

IIB Photographers, August 22, 2018

The IIB Photographers (IIB-P) held a lively meeting with 11 members attending (Jerry Bayer, Peggy Fankhauser, Marlas Greiger, Jet Johnson, Lynn Keelan, Kaylene Luft, Kathy Makuska, Jolanta Piecuch, Diane Sanderson, DeDe VanDouser, and Sue Wittick)

Administrative Component

1. Photo challenge
 - a. The “photo of the day” for small garden critters chosen by popular vote was taken by Jolanta Piecuch. The “photo of the day” for floral portraits was taken by Marlas Greiger. Both will be included in the September IIB newsletter.
2. Photography exhibit schedules
 - a. We revised the photography exhibit schedules for both October 25, 2018 and March 2019. They will be posted on the IIB website.
 - b. The Schedule for the Central Region meeting in Frankenmuth on October 23rd did not indicate that an unlimited number of entries would be accepted for each class. Participants will still need to register in advance with Marilyn Graber, 626-4227, graberms@comcast.net
3. Three individuals were selected to judge the photography display at our district meeting, but none have accepted yet. We are planning for the panel to consist of a photography instructor, a professional photographer, and an NGC certified flower show judge.
4. We discussed a fall field trip. Several places were suggested, but no decisions were made.

Educational Component:

1. Jerry Bayer, IIB-P member, presented “**Look, Up Close.**”
2. Sue Wittick presented “**Landscape**” Photography.

Action Items

1. Any IIB-P member may plan a field trip and invite the other members to participate. If you are going out somewhere special with your camera – just let the rest of us know!
2. For our next photography challenge members are encouraged to bring one, printed 5x7 **close-up photo** and one, printed 5x7 photo of a **landscape photo** practicing some of the suggestions from the presentations. If your close-up photo has been cropped, you may also bring the original for comparison.
3. Sue Wittick and Lynn Keelan will continue efforts to finalize a panel of photography judges.
4. Sue Wittick will revise the group contact list for distribution to members.

Next meeting: September 11, 1:30 am – 3:30 pm

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

Topic: “**Photo Editing**” – presented by Sue Wittick

Summary of Presentations

- I. **Quick tip for cell phone photography, Sue Wittick:** set focus on something close for a short depth of field and blurred background, or select a “portrait” setting.
- II. “**Look, Up Close,**” Jerry Bayer (handouts were provided)
 - a. Close-up versus macro – Jerry believes that close-up brings items into closer range and can include a frame of a few square feet. Macro, to him, is very close, framing a flower head with a bee doing its thing, maybe a square foot.
 - b. Equipment (camera and lenses)
 - c. Exposure (settingperature by f-stops, shutter speeds, and ISO)
 - d. Taking the photo (controlling sharpness, lighting, and composition)

III. "Landscape Photography," Sue Wittick

- a. Work the Scene
 - 1. Try different angles and different heights.
 - 2. Think about composition.
 - 3. Overcast days are best.
 - 4. Use a tripod and remote shutter release.
 - 5. Take LOTS of photos!
- b. Define your subject before you shoot
- c. Foreground is more important than background!
- d. Wait for the right moment
- e. Make use of negative space
- f. Look for leading lines (roads, rivers, beams of light, fences, trees)
- g. Add Human Subjects
 - 1. Makes the photo more interesting
 - 2. Adds a sense of scale
- h. Consider the time of day
 - 1. The golden hour
 - 2. Morning Light
- i. Get the horizon straight
- j. Examine the work of great photographers (Ansel Adams, Galen Rowell, Peter Lik, Thomas Heaton, Charlie Waite, Edward Weston, Per Bak, Joe Cornish, etc.)

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