



Mid Michigan Photography Club Newsletter

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Coming Up in January

We will be opening nominations for open positions, including a few new positions. We'll determine at the meeting if we want to hold the vote then or allow people until February to deliberate. Details are included in a separate document.

To top things off, we'll have some short, informative "**Photography Quest**" presentations about lenses as time permits. If you still haven't done your presentation, please come prepared!

Ron Steps Down as Vice President

Ron St. Germain and June Cooke started this club at little over a year ago with the idea that this club would be progressive, focusing on education and doing great events. The club has seen a lot of growth in the past year due to their pioneering efforts.

Unfortunately, June had to step down after becoming pregnant. Sadly, Ron has also decided to step aside so he can concentrate on his professional goals.

Not to fear, though! Ron and June will both continue to plan and participate in club events and help make decisions about the direction the club takes.

"Portrait Day at Woldumar" Update

Well, we did our first official fundraiser portrait shoot at Woldumar during their annual holiday party. The images were uploaded to www.mmpc.dotphoto.com so people could order prints and other items. Feel free to check out the pictures yourself.

The next event is the Chili Winter Weekend at Woldumar on January 26. The event starts at 4:00PM and ends around 9-10PM. There will be horse-drawn sleigh rides, a barn dance, and the Moon cabin will be open for visitors. There's usually a bonfire as well. Of course, it wouldn't be the Chili Winter weekend without some delicious hot chili!

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Volunteers are needed to help out with this event.

Please contact Mike, Penny, or Gene if you're interested. *Did we mention you get in free?*

Wildflower Weekend Update

Most club members should be aware of our plans to take over Woldumar's Wildflower Weekend event. Ron's main goal was to expand on their art show and build it into a substantial regional show. **As part of the deal, the club would stand to bring in a lot of extra funds.**

Given the enormous task at hand, however, it's just not possible to take on so much in such a short time span. On the other hand, we've already done a lot of work to prepare for this, and it didn't seem right to just drop the whole thing. Mike spoke with Woldumar's Executive Director to discuss a smaller role for the club. The Events Committee later met to discuss some of the details needed to move forward on a smaller scale.

So far, there are a couple of concrete plans that the club will definitely be involved in:

(1) Penny Verran is arranging to bring in members of the Master Gardener's Association to do some talks. It is hoped that these talks will serve as a draw to bring in a larger crowd.

(2) Sharon and Nikki Howell will be putting together some children's activities for the event. Likewise, this is intended to draw in more people.

(3) Ron St. Germain is working on bring in the artists as well as the overnight security needs. There are still some details to work out, but it's looking pretty good right now. This will help us get our feet wet and the event should grow in size each year.

(4) The club will have a booth for recruiting purposes. We may also sell prints done by our members.

In addition, we will be looking for members who might be interested in conducting nature photography talks.

We may also conduct a portrait shoot.

Of course, a lot of this will depend on whether we can get a sufficient number of volunteers to help out!

December Meeting Recap

We held our second annual holiday feast at the December meeting. There was plenty of food and everyone seemed to have a great time. Chad Sanders was in to talk a little about his PhotoShop class at LCC. He also discussed a few pointers about using PhotoShop, which version to buy, and a little about digital workflow.

Scott Mulrooney won the raffle – again! The take was \$26.50.

Tom Rasmussen won first prize in our “Big Cookie” contest. Alan Jones won second place. Congratulations tom and Alan! This time, we had real BIG cookies, baked by Penny Verran’s daughter Krystin. Thanks again, Krystin!

The winning photos and pictures of the cookies can all be seen on the website. There are a few other new albums, as well.

Gallery Show Update

At least three of our members have sold prints from the gallery show! Congratulations go out to Susanne Mannino, Joseph Yarbrough and Marilyn Walsh!

We will be meeting at Gone Wired on Saturday, January 5 at 2:00 PM to take down our prints. If you’re unable to make it on the 5th, you can pick up your prints anytime simply by letting a Gone Wired staff member know you’re there to pick up your prints.