



This club was established in 1930 and is believed to be the oldest club in Colorado. Meetings are held at 7 PM on the second Wednesday of each month at the Living Hope Church, 640 Manitou Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO. **Next Meeting - March 14**



THE VIEWFINDER

NEWSLETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK CAMERA CLUB



“Reflections of History” by Debbie Milburn

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Table 1

FEBRUARY 2018 COMPETITION RESULTS							
PRINT COMPETITION - MONTHLY STANDINGS AS OF FEB 2018							
	PREV CUM TO	SUBJECT		OPEN		TOTAL	
		CURRENT M	YTD	CURRENT M	YTD	CURRENT M	YTD
Beverly Cellini	34	17	37	16	30	33	67
Ted McWhorter	0	15	15	16	16	31	31
Ken Roberts	7	0	0	0	7	0	7
Al Schwecke	19	15	15	20	39	35	54
Bill Stanley	34	15	30	15	34	30	64
Rita Steinhauer	0	19	19	15	15	34	34

Subject: Reflections, not in Water

Award:

“Cathedral Reflection” by Rita Steinhauer

Honorable Mention:

“Sunset Reflection” by Beverly Cellini

Open:

Award:

“Mist in the Trees” by Al Schwecke

Honorable Mention:

“Helen Hunt Falls” by Ted McWhorter

Table 1-2

DIGITAL COMPETITION - MONTHLY STANDINGS AS OF FEB 2018							
	PREV CUM TO	SUBJECT		OPEN		TOTAL	
		CURRENT M	YTD	CURRENT M	YTD	CURRENT M	YTD
Debi Boucher	34	0	16	0	18	0	34
Bruce Du Fresne	0	16	16	17	17	33	33
Ted Griffith	36	0	21	20	35	20	56
Bill Holm	29	15	28	15	31	30	59
Ted McWhorter	27	14	26	10	25	24	51
Debbie Milburn	32	19	33	19	37	38	70
Karen Morris	27	14	26	15	30	29	56
Ken Roberts	14	0	0	0	14	0	14
Liz Stokes	15	0	0	8	23	8	23
Al Swanson	0	9	9	11	11	20	20
Jim Van Namee	38	19	35	15	37	34	72



“Which Way is Out” by Jim Van Namee

Subject: Reflections, Not in Water

Awards:

“Which Way is Out” by Jim Van Namee

“Reflections of History” by Debbie Milburn

Honorable Mentions:

“Trinity Church Reflections on the Hancock Tower” by Al Swanson

“Air Show Crowd” by Bruce du Fresne

Open:

Awards:

“Dusty River Fiddler” by Al Swanson

“Stargazer” by Ted Griffith

Honorable Mentions:

“Electric Lines” by Debbie Milburn

“Derelict” by Bruce du Fresne

Table 1-1

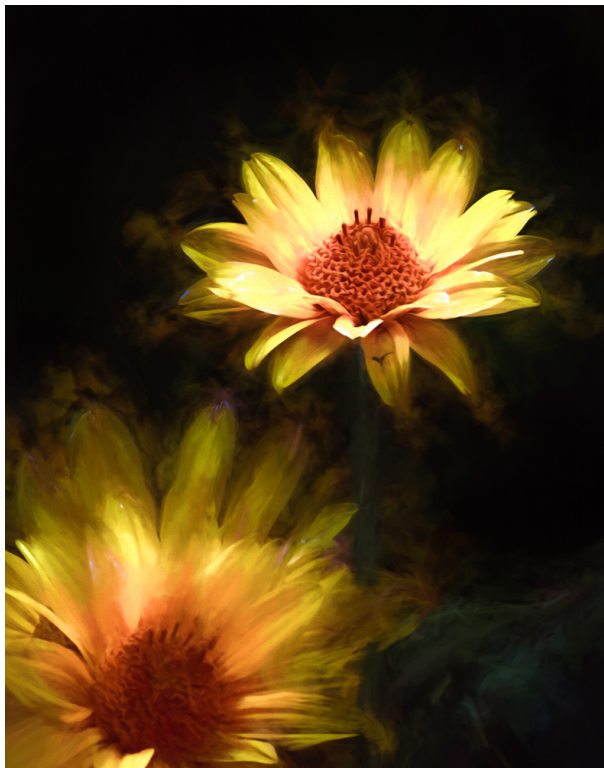
CREATIVE DIGITAL COMPETITION - MONTHLY STANDINGS AS OF FEB 2018					
	PREV	OPEN			
	CUM TC	CURRENT	MTD		
Debi Boucher	9	0	9		
Ted Griffith	12	11	23		
Bill Holm	7	7	14		
Debbie Milburn	8	9	17		

Award:

“Yellow Dreams ” by Ted Griffith(see below)

Honorable Mention:

“Spirit of the Wind” by Debbie Milburn



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

KAREN MORRIS

I've come to the conclusion that ~ for me~ this year is all about learning... from learning how to fulfill all the duties and expectations of president (as Debi did so efficiently and graciously), to learning about my new cameras, and to learning how to become a better photographer.

