

IIB Photographers July 23, 2018

Meeting Review

The IIB Photographers (IIB-P) held a lively meeting with 9 members attending (Peggy Fankhauser, Jet Johnson, Lynn Keelan, Kaylene Luft, Jolanta Piecuch, Diane Sanderson, Sherry Sevic, DeDe VanDouser, and Sue Wittick)

Administrative Component

1. We reviewed the Action Items from the 6-13-20 meeting.
2. Photo challenge
 - a. Practice “sandwich” approach for giving feedback, beginning and ending with a positive comment with a constructive suggestion between.
 - b. The “photo of the day” chosen by popular vote was taken by Lynn Keelan. It will be included in the August IIB newsletter.
3. Photography exhibit schedules
 - a. We completed the photography exhibit schedules for October 25, 2018 and March 2019. They will be posted on the IIB website.
 - b. Copies of the photography exhibit schedule for the Central Region meeting in Frankenmuth on October 23rd were also distributed. It is a part of the flower show schedule that is also available on the IIB website.
4. Work on identifying appropriate photography judges continues.
5. ***A field trip has been planned to the garden of IIB-P member, Marlas Greiger, on Monday, August 6th, 10 am. Participants are invited to lunch together at a nearby restaurant noonish. This lovely garden was featured recently on the LACASA Garden Walk. See <https://lacasacenter.org/> The address is 3835 Cedar Lake Rd, Howell. Please let Sue Wittick know if you are planning to attend so she can share that information with the group for carpooling purposes.***

Educational Component:

1. Diane Sanderson, IIB-P member, presented “**Floral Portrait**” Photography
2. Sue Wittick, IIB-P member, shared pictures from the photography exhibits from two flower shows held in Spring Lake, MI.
3. Sue Wittick presented “**Small Critter**” Photography.
4. Sue Wittick shared a new gadget, a **Sandisk iXpand Flash Drive for iPhone, iPad, and computers**, that allows for easy file transfer between devices.

Action Items

1. Lynn Keelan and Jet Johnson will work together on the photography display for the October 25th District Meeting, covering the panels with yellow fabric and devising a method of attaching the matted photos.
2. Our next photography challenge will be a **double feature!** Members are encouraged to bring one, printed 5x7 **floral portrait** and one, printed 5x7 photo of a **small critter** in the garden (e.g. insect, worm, spider, snake, small mammal)
3. Continue efforts to identify possible photography judges

Next meeting: August 22, 10:00 am – noon

Michigan Nature Association, 2310 Science Parkway, Suite 100, Okemos

Topics: “**Morning Light**” – presented by Jerry Bayer
“**Photo Editing**” – presented by Sue Wittick

Reference: IIB Website

<https://mgcdistrict2b.weebly.com/> password: 2bgardeners

Summary of Presentations

“Taking Photos of Small Critters in the Garden,” Sue Wittick

1. Focus on your subject
2. Stabilize your camera
3. Keep your eyes open
4. Use your zoom lens
5. Be Patient
6. Capture the eyes
7. Change your perspective
8. Use macro settings
9. Try the early morning or late afternoon
10. Move slowly and don't cast a shadow
11. Expand your variety of subjects

“Floral Portraits,” Diane Sanderson

(Diane's notes will be forwarded later.)

Please note: At our meeting we were planning that each person entering a photograph at the October 25th District Meeting would provide their own black photo mat. That plan has since changed. In order to ensure consistency in the appearance of the pictures, District IIB will be purchasing enough mats for the entire display and those mats will be re-used by the district for the Spring 2019 District meeting and other future events. When submitting your photos for display, you will not need to include a mat.