



# Digital Focus

## Newsletter of the Calumet Region Photo Club

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### Club Information

Calumet Region Photo Club meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The 2nd Tuesday is our general meeting, and the 4th Tuesday is competition night (September - March only). Meetings are from 7 pm - 9 pm at the Munster Social Center located in Community Park at 8751 Lions Club Drive.

### UPCOMING MEETING

**Tuesday, March 10, 2015** - Jerry Hug, Public Relations Vice President for the Photographic Society of America, will present iPhone Photography.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Susan Stassin*

Hello CRPC Members. March is here and spring flowers are, hopefully, not too far behind.

At this month's meeting, we have Jerry Hug who is the Public Relations Vice President for the Photographic Society of America, speaking about smartphone/iPhoneography. While being an accomplished "traditional" photographer, Jerry will show us how to get more out of the camera almost everyone carries. There are applications and attachments that allow users to actual create an array of fantastic photographs. We hope to see you on Tuesday for this fun and unique presentation.

Our April meeting will consist of hands on, table-top photography practice. We will have multiple stations and experienced photographers available for you to practice using your own equipment. This is your opportunity to learn or practice skills, i.e., macro, lighting, depth of field, camera settings, etc. Bring your gear, your questions and your enthusiasm for a night of skill building.

May will be our Blue Light photography with Norm Turner. More information on Norm's presentation to come next month.

Congratulations to several CRPC members who won awards and honors at last month's CACCA competition. Amy Metrich, Michael Kobe, Raleigh Wolfe and Louisa Murzyn were recognized for several entries. However, the top award goes to Louisa Murzyn who won "Print of the Year" in the Nature Competition. Congratulations, Louisa, on such an accomplishment! The CACCA postcard competition will be held at this month's CACCA meeting on Saturday, March 14, so if you want to enter, please make sure to bring your postcards to Tuesday's meeting to be given to Bob Cross.

Another competition winner is Jerry Lipski. He was selected as one of Community Hospital's seven Reflections contest winners with his entry "Loving Life Itself." This competition is part of Community's Cancer Support fundraiser. His work will be part of a series of photographs printed on blank note cards to be given to attendees of Community's fundraising gala, The Perennial Ball in May.

An email was sent to everyone concerning the 50th Anniversary of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore calendar. They are looking for natural, scenic shots taken within the park to be selected for the calendar fundraiser. I mentioned this project at last month's meeting, but the submission

deadline is much sooner than we realized. The deadline is April 13! There are specific image parameters to be met, so please review the email for more details.

Bob Cross is hosting his fourth Saturday morning social get together on March 21 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Jedi Garden, Griffith. Please contact Bob at [rpcross@ameritech.net](mailto:rpcross@ameritech.net) to let him know if you would like to attend so he can reserve sufficient space.

Our recent 6th Annual Photo Clinic was our largest clinic to date. We had 120 registered attendees who saw presentations by Robert Vanelli and Ed Heaton at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts. In addition to receiving instruction from these two photographers, attendees received over \$9,200 worth of software and give aways!! Thank you to those CRPC members who attended in support of our clinic.

Finally, we have several new club members and visitors coming to our meetings. Please take a little time to introduce yourselves and make them feel welcomed. Take care and I'll see you on Tuesday.

## PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

By *Bonny Klootwyk*

Indigenous Landscapes, Imprints of the South Shore, is the current exhibit at the South Shore Visitor and Convention Center. This show is a celebration of the natural landscapes near and along the shores of Lake Michigan that remain undisturbed since the times of the indigenous people of the area.

A number of photographers, including club member Jim Rettker, are among the artists showcased in Indigenous Landscapes.

The Convention Center is located at Kennedy Ave and 80/94 in Hammond and is opened daily until 5:00 p.m. The work is on display through March 19th.

## MATTE BOARD SALES FOR COMPETITION

The club provides photo matte boards to current Calumet Region Photo Club members. Boards in the following sizes and prices are:

11"x14" black matte board w/out adhesive for \$.90

16"x20" black matte board w/out adhesive for \$1.25

Matte boards are available for purchase at club meetings, so please email Dennis Gray [dennisw.gray@gmail.com](mailto:dennisw.gray@gmail.com) with the number of boards you would like to purchase.

## DIGITAL BITS & BYTES

### Protect Yourself and Your Photographs - Model Releases and Copyright

By *Dave Dornberg*

#### Model Releases

With the large number of image making devices being used

today such as cameras, tablets, smart phones or just about anything else that can capture an image, the photographer needs to be aware of the civil liability that may be incurred if he/she does not obtain the proper model release when photographing recognizable people for use in commercial publications. Photojournalists do not need model releases because news photography is the exception to this rule.

Please see the link below for the complete article on model releases: ([Wikipedia](#))

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Model\\_release](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Model_release)

For information on adult and minor model releases, please see links below from [Free-Legal-Documents.com](#):

<http://www.free-legal-document.com/model-release-form.html>

<http://www.free-legal-document.com/photo-release-forms.html>

For questions about civil liability in media cases, please see the link below from the [American Society of Media Photographers, ASMP](#).

<http://asmp.org/tutorials/frequently-asked-questions-about-privacy-and-libel.html#public>

## Copyright Protection

The definition of Copyright is this:

*"A legal means of protecting an author's work. It is a type of intellectual property that provides exclusive publication, distribution, and usage rights for the author. This means whatever content the author created cannot be used or published by anyone else without the consent of the author. The length of copyright protection may vary from country to country, but it usually lasts for the life of the author plus 50 to 100 years."* (Tech Terms.com)

The definition of copyright infringement is as follows:

*"The use of works protected by copyright law without permission, infringing certain exclusive rights granted to the copyright holder, such as the right to reproduce, distribute, display or perform the protected work, or to make derivative works."* (Wikipedia)

No protection is completely foolproof, but is merely used as a deterrent by the photographer to keep others from stealing their work and being compensated by doing so.

Here is a link from [Lynda.com](#) about 3 ways to protect your images:

<http://www.lynda.com/articles/3-ways-protect-online-images>

Here is another link from [StopStealingPhotos.com](#)

<http://stopstealingphotos.com/protect-images-stolen/>