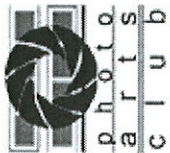
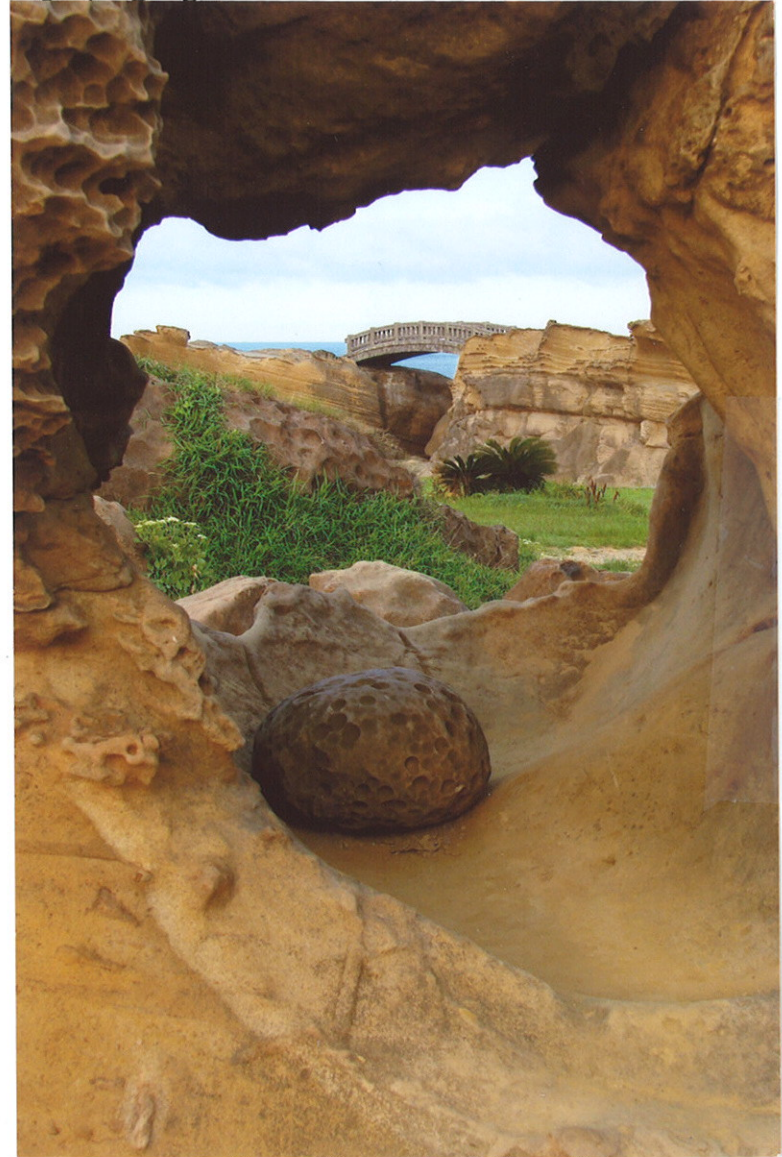


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Coming Attractions

March 4 – Wednesday – Clubhouse – Photoshop Elements Group – 7-9 pm

March 5 – Thursday – Conference Center – Learning your camera's histogram – Program presented by Steve Stalker. Cover contest

March 12 – Thursday – Board Meeting – Clubhouse – 7:30 – 9:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

March 19 – Thursday – No meeting.

March 20 – 29th – National Center for Nature Photography – PAC's Annual Photo Contest. Please see contest brochure for more details.

April 2 – Thursday – Conference Center – Corel Painter Presentation – 7:30 – 9:30 pm

April 9 – Thursday – Clubhouse – Board meeting – 7:30 to 9:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

April 16 – Thursday – Conference center – Monthly contest night – 7:30 to 9:30 pm

PAC Updates

Renewals and New Members: Mary Gautz, Jim Hagan and Chuck Sattler thank you for renewing your membership.

Monthly Contest and Cover Contest: After a month's break, the monthly contest was held and beautiful pictures were entered. Doug Sweet won the first prize with his picture titled - Sky on Fire. Larry Low won the second prize with his picture - A Change in Temperature. Third prize was awarded to Doug Sweet for another picture - Vintage Waco. Doug

Sweet was also awarded the honorable mention for a picture titled- Waiting. Way to go Doug!

Photoshop Elements Group: The Photoshop Elements group will be meeting again on March 4th at 7 pm at the PAC Clubhouse.

You may bring your laptop, but it is not required. You need not have attended prior meetings. Please email Steve Stalker (sstalker@ameritech.net) prior to the meeting so he knows how many handouts to make.

Elections are coming!!!!

PAC will hold its annual elections for the next year positions for the Officers and Board Members. Nominating Committee will be calling all members to prepare the ballot. If you are interested in running for any of the positions, please inform the current officers and board members or reply back to the Nominating Committee representatives. Please refer to Constitution and Bylaws of the PAC (available on the website) for more details on the roles and responsibilities of the officers and board members.

Volunteer Opportunities in 2009: There are several times throughout the year that TBG can use our members to volunteer their time while at the same time benefiting the club. Listed below are up coming events at TBG and the dates. Sometimes volunteers are needed the days of the event and other times volunteers are needed prior to the event to help in setup. Here is a preliminary list for 2009:

Spring Plant Sale May 7, 8, 9 & 10

First Sunday Open Art Days May 3; Jun 7; Jul 5; Aug 2

Crosby Festival of the Arts Jun 26, 27 & 28

Jazz in the Garden Concerts Jul 9, 16, 23 & 30

Aug 6, 13 & 20

Noon Tunes Fridays in July & August

Arts in the Garden Aug 2

Heralding the Holidays Dec 5, 6 & 7

Club Member's Photographs in "Shutterbug"

Steve Miller, PAC member, has been published in the Shutterbug magazine. The subject was trees and of course, Steve could not just take a shot of a tree. Check out Page 16 of the Shutterbug's March issue.

Learning your camera's histogram

Program for March 5 - Presented by Steve Stalker.

Improving your photography using your camera's histogram

- What is a histogram?
- Different types of histograms
- What does it tell you?
- What does it not tell you?
- Guidelines for using a histogram
- When to pay attention to the histogram
- When to ignore a histogram
- Basic editing using the histogram

This program will be held at the Conference Center along with the monthly cover contest. Feel free to bring a friend and your camera.

Photo Tips

Spring Photography Tips: If you are like me, you must be waiting for all the snow and cold weather to end to go out and start snapping again. While the weather may not have turned warm enough to go out yet, it gives us a chance to re-introduce ourselves with our camera and its various controls and functions. Pick up the camera manual and brush up on things and features that you may not have used in a while, such as how to allow exposure compensation, how to bracket, or just holding the camera and looking through the viewfinder may get your creative juices flowing. Some of us may be lucky and found a new camera equipment under our Christmas tree...this might be the time to start familiarizing yourself with that equipment. Happy shooting!

Monthly Photo Contest Rules

- You must be Photo Arts Club member to submit a photo
- You must be present to enter
- Photographic Prints:
 - Photo must be a minimum of 8"x10." Maximum size, including mat, is 16"x24."
 - Photo must be mounted on mount board and/or matted.
 - It is preferred that the photo not be framed nor contain glass.
 - Contest "sticker" must be on the back of photo.
- Titles, names or dates must not appear on front of photo.
- Judging will be done by volunteer judges using a 0-9 scale covering the three categories: Artistic, Technical and Composition. Total scores will be available at the conclusion of the contest.
- Decision of the judges is final.
- Board Members and judges reserve the right to exclude any photo that is deemed offensive, controversial, or otherwise inappropriate for our membership.

Hand-posing tips: When taking portrait pictures, the position of the hands and fingers can really make the picture very pleasing. Some basic tips to take care are often ignored:

- Never rest a head on a fist.
- Fingers should not be intertwined.
- Show finger edges but do not show flat surfaces of hands.
- Do not let the fingers face into the lens.
- Fingers should be bent at all joint points.
- Male hands should be more closed, female should be more open.

Annual Photo Contest

It is that time again!!! – Entries are open for Photo Arts Club of Toledo's Annual Photo Contest. All contest entries will be on display at the National Center for Nature Photography located at the Secor Metropark for two weekends in March (March 21-22 and March 29-30 – Saturday and Sundays).

Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday, March 20th from 6-9 pm at the National Center for Nature Photography.

Prizes and ribbons will be awarded in all categories for first, second, third and honorable mention. A best of show & peoples' choice will also be awarded. The categories are:

Color—People

Color—Places

Color—Flora

Color—Open

Color—Fauna

Black & White

Contest details and rules along with the labels are available on the Photo Contest brochure being circulated at various photography-related locations in and around Toledo. The contest brochure can be picked up from the Photo Arts Club of Toledo.

The contest is open to general public you can enter as many entries as you like.

PAC Online

Do you visit PAC web site often? Have you registered yourself on the forums? If not, go to www.PhotoArtsclubofToledo.com to look for information on club activities, upcoming attraction schedule, club photos, for sale items, forums, etc. The section titled Forums lets you post (once you join) questions, feedback, or a tip for other members. You can also post pictures for C&C or anything else that an online forum offers to build an online community. If you have not done so, please check out the above-mentioned link.

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