



DIGITAL FOCUS

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Upcoming Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7PM – In lieu of a speaker, we will discuss plans for upcoming activities for the year. Please bring your ideas and thoughts to recommend what you would like to see the club do this year.

President's Letter

By Raleigh Wolfe

I want to wish each of you a Happy New Year, and I hope that the holiday season of 2019 brought joy to your holiday experience.

I believe the year 2020 holds much excitement and interest for our club membership. The big event of the year, of course, is our annual clinic scheduled for March 28, 2020. Adam Jones is our presenter and he has developed what I believe will be an informative, educational and exciting day. We have printed our registration forms and we will be giving them to the membership at the program meeting on January 14, 2020. I encourage everyone to give very serious consideration to attending the clinic as it will be a day well spent. I also encourage our membership to take extra registration forms for friends and family who have an interest in photography as I am sure it will be a rewarding day for them as well. Remember also that the clinic is our sole fundraising activity for the year. The monies earned will go to supporting the various activities of the club in the future, so we need the support of each of our club members.

Next, I want to acknowledge and thank Dave Dornberg for the various services he has provided to our club through the years. I particularly want to thank Dave for developing and maintaining our website in a skillful manner. Recently, when the club was faced with a significant expenditure for the purchase of a new laptop computer for club use, as

our current computer was old and would no longer be serviced by Microsoft after January, 2020, Dave once again stepped up and arranged through his company to donate a computer for our use in the future. This was completely unsolicited by myself or the club. Dave simply stepped up and performed another great service for the club. Dave, thank you very much for your outstanding work and your continued support.

Our program meeting on January 14 will be an open meeting in which we will discuss and plan for activities for the year. So bring your thoughts and recommendations as we will want to hear from you, the members, about your interests and how the club should structure the year's activities to meet your respective needs. We will talk about field trips. Moreover, I want to open the discussion about how we can strengthen our educational and training efforts through our mentoring group and through our general club meetings as well.

The first mentoring group meeting will be held on January 21, 2020. Dave will soon announce the subject matter for that meeting. We do have some new plans and strategies for increasing the educational and training component of our mentoring efforts. Our competition meeting will be on January 28, 2020. Once again, I encourage those members who have not previously competed, to attend the meeting and to consider competing as it is always a great way to improve your knowledge base for image making. Plus, it's lots of fun to see the images created by other club

members and how the judges score their work.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our January meeting. Once again, I wish everyone a healthy and Happy New Year. In the meantime, I wish everyone good shooting experiences.

Mentoring Meeting

CRPC will hold its mentoring meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7PM. For this meeting, select 3 images and convert from color to monochrome. Each member will explain to the group the steps followed for the conversion.

Bring your 6 images on a flash drive. Images should be sized 1400px x 1050px.

January Photo Challenge

The January photo challenge is to shoot an image to use as a greeting card. Personalized cards are simple to make (see Bits & Bytes) and the recipient will feel very special. Give it a try yourself!

Mat Boards for Competition

The club provides photo mat boards to current Calumet Region Photo Club members. Boards may be purchased in the following sizes:

11"x14" black board w/out adhesive \$1.00

16"x20" black board w/out adhesive \$1.50

Mat boards are available for purchase at most club meetings. Please email Dennis Gray with the number of boards you would like to purchase:

dennisw.gray@gmail.com

Photography Shows

If any of our members will be exhibiting their images in the future, please send Dave Dornberg,

crpcwebmaster@comcast.net an email and let him know when, where and any other pertinent information you would like included in the newsletter and on the website so other members may attend the event and show their support.

Digital Bits and Bytes

How to Create a Custom Card for Any Occasion

I started creating cards many years ago when people told me that the cards they received were very special to them. I have been creating cards for all sorts of occasions including birthdays, get well, condolence, valentines, thinking of you and all of the other greeting card holidays you can think of.

Custom greeting cards are very special in the eyes of the receiver because it shows that you cared enough to take the time and effort to turn one of your very special photos into a card and send it out. In our very busy world these cards really mean a lot!

I have been asked more than once by members to show how I create cards. I use Red River paper to create my cards and while there are many other paper companies out there, Red River has great instructions to use when creating cards. Here is a link to those instructions: <https://www.redrivercatalog.com/cardshop/tuts1/> The webpage shows both written and video instructions for Windows and Mac owners. Of course in order to make these cards you will need a printer.

Here are a couple of examples of cards I have created using my own images:

