Camera Club of Oak Ridge Newsletter for June 2020

Picture by Norm Plate

*We are meeting virtually again! At the next Meeting on **Tuesday, June 9, 2020*** we will again each view our photo competition on our own computers. We will meet on June 9th 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 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

• **June 2020 meeting**: The June 2020 meeting on *Tuesday, June 9th,* 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!

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 6/07/20!**

- https://ccor.smugmug.com/upload/PWMNQH/glass

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'.

- **May 2020 meeting**: In case you missed the May club meeting, we had a well-attended (29 participants) Zoom meeting. The photos for the Wet/Rain themed competition had 59 great entries which made it difficult for our judge Jim Dodson to pick a winner. Nevertheless, there were several images that grabbed his attention because of their impact and photographic excellence. You can find the competition submissions (now public) and winners at:

https://ccor.smugmug.com/2020/Club-Competitions/05-Something-WET/

First place went to Michael Slay, 2nd place to Shelley King, and 3rd place to Jim Britt. David Hardin, Pat Postma, and Shelley King received Honorable Mentions. There was lots of variety and great images – we all enjoyed viewing them.

CCOR Facebook Competition

We have a Facebook monthly challenge between club meetings. The topic of the last Facebook challenge was #macro and Shelley King was the winner. Congratulations!

The topic of the current Facebook competition is #abstract. Almost anything can be photographed in an abstract manner, including mundane objects that you find at home. The emphasis is on lines, shapes, colors, textures, patterns, and shadows. Options include zooming in or going macro, creating patterns by capturing motion blur, or using post-processing to create an interesting image. Such talent and creativity in this group - can't wait to see what you've got!

Be sure to include #abstract in your post so people can search for them when they vote. You can upload ONE image per topic and we limit each winner to only winning one monthly competition per year, so everyone has a chance. We also have a gallery on Smugmug to see the monthly winners at:

https://ccor.smugmug.com/2020/Facebook-Photos/

Current CCOR member exhibits

The Emporium on Gay Street in Knoxville will exhibit the Arts & Culture Alliance: Summer Members Show from **June 5 – July 31, 2020**. Several pieces from CCOR members will be on display. A reception is tentatively scheduled for First Friday, July 3, from 5:00-9:00 PM to which the public is invited to attend at 100 people at a time. All visitors to the Emporium are asked to follow social distancing guidelines and other recommendations given by the Knox County Health Department, the City of Knoxville, and Knox County.

If you would like to have your exhibit listed in the next newsletter, please send me an email at sec-treas@oakridgecameraclub.org

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) Update to Zoom 5.0 is now required!

Zoom is updating their software, with more advanced security. You will need to update your zoom app to version 5.0 or later in order to use it as of May 30; after that the old versions will not work. **You will need to update your app in order to join our June meeting**. Let me know if you need guidance on how to update.

2) **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 are not on the email list 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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