



# Digital Focus

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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, October 14, 2014** - Karen Messler, a portrait photographer who has been using her skills to assist several not-for-profit animal rescue organizations will share her insights in obtaining engaging pet photos, set ups, equipment, and how she became associated with various rescue groups.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Susan Stassin*

I hope you enjoyed last month's Photojournalism presentation by Jeffrey Nicholls and found it very informative. This month, we have Karen Messler, a portrait photographer who has been using her skills to assist several not-for-profit animal rescue organizations. She will share her insights in obtaining engaging pet photos, set ups, equipment, and how she became associated with various rescue groups. It should be fun. In November, we will have Katrina Sebastian presenting her natural light portrait work. Her photography is beautiful and engaging as she somehow manages to get natural, warm compositions of her subjects. December is our holiday pot-luck, an annual social event not to be missed. This year, CRPC will be supplying the meats and we ask attendees to bring side dishes, desserts, and appetizers. Bobbi Czajka is our refreshment coordinator and has been doing a wonderful job of organizing the holiday parties, so please let her know what you will be bringing which will allow her to get an schedule an array of food items.

The Board has been reviewing the timing for its annual elections and some other verbiage in the CRPC Constitution. To enable these con-

stitution changes to be made, the members must receive electronic notification 30 days prior to any changes. In a separate article contained herein, I have marked the items to be changed with our reasoning behind the change. Please take some time to review this information and let us know if you have any questions. A vote will be taken in November or December on the changes.

The CRPC's 6th Annual Photo Clinic planning is underway and we are still working to obtain speakers. Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 15, 2015, at the Center for Performing Arts.

Bob Cross has been distributing emails to everyone concerning CACCA-related events as well as outings available to members. If you have any questions concerning competition rules, formatting your entries, submission dates, etc., please contact Bob or go to our CRPC website for more details. Beside regular competitions within CRPC with winning entries being submitted to CACCA to compete against other member clubs, there is a separate CACCA DPI theme competition. You can submit a photo(s) based on your interpretation of the monthly theme to be judged directly at CACCA, but you'll need to get your entry submitted by a specific date each month. See Bob or Raleigh

for more details. Below are the upcoming categories:

<b>November</b>	<b>Song Titles</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Candlelight</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Light Painting</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>50-55 mm Lens</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Technology</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Live Performances</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Night Without Flash</b>

I look forward to seeing you at our club meeting on Tuesday. If you have any questions or suggestions for our club, speakers, field trips, etc., please do not hesitate to contact me or one of our Board members.

## **OPEN HOUSE CHICAGO**

*By Bob Cross*

The Chicago Architectural Foundation is holding its annual Open House Chicago October 18-19, 2015. This event allows access to 150 buildings throughout Chicago (mostly downtown) where you can take photographs of areas that are regularly restricted to the general public. Areas such as roof tops, private clubs, long-closed rooms, etc. and it's FREE! Bob Cross recently sent an email blast concerning this event, but you can also go to [www.openhousechicago.org](http://www.openhousechicago.org) and see the entire list of buildings with the access areas so you can plan your day. Take careful note of dates and times because some sites are only available on a limited basis. Maybe a few of our members will car pool??

## **SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS**

We have scheduled our Board meetings for the upcoming year and everyone is invited to attend. They are held at 6:30 p.m. at The Fitness Pointe across from Centennial Park in Munster, Indiana. If there is a date change, we will notify the membership.

October 29	April 29
December 3	May 27
January 7	June 24
January 29**(Thursday)	July 29
February 25	August 26
March 25	

## **PROPOSED CHANGES TO CRPC'S CONSTITUTION**

In order to enable each new CRPC Board to be better prepared to transition to the new fiscal year, the Board proposes that our members approve a few changes in our current Constitution. For any changes to be made to the Constitution, it is required that our members receive electronic notification not less than 30 days in advance and for

a majority affirmative vote to be made at a regular monthly meeting consisting of a quorum of 25% of the duly accredited membership. Our current enrollment is 70 members, therefore, a quorum would require a minimum of 18 members in attendance. The Board anticipates holding a vote at our November or December monthly meeting.

