



Message from the President

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Speaking of the Georgia National Fair Photo Contest ... It is time to start thinking about your entries. The 2011 Fair Theme is "Fair Fever ~ Catch It !!!

The "I Spy" category for this year is "Texture". The 2012 "I Spy" category will be "Steeple."

Dates to mark on your calendars:

Pre-Registration deadline for the Photo Contest via U.S. Mail or On-line is Thursday, **September 8, 2011. The same entry management software program that was used for the 2010 Fair will** It is hard to believe June is upon us already. As we begin to think about summer vacations I wish you all safe travels and great photo opportunities. I look forward to seeing your wonderful images in our next Cycle competitions as well as in the Georgia National Fair Photo Contest.

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be used again this year.

Turn in for all Photography Entries will be **Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17.**

Judging of Beginning Entries will be on **Saturday, October 1**

Judging of Advanced/Open Entries will be on **Saturday, September 24**

Volunteers will be needed on both Judging Days

Schedule Changes you need to be aware of are as follows:

There will be a limit of 20 Photography Entries for each Exhibitor. They can all be color or all black and white or a mix of the two. In no case will more than two entries be allowed in any of the ten classes from an exhibitor.

No image can be entered more than once.

No image in the PJ class, which allows a sequence of images, will be allowed to overlap. This overlapping caused some problems in the 2010 entry process. We will continue our regular meeting schedule through the summer (including July 7). Binks and Chuck continue to plan very interesting and informative programs so come as often as you can.

Happy Summer !

Jan

CLUB BUSINESS

- When entering prints for cycle competitions, please pay fees at the meeting for the shipping charges and don't forget the size requirements as well.
- Please pay the fees for digital entries as well.
- ENTER SOME PHOTOS! The review of the judges is very helpful in taking better pictures.

- Upcoming Fieldtrips-
-Continue to monitored the website as well as check for emails for upcoming fieldtrips. Sharman continues to look for new places with great photo opportunities. If you have ideas or suggestions, let her know.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW MGCC MEMBER!

Kase Jameson

Chief interest: Digital photography, digital imaging editing, lighting, printing, camera knowledge, composition.

Subject Interest: Nature, landscape, underwater.

Camera: Canon T2i

Like to learn: Lenses, better photography through critique.

Learned about club: Through Facebook



2011 OFFICERS

President:

Janice Thiese

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**Binks Solomon
Charles Kulpa**

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Charles Martin

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Calendar of Events

1st Meeting: June 2nd. 7:30.
Viewing of 2nd cycle prints.
Viewing of May's topic: Flowers.
Send entries to Binks Solomon.
Also viewing 1st cycle digital entries. PHOTO SHOOTING STATION by Chuck Kulpa.

2nd Meeting: June 16th. 7:30
Focus groups meet at 7:00. Bring your cameras and manuals.
Guest Speaker Photographer Pauls S. Abell, former team photographer for Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Atlanta Braves. He now has his own business featuring event photography, MLB and NCAA sports photography, portraits and architectural photography.

Turn in dates for Cycle Competition

PRINT-

3rd Print Due: July 21st

Bring prints to meeting on these dates.

DIGITAL-

2nd Digital Photo Due: August 20th by midnight (the Saturday after the second meeting).

3rd Digital Photo Due: November 5th by midnight (the Saturday after the first meeting).

-There are two categories: color and monochrome.

-Cost for entering prints is \$2.00 per category. Digital entries is \$1.00.

-Number of images allowed: Three per category.

Better Shooting

With these windy days, many may find it hard to get sharp images out in the field using a tripod. Since the tripod tends to transmit vibration to the camera, there are several techniques one can use to minimize that problem.

Collapse the tripod so that its as close to the ground as possible. Hang extra weight from the center of the tripod. It helps to have a hook at the base of the center column where you can attach a camera bag, a bag of sand, bottle of water or even a rope that you can step on to increase the tripods rigidity.

When shooting next to a vehicle on the road , it helps to position yourself next to it and use as a wind break. Also consider shooting early in the morning or late in the day when its usually less windy

By George Lepp



Exploring Light and Creativity

Photography by Alan Thiese



Photo Opportunities this Month

June 4 – 11th. Georgia Peach Festival. In Byron the first weekend and Fort Valley the second weekend. See gapeachfestival.com or call (478) 825-3735.

June 3rd (6-9p.m.) and 4th (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Daylily Festival. Gray. In the shade of the pecan orchard of Gray Elementary School and other venues, visitors will find over 100 craftsmen and exhibitors, food, a Teddy Bear Parade, (at 11am) a car show, fun run and a daylily flower show and more. See gsbht.com or call (478) 986-5199. \$1 admission.

June 11-12th. 10 a.m. to 5p.m. "Fried Green Tomatoes" 20th Anniversary Celebration. Juliette. Featuring a showing of the film, vendors, food, antiques and more. Costume contest; winner will most accurately portray a character from the film.

June 11th. Heart of the Dragon Festival. Lake Tobesofkee's Sandy Beach. Teams of 20 paddlers will be competing in timed heats in 40 foot boats adorned with dragon's head and tail. See macondragonboats.org or call (478) 475-3984.

Visit our website at: www.MGCC.ws

The Middle Georgia Camera Club meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 565 Wimbish RD, Macon

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



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