
Foresters Meeting

Tuesday, 11.05.2024

Agenda

- ★ **CACCA updates** - Jim Shover announced the members who were winners at the most recent CACCA competition for October 2024.
 - Monochrome DPI
 - Award:
 - " Split rock lighthouse and reflection" by Steve Zasadny
 - Honorable Mention:
 - " Starry midnight lighthouse" by Bob Philip
 - ★ **Google Group email account** - Jim also spoke about the issues that we've been having with our Google Group email account. He believes that they are all straightened out now but if you encounter any issues please let him know as soon as possible. One of the things that was discovered is that the invitations to some people for the group were going to their spam folder so please double check and again let him know if you see any issues.
 - ★ **Hospitality update** - Norma Berry
 - Norma indicated that so far she hasn't had an issue with people volunteering to bring snacks for the meetings. Please reach out to her and let her know that you'll be willing to take a turn in the future.
 - ★ **Christmas Party December 17, 2024** - This year's club Christmas party will be held Tuesday, December 17th at 6:00 PM at The Station Pub and Eatery at 6657 South St., Tinley Park.
 - Salad and Pizza will be served, beverages will be on your own.
 - The club will be providing the pizzas and salads. The bar and beverages will be on your own.
 - Members are invited to bring a guest.
 - Please RSVP to Mike Verdak as soon as possible.
 - ★ Anne mentioned that there is going to be a "Photoshop Virtual Summit", November 11-15. It consists of 5 days of online classes.
 - ★ Anne and Mike Verdak met with the staff at the Forest Preserves' Little Red Schoolhouse. They are extremely interested in having up to 4 exhibitions of our club's photography next year. The first is to be winter centric. The theme will be titled "Frozen". So any images of ice; snow; frost; winter animals or birds; etc. that might be found at the Forest Preserve will be welcome.
 - ★ **General interest stuff**
 - **Bird Migrations**
 - Don't forget Nit's offer to share his special spot to take Sandhill Cranes spot.
 - Here's a link to Indiana's Department of Natural Resources Sandhill Cranes webpage where they update the migration counts weekly. [LINK](#)
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MORE MINUTES

Tuesday, 11.19.2024

Agenda

- ★ **Just For Fun contest** - Anne announced the winners for the "Just for Fun Halloween" photo contest. There was a tie for first place. Since Char Murray and Anne were the only submitters, they stepped up to being the judges and declared it to be a tie between them. Oh well! I guess the rest of our members were too busy Trick or Treating to submit images. If you have any ideas for a more popular topic in the future.....just let us know.
- ★ **CACCA updates** - Jim Shover announced the members who were winners at the most recent CACCA competitions for November. He said this is a possible record for the most wins in a month by our club!! *Go team!!!*
 - Creative DPI
 - Award:
 - "I said Silence" by Bob Dietz
 - Portraits DPI
 - Award:
 - "Redhead" by Robert Philip
 - "The Eyes Have It" by Robert Philip
 - Honorable Mention:
 - "Strutting Her Stuff" by Bob Dietz
 - "Moody Blue" by Robert Philip
 - Color DPI
 - Award:
 - "First Light At Dead Horse Point" by Steve Zasadny
 - Monochrome DPI
 - Award:
 - "The Black Church of Iceland" by Anne Zarzycki
 - "Sightseeing in Egypt" by Ron Centanni
 - Specials - "The Outstanding One"
 - Honorable Mention:
 - "There's always one show off" by Anne Zarzycki
 - Award:
 - "Icelandic Black Church Stands Alone" by Anne Zarzycki
 - Best of Show:
 - "Lonely house with an amazing view" by Anne Zarzycki
- ★ **Hospitality update** - Norma Berry
 - *Thank you Mary Beth for this week's sweets and roll-ups! Those cookies were addicting!!*

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- ★ **Christmas Party December 17, 2024** - Jim Shover or Mike Verdak will be sending out an email restating the party details and requesting that everyone RSVP as soon as possible. Remember that members are invited to bring a guest.
 - ★ **Water Drop Demonstration** - We had a great turnout for Phil Chimino's demonstration on how to take photos of water drops. Altogether we had 19 attendees and one visitor. First Phil gave a brief lecture/overview of the process. Then using the half dozen workstations around the room that he had setup, members took turns trying their hands at getting water drop shots of their own. It was a great learning experience for many of us that had never tried it before. There was a lot of fun and knowledge sharing going on between members.

Thank you so much Phil for all your hard work, including building all those setups in advance, bringing all that equipment to the meeting and for hosting such a fun and creative workshop!!

- ★ **General interest stuff**
 - **Bird Migrations**
 - Nit's is going to be scoping out his special spot to take photos of Sandhill Cranes this weekend. His sources on location say the bird counts are on the rise. He'll send out an update to everyone next week. *Thanks Nit!*
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