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Upcoming Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7PM – Dave Dornberg presents, “Creating Kaleidoscopes from Ordinary Photos”. via Zoom.

President's Letter

By Gail Scott

Hello Everyone,

Are you out shooting and seeing all the beauty of Spring? I know the green houses are open and many of you are enjoying visits there.

We are nearing the end of our year with competition evenings. Our last evening that will have our images reviewed by judges is our end of year salon event. This will take place on Tuesday, May 25. You are asked to send in 3 of your best images from this year of competition. These 3 images must have been entered into competition this club year, September 2020 until April 2021 at Calumet Region club. These images can be from color, monochrome or from the special categories. These images will be uploaded into the competition assistant site. Uploads can begin on May 11 through May 21 at midnight.

This month on our program evening, Tuesday, May 11, we have our own Dave Dornberg teaching us how to create Kaleidoscopes. I am so excited for this program! Dave is so talented and has had his Kaleidoscopes displayed at the The Center for Visual and Performing Arts. Please mark your calendars for this program, you really do not want to miss it! I will send out the zoom link on Monday, May 10.

The mentoring meeting this month will be on the usual third Tuesday of the month, May 18. Please send me 3 images and one favorite that we can share. You can send these to me now and until May 17.

Mark your calendar also for our awards picnic on July 20 from 6:00-9:00. A sign-up email will be sent closer to the date.

Enjoy the warmer weather and the opportunities to get out and shoot!

Painting with Light

By Dave Dornberg

When we take a photograph we need to remember that we are telling a story with our image. It is critically important that the viewer knows exactly what we saw when we pressed the button. The model of camera and gear we used is not important, we need to get the point across to the viewer of the image instantly. There is so much data in the world today that it overwhelms the mind. Most humans have the attention span of about 7 seconds when looking at images or scrolling across a computer screen. If you do not make your point, then you have lost the viewer and they will move on.

Often we worry “too much” about getting the photo perfect in Photoshop and lose sight of the original goal. Once we go down the rabbit hole of adjusting to perfection, the ego is in control and the image will never be perfect! If we captured the image properly in the first place why do we waste our precious moments of life sitting behind a computer to make it “better?”

We as photographers need to think out of the box and try new subject matter. Do not get stuck in the thought process that everything should be about competition. Just because an image does not earn points from 3 judges, does not mean an image does not convey a story!

Get out there and enjoy life!