Camera Club of Oak Ridge Newsletter for May 2020

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We are meeting virtually again! *At the next Meeting on* **Tuesday, May 12th, 2020** we will again each view our photo competition on our own computers. This will allow us to have a lot of fun in our meeting and completion, even though we are still isolated. We will meet on May 12th at 7:30, just like always, but members and guests are most welcome to join the zoom meeting at 7:00 PM for informal fellowship. These extra 30 minutes will allow for some additional time to join the meeting, check your settings, and chat a little bit. I will pass along the zoom meeting link in a few days by email. Please read the 'Last but not least' section at the end of this newsletter.

• Since the CCOR fiscal year runs January 1- December 31, membership dues are due on January 1 for current members; new members may pay upon joining at any time of year. If you aren't sure if yours was renewed, please check with me. Individual Membership is $20 and Family Membership is $30. Membership is free for Full Time Students. You can renew your membership online at:

https://oakridgecameraclub.org/join-us/join-us.shtml

Meetings

• **May 2020 meeting**: The May meeting on *Tuesday, May 12th*, will be a photo competition dedicated to the topic of "**Wet or Rain**". An object that is wet can be dramatic or subtle. It could be the background to a photo's subject or the main subject. Don't be put off by the possibility of getting yourself or your gear wet. Shoot from underneath an umbrella, a canopy, a porch roof, a doorway. Shoot through a window from inside a room. There are lots of ways to capture those images so just let your imagination run away with you. Leave your comfort zone … it's the only way to grow as a photographer. With the right coverage, wet objects offer great opportunities to photographers.

Some examples:

- shoot through a rain-soaked window to the street outside
- make a portrait through a window with rain drops on it
- take pictures of wet animals showing their perseverance with wet weather
- a parent strolling with child in a stroller covered up and shielded from the rain
- wet streets at night with neon sign reflections
- wet flowers
- sports in the rain

These are just a few of many examples so use your imagination and make it happen. Good luck!

We have set up a SmugMug site for this competition. **Competition is only open to members who have paid their 2020 membership dues.** You may upload 3 images to the SmugMug gallery shown below. **You must have your images submitted by 12:00 noon on Sunday 5/10/20!**

- https://ccor.smugmug.com/upload/krgfSb/WET

Use the following filename convention in each competition:

FirstName_LastName_1.jpg
FirstName_LastName_2.jpg
FirstName_LastName_3.jpg

Example: the filename for the first entry by Jen Booker is 'Jen_Booker_1.jpg'.

- **April 2020 meeting**: In case you missed the April club meeting, our Zoom meeting was a great success. Colby McLemore did a great job of being our first Zoom judge. His commentary was informative and educational – and he liked so many of the entries in the "Homebound" or "Shelter in Place" competition (https://ccor.smugmug.com/2020/Club-Competitions/04-Homebound/) that he wanted to award more Honorable Mentions. The "Happy Portraits" or "Joy" competition (https://ccor.smugmug.com/2020/Club-Competitions/04-Happy-Portraits/) was more focused and Colby noted the difference between a posed smile and a spontaneous one frequently accompanied by slightly squinted eyes. All in all, it was a fun (and diverting) evening.

- **June 2020 meeting**: The June 2020 meeting will be a photo competition dedicated to the topic of "**Glass Architecture**". In architecture, glass can be used as external walls, internal partitions and a myriad of other features. Due to its reflective nature, it will be important for you to use the right settings when trying to photograph it, and aim to shoot in a softer, less harsh, light. You may be able to harness glass' reflectivity to your advantage and know that in this competition you can choose to either have or not have reflections in the glass. The creative decision is yours!

CCOR Facebook Competition

We have a Facebook monthly challenge between club meetings. The topic of the current Facebook competition is #macro and the winner has not yet been named. The topic for the next challenge will be announced on Facebook.

Last but not least

- ### A few tips on Zoom

Doing video conferencing via Zoom has become very popular these days and we at the camera club decided to use this software too. We are volunteers trying something new in an unprecedented time. If you need help, I suggest that you do some reading here in advance: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting. Another helpful introduction on how to join a zoom meeting is given at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGbpwZNW3oI.

1) The Best Way to Join a Zoom Meeting

The best way to join a zoom meeting is to sign up with zoom and download the free app from https://zoom.us/pricing. Apps are available for Apple, Windows, iPhone and Android. A zoom meeting can be joined from your laptop, your tablet, your phone, etc. To do this you will need a Meeting ID which you will receive together with a password by email from me. Be sure to have the Meeting ID handy. This will ensure that you enter the correct room with the correct level of permission.

To **Log** into a **Zoom meeting** go to http://zoom.us . At the top of the page you will see in blue "JOIN A **MEETING**." Click on it. This will take you to a screen that asks you to enter the "**Meeting ID**" code that was sent to you by me. Once you joined the meeting, you will see and hear the competition. Please mute your microphone at the beginning of the meeting. After the competition is finished, you may have the chance to ask questions to the judge.

2) An Alternative Way to Join a Zoom Meeting

If you don't want to download the zoom app, there is an alternative way to join the meeting. You just include the meeting ID that you received from me by email into the Google Chrome browser and this will allow you to join. Microsoft Edge and Firefox did not work for me. So, make sure you are using the last version of Chrome. You should be able to watch and listen to the meeting. However, if you do not download the free app from zoom, we will not be able to see you or hear you. There will be a chat box where you can type questions, but you will not be able to join the spoken conversation without the app.

3) Bandwidth limitations

Tell all your neighbors, your kids, your spouse, and everybody else living near your house not to stream Netflix on Tuesday evening. If they still do it, you may lose the internet signal. If you lose the connection to the meeting, you can reconnect by joining the meeting again. The meeting will not be locked.

4) **Note**: The zoom meeting ID will NOT be posted. To avoid 'zoom-bombing' you will receive the Meeting ID AND the password by email. Please do not post the meeting ID anywhere. If you did not receive an email from me by 2 pm on May 10 or if you are new and are interested in 'virtually meeting' our Camera Club of Oak Ridge, please send an email to sec-treas@oakridgecameraclub.org and I will email you the Meeting ID.

Looking forward to virtually meeting you

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