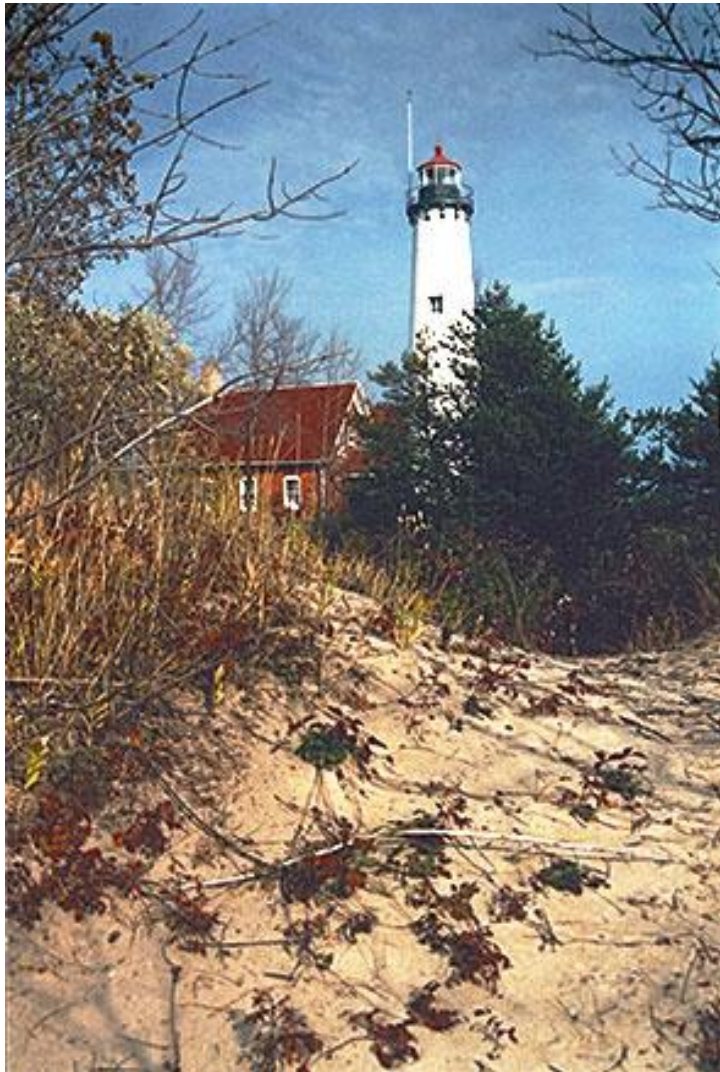




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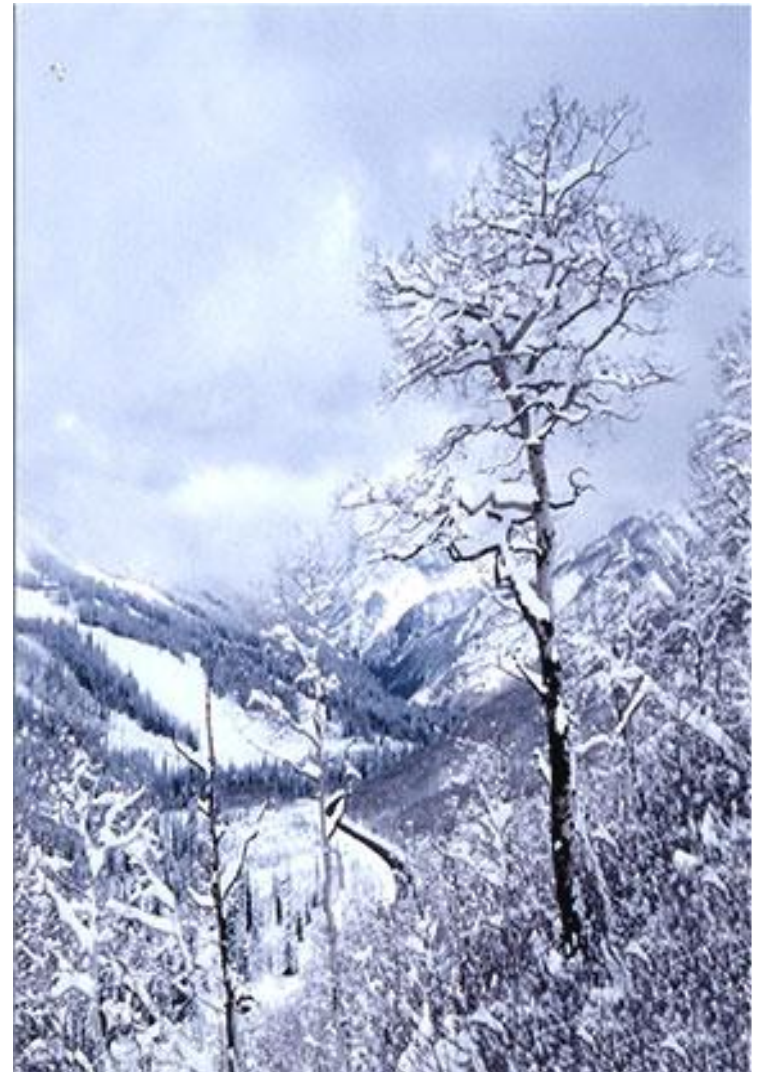


Joint Cover Photo Winner - Ben Anderson - Twasp Point Lighthouse



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Joint Cover Photo Winner - Ben Anderson - Approaching Storm <http://PhotoArtsClubofToledo.com>

Coming Attractions

December 2, 2010 - Thursday - Board Meeting - All are welcome to attend - Clubhouse - 7 pm.

