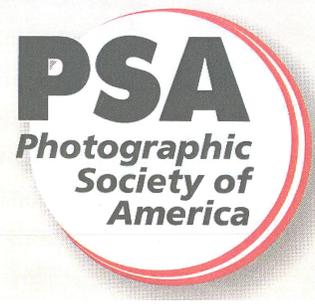




This club was established in 1930 and is believed to be the oldest club in Colorado. Meetings are held at 7 PM on the second Wednesday of each month at the Living Hope Church, 640 Manitou Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO. **Next Meeting - April 13**



THE VIEWFINDER



“Abandoned House” by Debbie Milburn

Read the story of this photo on Page 8

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Table 1

PRINT COMPETITION - MONTHLY STANDINGS AS OF MAR 2016							
	PREV CUM TOT	SUBJECT		OPEN		TOTAL	
		CURRENT MONTH	YTD	CURRENT MONTH	YTD	CURRENT MONTH	YTD
Debi Boucher	0	0	0	11	11	11	11
Beverly Cellini	54	14	41	17	44	31	85
Al Schwecke	63	0	33	0	30	0	63
Mary Smith	0	10	10	0	0	10	10
Rita Steinhauer	62	16	45	13	46	29	91
Liz Stokes	0	0	0	7	7	7	7
Al Swanson	21	0	0	9	30	9	30
Jacqueline Vignone	36	13	31	17	35	30	66
Melinda Walls	0	0	0	7	7	7	7

Subject: Architectural Element

Award:

“Old Staircase” by Mary Smith

Honorable Mention:

“Mission Bells” by Rita Steinhauer

Open:

Award:

“Dairy Barn” by Debi Boucher

“War Dance” by Jacqueline Vignone

Honorable Mention:

“Below Watson Falls” by Al Swanson

“Colors” by Beverly Cellini

Table 1-1

DIGITAL COMPETITION - MONTHLY STANDINGS AS OF MAR 2016							
	PREV CUM TOT	SUBJECT		OPEN		TOTAL	
		CURRENT MONTH	YTD	CURRENT MONTH	YTD	CURRENT MONTH	YTD
Debi Boucher	78	15	52	17	58	32	110
Bruce Du Fresne	75	15	55	22	57	37	112
Nancy Ellis	0	0	0	7	7	7	7
Bill Holm	58	20	48	13	43	33	91
Debbie Milburn	64	17	50	13	44	30	94
Jerry Moldenhauer	16	0	0	0	16	0	16
Karen Morris	51	19	43	13	40	32	83
Art Porter	13	0	8	0	5	0	13
Tim Starr	61	13	38	18	54	31	92
Liz Stokes	0	13	13	0	0	13	13
Ralph Streifel	64	0	30	0	34	0	64
Al Swanson	58	15	44	0	29	15	73
Jacqueline Vignone	23	14	25	12	24	26	49

Subject: Architectural Element

Awards:

“Abandoned House” by Debbie Milburn

“Arches Across the Danube” by Karen Morris

Honorable Mentions:

“Inside Shove” by Bill Holm

“Teller County Doorway” by Bill Holm

Open:

Awards:

“Mountain Lake in Winter” by Tim Starr

“Noe Rd Farmhouse” by Bruce du Fresne

Honorable Mentions:

“Men at Work” by Bruce du Fresne

“Harvest” by Debi Boucher

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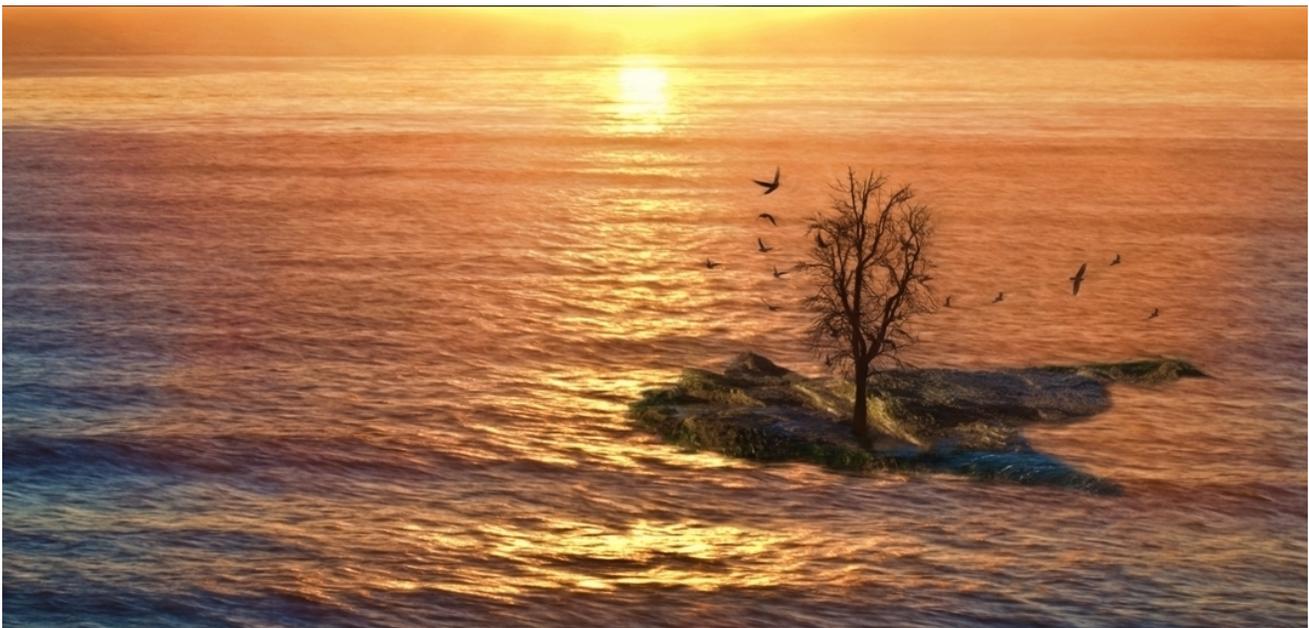
CREATIVE DIGITAL - MONTHLY STANDINGS AS OF MAR 2016				
	PREV CUM TOT	OPEN		
		CURRENT MONTH	YTD	
Debi Boucher	21	12	33	
Bill Holm	14	7	21	
Debbie Milburn	21	9	30	

Award:

“Island” by Debi Boucher

Honorable Mention:

“This was our Home” by Debbie Milburn



“Island” by Debi Boucher

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

DEBI BOUCHER

Thanks much to Rita Steinhauer and Bill Stanley for coming early and sharing proper matting techniques to interested members before the March meeting. Rave reviews were unanimous, and all who attended appreciated your time and effort!

We've had some very nice weather this winter, (sprinkled in among blizzards and howling winds), and I hope you have had a chance to get out and shoot. For those days where it's just not practical, we have a couple competition subjects coming up this year, Portraits and Details, and either would be great opportunities for indoor shooting. Consider those things (or people ;) you might have lying about the house that would make terrific images, and creative ways you might find to interpret them.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming workshops. Jonathan Betz, a professional Colorado Springs portrait photographer, will be presenting a portrait workshop for us and our guests on April 27, and our own Jim Van Namee will present a focus stacking workshop on June 22. You won't want to miss either one!

Did you know that a soft, out-of-focus background has a name? "Bokeh" is a Japanese word that translates to 'blur' or 'haze'. The effect is achieved by focusing closely on your subject and allowing the background to be out-of-focus. The look of the bokeh is affected by the settings of your camera, and can vary from lens to lens. [Here's](#) an article about how achieve a beautiful bokeh in your images.



Hu Jieqiong by Jonathan Kos-Read, on Flickr

Happy shooting! Debi

Photography is a major force in explaining man to man -Edward Steichen

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.

**Abandoned House
by
Debbie Milburn**

Cover Photo of this Newsletter

This old abandoned house was near Cripple Creek on the road to American Eagle Mine Overlook. It was a fun day of exploring the surroundings of Cripple Creek. As you explore and find the treasures of the past, you can't help but imagine the stories of this old house.

I used my wide angle lens and shot at f11 with 16mm. Most of my processing is done in Nik. I use the Color Efex Pro and finish in Silver Efex Pro.