Selecting a "nominating committee" which then identifies a "slate" is not the current practice. Secondly, the Constitution states a slate of officers is to be nominated no later than the June meeting with elections to be held in August. The new Board assumes responsibility in September which does not allow sufficient time to prepare for speakers and training. For purposes of club meeting continuity, programming, office and committee training and CRPC club matters, **the original constitution wording is provided and the proposed changes are shown in bold italics:**

### **Section 6: Elections**

(a) At the first regular meeting in March, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of three members in good standing whose duties shall be to select a slate of candidates for the expiring elective offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Web Master.

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(b) The nominating committee must announce its slate of candidates no later than the first meeting in June. Et.al.

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Additional Constitution changes we recommend for clarity purposes are as follows:

### **Section 3: Dues**

(a) Membership dues shall be \$25 per year.

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(b) Yearly dues are payable on or before September first.

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(d) When members are delinquent in paying their dues, they are not in good standing and shall be so notified by the Secretary.

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## **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" white matte board w/self adhesive for \$.90 \*\*

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. Please email Dennis Gray [dennisw.gray@gmail.com](mailto:dennisw.gray@gmail.com) with the number of boards you would like to purchase.

## **CRPC SATURDAY MORNING PHOTOGRAPHY BREAKFAST**

The first Saturday morning CRPC photography breakfast that was held in September garnered 19 members and was held at Jedi's Gardens in Griffith, IN. The next breakfast will be tentatively be held on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 8:30 AM at the same place. To make a reservation, please contact Bob Cross, [rpcross@ameritech.net](mailto:rpcross@ameritech.net).

## **SOUTH SHORE ARTS' 71ST ANNUAL SALON SHOW EXHIBITION**

*By Bonny Klootwyk*

Amy Metrich's photograph, Saguaro Cactus Mountainside, was accepted into the South Shore Arts' 71st Annual Salon Show Exhibition. This show is in recognition of the artist members of South Shore Arts, as well as artists of Indiana and Cook County, IL. Out of 120 entries, only 59 artist and 65 pieces were selected for this year's exhibit. These pieces are in a wide variety of medium--from paintings to sculpture to photography. It is quite an achievement and honor to be juried into this show.

The exhibit is at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts and will be open through October 26th.

## **CRPC BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

*By Bonny Klootwyk*

### **Treasurer's Report**

Current Membership: 70

Tom advised that e-mail reminders are sent to members prior to the date of their annual dues renewal. If there is no response after 3 months, they are dropped from the membership roster.

## **Monthly Meetings**

- Refreshments

The decision was made not to increase the monthly food allowance from \$30.00 to \$40.00. Rather, Susan will talk to Bobbie to "scale back" the amount of food for each meeting.

## **Upcoming Programs**

- 09/09: Jeff Nicholls, a former Sun Times journalist will speak
- 10/14: Kandids by Karen: Pet Photography and Philanthropy (she photographs animals for a local rescue group)
- 11/11: Katrina Sebastian: Family & Wedding Portraits, Composition & Natural Light
- 12/09: Annual Holiday Dinner
- We need to get upcoming program information to Dennis in a timely manner so that he can publicize the events.
- It was discussed whether or not other local clubs should be notified of the programs.
- Mileage/Gas Reimbursement to Speakers
- After a discussion, Raleigh made a motion to reimburse non-members of the Calumet Region Photo Club (who are not on the CACCA speaker list) at the Federal mileage rate (forever).
- This motion was passed by a margin of 4 to 1.
- December Holiday Party
- The meats for the party will be provided by the Club; this decision applies only to this year.
- Members will be asked to bring a side or a dessert.

## **September 23rd Competition**

- Volunteers still needed
- Three judges have been confirmed by Bonnie Knight.
- There is a concern about the quality of judges on the current list.
- Perhaps Bob can find out if there are other judges available at the October CACCA meeting.

## **Field Trips**

- 9/13 Breakfast at Jedi's Garden with trip to the nearby Heron Rookery
- Fall trip to Morton Arboretum