December 9, 2010 - Thursday - Holiday Potluck and slideshow - Conference Center - 6:30 pm.

December 16, 2010 - Thursday - No meeting.

January 6, 2010 - Thursday - Histograms 101 by Steve Stalker and Cover Contest - 7 pm - Clubhouse

January 13, 2010 - Thursday - Board Meeting - All are welcome to attend - Clubhouse - 7 pm.

January 18, 2010 - Tuesday - IYP First Session - Trilby Church - 7 pm.

January 20, 2010 - Thursday - Monthly Contest - 7 pm - Clubhouse

PAC Updates

Membership: PACT welcomes John Kolasinski, Michael Fitzpatrick and Joyce Quinlivan as new members. PACT thanks Tajinder Singh, Cathy Douglas, Todd Grinonneau, and Donna Gottschalk for renewing their membership.

Elements Group: First Mondays of the month (To start again in Fall/Winter) - Clubhouse - 7 pm - Questions: e-mail Steve Stalker: sstalker@bex.net

Critique Group: First Tuesdays of the month (will restart after the IYP program) - Questions: email Joe Pizzuto: joepizzuto@yahoo.com

Studio Group: Second Saturdays of the month (To start again in Fall/Winter) - Clubhouse - 10 am - Questions: e-mail John Dillon: jdillon356@aol.com.

THOUGHTS ON WINTER PHOTOGRAPHY by Jim Hagan

Nature has much to offer photographers, yes, even in winter. You just have to look a little harder. Some thoughts on winter photography:

- Your camera meter will try to make your photos mid tone or gray. If you want to capture the brilliant white of a snow scene, you will have to increase your exposure by one or two stops.
- Warm clothing is a must!
- Cold has a very negative effect on batteries. Always carry a spare set and keep them warm.
- Coming in from the cold. If your camera has been exposed to the cold for a long time (probably several hours) and you bring it into a warm house you can have a problem with moisture condensing on the internal parts of your camera. You can avoid such problems by placing your camera in an airtight plastic bag before you bring it inside. I have never done this and have never had a problem probably because I am never out in the cold for very long.
- Shoot at dawn or dusk. If you shoot at midday, your photos will usually be too harsh with no shadows. You will find better natural light late in the afternoon or early in the morning.
- Opt for your camera's highest image quality setting.
- Night photography. Mount your camera on a tripod and use a self timer or cable release to capture subdued landscapes, lights of the city, or streaks of cars' taillights.
- A touch of color. Snow is pretty but can be boring. Add interest to your photos by including a colorful object or two in you composition.
- Moonlight on snow. Moonlit landscapes can be very interesting but are more so when they are on snow. The white snow reflects the dim moonlight giving you a bluish landscape containing far more detail than you'd get without the snow
- Look down. Don't just look over the landscape. Look down. Maybe you will see an interesting ice pattern.

Heralding the Holidays - Dec 3, 4 and 5

Heralding of the Holidays was a great success - not only because we had 500+ visitors but also because of the members and volunteers who were there at the Clubhouse to greet the visitors or who baked/donated cookies and goodies to keep the sweet tooth rolling. Thank you everyone you're your contribution and making this a great TBG event. I heard that even Santa paid a visit!! The clubhouse looked amazing with walls decked with those wonderful pictures and Holiday spirit all around.

Annual Christmas Potluck - December 9

The much-awaited event of the year - Our Annual Christmas Potluck - was another delight of delicious food and Al's compilation of members' pictures a treat for the eyes. Once again, thanks to Roxanne and Jennifer for being there and setting up the Conference Center for the evening - Terrific Job! Thank you all for bringing a dish for sharing with everyone. We had 22 photographers donate their pictures and thanks to Al's excellent DVD compilation, we had a 40-minute video of 300+ pictures. If you missed the food, you are out of luck, but you can still see the pictures by buying a copy of the DVD from Al for a buck (what a steal to see and get inspired with the pictures on display!).

***Please keep checking the PACT web site over the next few days to learn about the upcoming events in the year 2011. Annual Contest and IYP are fast approaching. IYP sessions have limited seating - register early. It could be a good add-on for your near and dear one who might be getting a camera from the Santa.

PACT wishes Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of our members and their family and friends!!

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