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Upcoming Meeting

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7PM – We will be shooting Table Top Photography and members will learn how to light a subject using artificial light. This year we will have a variety of setups by many different photographers from which to choose.

Presidents Letter

By Raleigh Wolfe

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to November with its cold blustery winds and probable snowfalls. Autumn with all its splendor in color is too short-lived. I'm hopeful that you were able to capture some of the beauty before it departed with the coming of the wind, rain and snow. I was lucky enough to go on Will Clay's fall tour in Wisconsin and was able to capture some great fall images.

November is another busy month for our club. Our program meeting on November 13 at 7 PM has been arranged by Michael Kobe and Dave Dornberg. The sole activity for the evening will be Table Top Photography. There will be between six and eight stations set up for you to engage in various image-making opportunities. The stations will be a set up and guided by members both within the club and outside as well. So bring your cameras and tripods and be ready for an evening of exciting image making.

Our mentoring group will meet on November 20, 2018, at 7 o'clock PM in the church library. Be sure to bring your images of autumn and/or other images that you want to share and/or have critiqued. As always, the mentoring group is open to questions and discussion regarding any component of photography. It's a great opportunity to share and to learn.

Our competition meeting will occur on November 27, 2018. I encourage all to participate in the competitive experience, even if it's a first time for some of you as it is a great opportunity to learn and improve your photographic skill sets through friendly and collegial competition. Of course, winners of our club competition will have the opportunity to have their images taken to CACCA to compete against other clubs affiliated with CACCA. Any member who wishes to attend an upcoming CACA meeting should notify Michael Kobe or myself. We welcome and encourage members who would like to see CACCA in action.

While November is the month of transition from autumn splendor to winter bleakness, there are always photographic opportunities awaiting capture. November is also a time for family and Thanksgiving. So enjoy the opportunities and be thankful for our families and friends.

We are moving ahead and are planning for our clinic workshop on February 23, 2019. As I'm sure you all know by now, Mike Moats is our presenter for the day. I know that he has a great day planned for us. Within the next few days we will have registration forms available at our club meetings, so take one for yourself and your friends who have an interest in photographic pursuits. In order to make our clinic a success, we need the assistance of the club membership in spreading the word and encouraging members both inside the club and outside as well to register and attend the clinic. It will be a great day of learning and sharing from a Master Photographer. So don't delay--- register early and please bring a friend.

Lastly, I want to inform our membership that I will be taking a medical leave in the near future to have surgery and medical follow-up. This was a complete surprise and unexpected for both Louise and myself. We are both optimistic about the eventual outcome of our journey ahead. In my past, while practicing as a clinical psychologist, I often counseled people who were going through difficult life situations. I would say to them that "life is what happens when we are going somewhere else." It's now my and Louise's time to deal with this happening when we were "going somewhere else". Please be assured that we are both optimistic and are looking forward to a complete recovery. I want to thank all those who have offered their well wishes, prayers and assistance during this period.

The club membership will be left in the hands of our administrative board; namely, Gail Scott, Tom Zmigrocki, and Thea DeVries. Michael Kobe, Dave Dornberg, and Dennis Gray have also stepped up and will be handling the responsibilities attendant to making our clinic of 2019 a total success. I will return as soon as my recovery and health permit.

In the meantime, enjoy this holiday period with family and friends. Happy Thanksgiving and happy image making to all.

Table Top Photography—November Meeting

We will be having a hands-on table top shoot. Each of the 6-8 setups will teach you how to light a variety of subjects using LED, compact fluorescent, (CFL) or incandescent lights. There will be variety of backgrounds, props and other equipment used in shooting smaller subjects at the shoot. Our table top presenters will be:

Dave Dornberg, Michael Kobe, Jim Rettker

Richard Fox, Karen Kierzek, Jim Klepac and Don McLean

Members, please bring your camera, lenses such as wide angle or normal lenses, a tripod and a wired or wireless remote if you have one.

