social time, and some refreshments to enjoy as part of the meeting. Below is a list of those that have agreed to provide them. Please note your dates, if you've already signed up, and if you haven't, there are still empty slots.

Refreshments: Dec.4-Mike Fisher; Dec 11-Marie Murray, Jan 8-Bobette Pfeifer & Mary McCoy; Jan 22-Suzanne George, Feb.12-Alice Morse; Feb 26-Cindi Bateman; Mar 12 & 26 Blank.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our annual Christmas party at Kennedy's Cove on Dec. 5th. It should be a fun evening with good friends and nice people.

Happy Holidays to all!