



Out of Focus

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2 Meeting
Sing 17 Challenge Chair:
Vickie Barnhill

December 7 Meeting -
Annual Christmas Auction;
Zoo Shoot Competition

January 4 Meeting - Jim
Dawson will speak

February 1 Meeting -
Sherri Mash, Children's
Photographer

March Meeting - Art Fabian
will speak.

April Meeting - Mike Wil-
liams, Photographer from
ODNR

JUDGING

Judging is one of the responsibilities of being a member. Please judge if you are asked. It should only happen once a year.

HAPPY SEVENTEENTH BIRTHDAY, FOCUS PHOTO CLUB !

Focus Photo Club was born in November, 1989, the brainchild of Nancy Roach and Brook Brandewie. For several years, the club met at the Montgomery County CTC, where they both taught. We then moved to Cox, then Wegerzyn then Cox, then Wegerzyn, then back to Cox, where we've been since the new building was completed. Charter Members who still belong include Vickie Barnhill, Carol Blackburn, Tom Entingh, Tim Highley, T.J. Highley, and John Roach, in addition to Nancy and Brook.

TONIGHT!

Sing 17 Challenge Slide Show

Vickie Barnhill, with the help of Louise Haws, has put together tonight's slide show using photos taken by Focus Photo Club members who accepted the challenge to shoot photos inspired by a list of seventeen song titles. Vickie came up with the list of titles, and even provided those who wanted them with the lyrics to the songs, to give them inspiration for their shots. Thanks, Vickie and Louise, for all your hard work! This should be a lot of fun.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AUCTION

The December meeting will feature our annual Christmas auction. Santa will be the auctioneer. Each person should bring a wrapped gift, having to do with photography, that is worth approximately \$20. Gifts may be new or used, but should be in good condition. It is a blind auction, so you don't know what you're getting when you bid. Remember, all proceeds go to the club and help us keep our annual dues affordable.

President's Corner

William Lutzenberger (1853-1941)

Dayton has several photographers who are a legend in their own time.

Allow me to introduce you to photographer William Lutzenberger, who became one of Dayton's pictorial historians.

He was born December 11, 1853 in his parents' home on West Third St. in Dayton over a grocery store operated by his father.

Lutzenberger attended YMCA night school and studied mechanical drawing. He worked 35 years with the Roberts Pump Co. and 29 years as a draftsman with the Dayton Pipe Coupling Co., retiring in 1934 at age 80. He also taught mechanical drawing for 25 years at the YMCA Night School.

His favorite hobby was photography. He designed and made his own camera. He took his photos early in the morning on Sundays and holidays and some of his best pictures were taken with a half-hour exposure at dawn.

Many of his photographs show landmarks of Dayton which have disappeared over the years. Mr. Lutzenberger died in 1941. His collection was purchased for the Dayton Public Library, with the help of community donors in the mid-1940's.

The Lutzenberger photographs are a community treasure and one of the most complete pictorial histories of Dayton. This collection includes close to 700 photographs of downtown buildings, 1886-1930. Most of the photographs in the collection have negatives that may be borrowed to make prints. To borrow negatives, contact the Local History Room at the Dayton Metro Library, (937)496-8654.

ZOO SHOOT COMPETITION

At the December meeting, there will be a competition featuring photos taken at the Zoo Shoot on October 7. Each person who attended the Zoo Shoot may enter three photos. Those attending were Mary West, Tom Entingh, Margarett Hyden, Ray Titcombe, Laura James, Louise Haws and friend Nick, and Pat McCarthy. It was a lovely day and the animals were quite active.

FALL SHOOTOUT AT HOCKING HILLS

Twenty-two members and friends of Focus Photo Club had a great weekend shooting at Hocking Hills. Color wasn't at its peak yet, but everyone had fun. Sixteen people stayed at the house that Tim's friend lent us. We had dinner there Friday and Saturday nights, breakfast Saturday and Sunday, and lunch on Sunday. Saturday's dinner was a wiener roast and we sat around the fire, talking, singing, and experimenting with shooting the campfire and faces by firelight.

Professional Photographers of Ohio

The Professional Photographers of Ohio, better known as PPO, will again have its annual convention at the Dayton Convention Center. The convention will be held from February 28-March 5. The Trade Show and Print Competition will be on Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4. There is no admission charge for the exhibit of the prints. There is a charge for the trade show, but you can pick up a lot of freebies there, as well as learning about new photographic products and their uses. We usually plan to meet there and attend as a group, then eat at a nearby restaurant. More on this later, but mark your calendars. It's always interesting.

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Smoky Mountain Trip

Shoot the Hills

The third week in April, some of our club members travel to Hocking Hills for their annual Shoot the Hills Photo Competition. This year it will be from April 20-22. You need to arrive on Friday and register by noon. You then have 24 hours to shoot in several counties around the park. There are both a film division and a digital division. Film contestants are given a roll of slide film, which they turn in on Saturday noon. Sunday morning they can get their slides and use light tables and loupes to choose those they want to enter. Digital entrants will burn the photos they wish to enter to a CD. On Sunday afternoon, the photos are shown and the winners are presented their prizes. It's a beautiful area for

Competition Tip

Remember, you can enter two photos in one category and four photos total. Make sure Small Prints are not larger than 5x7. Photos for the Open Categories should be between 8x10 and 12x16.

Now's the time to plan ahead for the trip to the Smoky Mountains in April. Julie Guenther, a member of both Focus Photo Club and Tripod Camera Club, leads the trip for both clubs. This is a chance to get to know some of the people from the other Dayton club, as well as getting in some great photography. Julie has led this trip for many years and she knows all the best places to shoot and the right time to be there for optimum lighting. We get special rates at a motel in Townsend. More information later, but put this on your calendar. You don't want to miss it!