“Mountain Lake in Winter” by Tim Starr

In February 2016, my George and I started out from the Bear Lake parking lot of Rocky Mountain National Park in northern Colorado on a snowshoe hike to visit the wonderful lakes going up the valley toward Hallett Peak. The day was overcast and not particularly cold, with the snow level at Bear Lake not overly deep. At about 11:00 AM, we started hiking along the established trail to the first of the three lakes, Nymph Lake. After a wrong turn and some interesting bushwhacking we again arrived at Nymph Lake! Once we got our bearings again we headed on to Dream Lake, where this image was captured. The lake was frozen to the bottom so we walked across to pick up the trail again to Emerald Lake.

About halfway across Dream Lake I noticed this nice foreground of rocks and ice patterns with the peaks looming in the background in front of a dramatic sky. My mind's eye envisioned the final development in monochrome, but I shot in RAW intending to do the conversion later in Lightroom. I set my camera to ISO 200, zoomed out the widest focal length available on the lens I had with me (28mm), aperture priority mode, automatic white balance, set a +1 stop exposure compensation (because of the white of the snow), and stopped down to f11 to try and get a fairly deep depth of field while keeping the shutter speed to a decent handholding time (1/125 sec) as I was not carrying a tripod. I knelt down, set focus to about a third the way into the scene, held my breath with my elbows to my side and gently pressed the shutter. A quick check of the histogram confirmed my exposure retained all the shadow and highlight detail, then a quick zoom-in check confirmed sharpness.

We were then on to Emerald Lake where we had a bit of a treat. A mountain guide was there holding an avalanche survival course, so we eavesdropped on his lecture about the history and nuances of that section of the park. During this time a backcountry skier headed down a seemingly impossible steep snow line between enormous rocks about 1000 ft above us! After a rest and a snack we retraced our steps back to Bear Lake. I think we ended up snowshoeing about 5 miles, counting our unplanned scenic tour near Nymph Lake.

I later developed the image in Lightroom, then applied a bit more post-processing in Photoshop with Nik plug-ins for contrast adjustment and monochrome conversion. After removing some dust spots, I performed high pass sharpening to bring out more of the details. I am very happy I had the privilege to witness and share this beautiful moment of time and place.

2016 MONTHLY COMPETITION SUBJECTS

January - Into the Night...shot after dark

February - Get down,Get down...Shooting from a low vantage point

March - Architectural Element...window, door, facade, trim,stairs, etc.

April - **City Lights**

May - Wabi-Sabi...Ruined, decayed, weathered

June - Portrait...of people

July - Wildlife...may be a zoo shot, but not show anything man made

August - Details... close up or Macro **September - Make me laugh**

October - From on High...Shooting from a high vantage point.

November - Beautiful Blur...Demonstrating In Camera Movement (ICM) i.e. zoom, panning

December - Salon Dinner and Awards

TRAVEL TALK

by Nancy Ellis and David Bina

1. *Here is a good website that shows what events are happening in National Parks in the state you choose.*

<http://www.nps.gov/findapark/event-search.htm>

2. *Here is a link for Colorado State Parks.*

<http://cpw.state.co.us/>

3. *For those of you who do not have a 2016 calendar yet or don't like the one you chose, David found this great calendar.*

Click on the link below to display and print the latest 2016 Hooters Calendar.

[2016 Hooters Calendar](#)

4. Finally, this is an actual complaint received by "Thomas Cook Vacations" from dissatisfied customers.

"The roads were uneven and bumpy, so we could not read the local guide book during the bus ride to the resort. Because of this, we were unaware of many things that would have made our holiday more fun."

Things to Know.....

I. For those of you who might have forgot, please read the following from Liz Stokes, our Field Trip Coordinator:

I have scheduled a field trip to the Rocky Mountain Wildlife Foundation in Guffey for Saturday April 30. We will meet Mark Johnson of the Foundation at the Bull Moose Restaurant at 10 am for a 50 min. presentation, have lunch at the Bull Moose Restaurant, and then go up to photograph the wolves for an hour or two. The tour is free of charge so it would be nice if those going would please bring a donation for the Foundation, they are 503C Foundation so donations are tax deductible.

Mark limits group visits to 20 people, currently have 10 members going

We can discuss carpooling when the trip is closer.

Thanks, Liz



“Old Staircase” by Mary Smith



“Inside Shove” by Bill Holm



“Arches Across the Danube” by Karen Morris

