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Upcoming Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 7PM – Loyce Fandrei will speak about Gibson Woods Nature Center north Hammond's hidden gems of our area, which hosts interesting plants, animals and birds.

Presidents Letter

By Raleigh Wolfe

Hi Everyone,

September is here and fall can't be far behind. Clearly, autumn with its spectacular colors is my favorite time of the year to engage in photographic pursuits of many kinds. This year is no exception as we have plans for the club to take advantage of this time through field trips that we are planning for this period.

Our club's September program meeting on September 11, 2018 will be launched with a presentation by Loyce Fandrei. She will be talking about Gibson Woods Nature Center, located in the Hessville section of Indiana. She will be describing the various plant, bird and animal species that reside in the nature center. It is likely that we will arrange a field trip to the Gibson Woods Center sometime during the fall. Hopefully, Loyce will be available to guide us through our experience there.

Michael Kobe is working very diligently to secure a number of excellent speakers to speak during the year. Additionally we are hoping to secure Jim Klepac to do a presentation on photographing animals at Brookfield zoo. Jim has an incredible portfolio of images that he has taken over time on his weekly visits to the zoo. His images capture both the majesty of the animals and the tender interactions between them. This is especially true of the images he has captured reflecting the loving care and support the female parents give to their offspring. He plans to share his image making secrets and has agreed to guide us on a field trip to the zoo sometime in the near future.

Our first competition meeting will be on September 25, 2018. We will have three members from the Kankakee Photo Club serving as judges for competition. Please remember that our DPI sizes have changed. We now submit DPI's with 1400px on the wide side by 1050px on the high side with the resolution of 72. (1400px X 1050px 72 resolution). Also, please remember that the DPI's must be submitted by 6 PM on the Sunday prior to the competition meeting. No exceptions will be made. An email

blast will be sent to all members, in the near future, outlining in detail the procedures for submitting DPI and print images for the year 2018 – 2019. Please read it carefully and follow it closely.

I am very excited to report that we are in the final stages of negotiations to secure an outstanding speaker for our annual clinic in 2019. The clinic date will be February 16, 2019. Once all the details of been worked out I will let everyone know more about it.

Finally, it is with considerable sadness that I report that one of our long-standing club members passed away on Thursday, August 30, 2018. Thomas Cak was a loyal and active member of the club for as long as his health would permit. Tom was the owner of Shore Professional Color Lab located first in Hammond and then in Munster for over 30 years. Tom was a kind and gentle soul who will be missed by both family and friends.

I hope to see everyone at our next meeting,. In the meantime, happy shooting to all.

September Mentoring Meeting

On Tuesday, September 18th at 7 PM our mentoring meeting returns in the library at the Fairmeadow Church. Raleigh Wolfe will be teaching us how to utilize brushes and filters to use light effectively in Adobe's Lightroom. Afterward we will view images from the August/September photo challenge. Please bring 2-3 images on a flash drive to talk about and receive feedback.

September Photo Challenge—Using HDR

The September Photo Challenge is to shoot subjects using the HDR or High Dynamic Range technique. Here is a great article to get you started: <https://www.shawacademy.com/blog/hdr-photography-beginners-guide-high-dynamic-range/>