10th Annual Photography Clinic

On Saturday, February 23, 2019, Calumet Region Photo Club will host its 10th annual Photography Clinic at the Center for Performing Arts in Munster. This year's keynote speaker will be Mike Moats, an international award winning, professional Macro Photographer from Sterling Heights, Michigan.

Digital Bits & Bytes

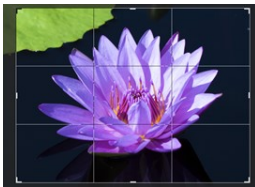
Resizing Your Images for Competition in Adobe Photoshop

1. Open Bridge photo catalog application and find the image you want to resize and double click on it. If it is a RAW file, it will open into Adobe Camera RAW (ACR), so the file may be adjusted. If the file is a jpg, it will open into Photoshop.
2. Open the file after adjusting it in ACR and it will open in Photoshop.
3. Click on **Edit, Preferences, Units & Rulers** to change the ruler to **Pixels** from inches and click **Ok**.
4. Next click on **View** and click **Rulers** to allow rulers to appear around the image.
5. Once in Photoshop, click on the **Crop tool** and go to the top of the toolbar and locate **W x H x Resolution** and type in the field to the right of the box **1400 px** and then in the 2nd field type **1050 px** and in the third box, type **72**. (Note: Be sure to type **px** next to **1400 px** as shown in the box below or the resizing may be in inches instead of pixels)
6. Cropping handles will appear around your image. Move the cursor outside of the image and click once to force Photoshop to allow the crop box to be changed to sizing, other-

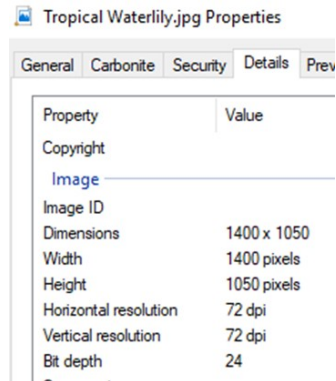


wise it won't allow you to change the box size.

7. Use the handles to obtain the best part of your image and double click to crop the image. Your image will now be sized exactly to 1400 pixels x 1050 px at 72 dpi.

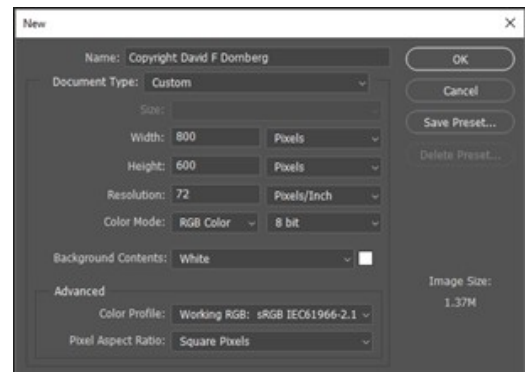


8. Click **File, Save As** and type the image name and click **Ok**.
9. Now go to **File Explorer** and right click on your new image and click on **Properties** and you will see that the image is properly sized to 1400 px x 1050 px at 72 dpi.



Creating a Custom Copyright Brush in Photoshop CC

1. Open Photoshop and click **File, New** and set your document for **72 dpi** and **800x600 pixels** and click **OK**



2. Next click the **T Text Tool** on your toolbar to create a new Text Layer
3. To create a copyright symbol, Windows users must hold down the **Alt** key and using the keypad on an external keyboard, and not the numbers at the top of the keyboard, type **0169**. Once the Alt key is released, the copyright symbol will appear. Mac users need only click **Option + G**
4. After the copyright symbol, type your name and year if you wish, i.e., **©David F Dornberg –2018**, then go to the **Text Layer** in your **Layers Panel** and **right click** and **Rasterize Text**
5. Click on **Edit, Define Brush Presets** and type a name to call your new copyright brush and click **OK**. Close the document and don't save it.
6. Now open one of your JPG images that you want to post to the web and click on **Brush Tool** and then find your new copyright brush. You may also want to size your new brush accordingly and change the opacity of it and/or the color of it, then place it in your image.

Matte Boards 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

with the number of boards you would like to purchase.