



# DIGITAL FOCUS

## Newsletter of the Calumet Region Photo Club

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### Upcoming Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7PM – Our guest speaker Al Alvis will present “Creepy Close-Ups” featuring reptiles and insects.

### President's Letter

*By Raleigh Wolfe*

Hi Everyone,

Well, this has been a very interesting six weeks for the Wolfe family. At the time of our April 11 club meeting, I will have been postsurgical for almost 6 weeks. The whole experience was perhaps more than I anticipated, but I have no regrets for having undertaken it. On Monday, April 3rd, we visited our doctors at Northwestern and received universally good news. The valves have been successfully repaired and my atrial fibrillation is gone as I am in sinus rhythm. Okay, so much for my health status.

I'm looking forward to attending the April 11 meeting. Our guest speaker is Al Alvis who is an outstanding photographer and an excellent teacher. Al will give us an eye-opening presentation on “**Creepy Close-Ups**” featuring reptiles and insects including snakes, lizards, and amphibians in terrariums. He will also cover butterflies, dragonflies, damselflies, grasshoppers and other insects you may come across out in the local prairies. I know that Al has been working on the presentation for some time, and we all can rest assured that it will indeed be interesting and informative.

Our mentoring meeting this month will be on April 18 at which time David will have another area of photographic interest to discuss. We will of course have an opportunity to critique and discuss our reactions to the images brought in by the mentoring group members. I encourage members of the club who have not come to the mentoring group to do so as it is fun, educational and productive.

Our competition meeting in April will be on the 25th. This will be the last monthly competition of the year as our May meeting will be the end of year competition. Everyone is

encouraged to bring the best of their best that were entered into the club competition during the 2016 – 2017 club year.

We are yet in the process of securing a program for our May 11th meeting. I am hopeful it will be a presentation by Michael Kirkland in which he presents the Nik program as being a very useful add-on program to use in addition to Lightroom, Photoshop, or Photoshop Elements. Actually, the price is right for the program. It is actually free. You can go to Google Nik and download it directly from there. If we are unable to secure the date with Michael, we will have an alternative program that I'm sure you will find interesting and rewarding.

By way of information, the Board will be meeting in April to discuss the programs through the summer and for next year. This will include consideration of a variety of potential field trips. If a member has an idea regarding a field trip or program presentation, please feel free to let me and/or other board members know as we will certainly give it to careful consideration.

Lastly, Louise and I want to thank everyone very much for their kind words of concern and their well wishes. Your thoughts and prayers gave support to both of us during this difficult time. It's always good to hear from friends.

### Matte Board Sales for Competition

The club provides photo matte boards to current Calumet Region Photo Club members.

Boards may be purchased in the following sizes:  
11"x14" black matte board w/out adhesive \$.95  
16"x20" black matte board w/out adhesive \$1.40

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