MACRO SHOT

Laura James is in the spotlight for this month's macro shot.

Laura has been attending Focus Photo Club meetings for four or five months. (Time gets away from you when you're having fun!) She joined after going to a party where she spoke to someone there who was a member of the club. "He told me when you met, where you met, and I just went there." Laura attended several meetings where she was bitten by the club bug, and finally joined "like three months ago."

Laura's husband, Michael, bought her a camera (a Kodak 6490) for her birthday in January of 2005. She shot a few photos back then, but when she began playing around with the Kodak software that came with the camera, she thought, "WOW! This is cool!" She's quick to credit Michael for starting the whole shebang.

In addition to her camera, Laura also has a tripod that she uses for EVERYTHING. In addition to her shooting gear, she also owns an HP Office Jet printer, and prints all of her own photos.

Laura took 3rd place in the Wegerzyn's contest with a shot of a water lily. "I think I took a second place with that same shot at Focus." In October, Laura took her first first-place ribbon! Woo Hoo!

Laura works as a physical therapist for Fidelity Healthcare. When she's not working or taking photographs, Laura loves to spend her time gardening or working with stained glass.

When asked, "If you could photograph one person, place, thing or event, who or what would it be and why," Laura responded to all of the above: *Person*: Mel Gibson because he's HOT! *Place*: Paris because it was my grandparent's favorite place; *Thing*: The Tuilleries (Marie Antoinette's gardens) because they're supposed to be sooo beautiful; *Event*: A boxing match. I LOVE boxing.

Glad to have you, Laura!!!

-by Vickie Barnhill

October Top Ten

1. Bill Box	16
2. Terry Watson	14
Sally Oberbeck	14
Deb Simon	14
5. Terry Cavanaugh	13
6. Laura James	12
Ray Titcombe	12
8. Louise Haws	11
9. Pat McCarthy	9
Nancy Roach	9
Tom Entingh	9

GUIDELINES

Competition is open to all paid-up members of Focus Photo Club (dues must be current one week prior to competition.) Entry deadline is 7:10 p.m. on meeting night.. Each member may submit 4 entries, no more than 2 in any one category. Competition rules can be found in the Constitution,

Monthly Themes

November	Hi-Key/Lo-Key
December	Frosty
January	Signs
February	Carved in Stone
March	Water
April	Animals
May	Shoot a Member

Icon Achievers

50 Points

Terry Watson

25 Points

Nancy Roach
John Murphy
Tom Entingh
Mary West
Joyce Willis
Jack Hammond
Laura James

OCTOBER COMPETITION - UP CLOSE

Small Print Open

1. Gazebo at Brookhaven - Laura James
 2. Silent Flight - Terry Watson
 3. At a Snail's Pace - Dick Ermlich
- HM - Greaser - Crystal Allen
HM - Greek Church - Marilyn Calondis

Small Print Theme

1. Dragonfly - Deb Simon
 2. Brilliance - Laura James
 3. Here's Looking at You - Jeff Showalter
- HM - Jeans - Mary West
HM - Green Frog - Marilyn Calondis
HM - Garden Visitor - Louise Haws

COLOR OPEN

1. Coming into Petra - Sally Oberbeck
 2. Foggy Morning - Dan Swart
 2. Little Bandit II - Terry Watson
- HM - Tricolored Heron - Marilyn Calondis
HM - Vermont Summer - Joyce Willis
HM - Eagle - Dan Swart
HM - Going for a Cruise - Ken Kennard
HM - Franklin Park Butterfly - Pat McCarthy
HM - Red Phase Screech Owl - Pat McCarthy

COLOR THEME

1. Left Only - Deb Simon
 2. Hummingbird 1 - Vickie Barnhill
 2. Window Sill - John Murphy
- HM - Claire - Laura Sharp
HM - Dragonfly - Laura Sharp
HM - Showy Lily - Louise Haws
HM—Sunny Honey Bees - Louise Haws

Black & White Open

1. Antarctic Mountains - Sally Oberbeck
 2. Old Bicycle - Pat McCarthy
 3. Old Ford - Ray Titcombe
- HM - Elizabeth # 1 - Tom Entingh
HM - Sales - Ray Titcombe

1. Unlocked - Tom Entingh
 1. Butterflies - Ray Titcombe
 3. Door Knob - Linda Rabius
- HM - Butterfly - Ray Titcombe
HM - Train Rivets - Mary West

SLIDE OPEN

1. Dragonfly - Bill Box
 2. Fisherman - Terry Cavanaugh
 2. Who Are You? - Terry Cavanaugh
- HM - Blue Heron Landing - Bill Box
HM - WWII Sub in for Repair - Dick Ermlich

SLIDE THEME

1. Dogwood Blossom - Bill Box
 2. Yellow Flower - Bill Box
 2. Tulip - Terry Cavanaugh
- HM - Skink - Dave Berry
HM - Webs - Dave Berry
HM - Close-up - David Wood

EXTENDED OPEN

1. Rocket Man - Terry Watson
 2. Open Window - Nancy Roach
 3. Angkor Ruins and Banyan Tree - Sally Oberbeck
 3. Texture - John Murphy
- HM - Pioneer Farm - Deb Simon

EXTENDED THEME

1. Fly - Nancy Roach
 1. Pencils Close Up - Nancy Roach
 1. My Little Angel - Louise Haws
- HM—Chrome Green - Deb Simon
HM - Nature's Beauty - Laura James