As I read a previous President's Corner, written by Jim Van Namee, I was reminded of several suggestions he offered, to help us and challenge us to become better photographers. I think they are worthy of review. His purpose was to urge us to learn how to photograph new and different ways. He challenged us to:

1. Get up close to your subject
2. Avoid centering your subject
3. Learn manual photography (a huge challenge for me)
4. Add more color to your photos
5. Do what you would never do, stepping outside your comfort zone

As I've visited Cloutier's fotografic, Mike's Cameras, and Cameraworks, I've learned more about the services they offer, and about the ways they continue to promote and support our camera club and our members. Cloutier's (formerly Godec's) has changed its focus, and now offers only photographic services, choosing to abandon the retail market. While selling used equipment to Cameraworks, I discovered a wonderfully concise and informative book, "Colorado's Best Photography Locations, Also Great for Sightseeing" by Andy Cook. Mike's Cameras monthly workshops

are impressive: Garden of the Gods walk and photo, digital photography from intro to advanced, and maybe the most unique way to learn new photo techniques is the "Drink & Click." This is a lively event where participants can test the latest cameras and lenses in a "content rich environment." Check out Mike's website for more info about this event, to be held in April and September, at the Phantom Canyon Brewing Company, downtown.

We have so many opportunities and ways to learn about photography. Picture Correct offers a wealth of information and video tutorials on subjects like capturing moon shots. Eli Vega, photo artist, will be in Colorado March 7-19, and offers 1:1 or small group instruction, and tailors lessons based on needs and challenges. If interested, you can e-mail him to make a reservation at vegaphotoart@gmail.com

Make this a year to learn something new about photography, and a year in which you challenge yourself to try something out of your comfort zone.

Karen Morris

Socrates...

Education is the kindling of a flame ~ not the filling of a vessel

The Story Behind the Photo.....

This is a section in the newsletter where each month I ask certain club members to share their story on how they took their award winning photo.

“Reflections of History”

by

Debbie Milburn

Cover Photo of this Newsletter

I was downtown looking for reflections. This image was taken by Plaza of the Rockies. I was able to catch the Pioneer Museum in the window. It was shot at f11, 1/400, 35mm. I processed the image in Photoshop and applied a topaz black and white filter. I think the image has a nostalgic feel.



“Dusty River Fiddler” by Al Swanson

I attended a local bluegrass festival in Casa Grande, Arizona, last month. There were about a dozen or so regional bands that were performing that day. This fiddler was performing in one of the bands. It was an outdoor performance and the lighting was pretty good. So I took several images of her. Postprocessing included blurring most of the background, brightening some heavy shadowed areas and adding soft tone to the facial features. A small vignette was added to eliminate some extraneous background. All in all the festival was more than just entertaining. I didn't think I liked bluegrass music very much but I'm changing my mind.



“Cathedral Reflection” by Rita Steinhauer

This shot was among twenty photos I took while visiting the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, CA in July, 2017. It was the last day of my visit to a friend in Orange County, CA. We got up early to take photos of the beach, but it was a cool, cloudy day, so my friend suggested the Cathedral instead. While there we learned that the original building was sold to the Catholic Church recently (the original Reformed Church founded by Robert Schuller had filed for bankruptcy in 2013). The actual church was closed for renovation until 2019 when it will then be formally known as Christ Church of the Roman Catholic Diocese.

While there, the sun came up, so it was perfect timing and the reflections around the building were everywhere. This shot was about the 10th one I took with my trusty Canon Power Shot SX50HS. I believe the camera was on automatic (f/4, 1/250, ISO160). In iPhoto I did brighten it up a bit and crop it to try to frame it with the lovely palm trees.

2018 MONTHLY COMPETITION SUBJECTS

January - Low Key...dark and moody

February - Reflections - Not in Water (ie glass, metal,etc.)

March - Stormy weather

April - Light Trails - slow shutter speed resulting in light trails.

May - Negative space - Minimalism (if you have questions, Google it!)

June - Come Fly with Me - birds (man-made as part of the scene is OK!)

July - I'm Going Buggy - Macro or close up of insects

August - Shadows

September - Fences

October - Still Life

November - People at work

December - Salon Dinner and Awards

2 ENTRIES FOR SUBJECT, 2 ENTRIES FOR OPEN, 1 ENTRY FOR CREATIVE.

PSA News.....

Here are the pictures that won an Honorable Mention Award.

Nature Division from October 15th entries :

Debbie Milburn - Mesa Arch Sunburst

Debi Boucher - Dancing Sand

Travel Division from November 15 entries:

Debbie Milburn - Arches Nig



