

Sharp Focus

CENTRAL IOWA CAMERA CLUB

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Greetings, Central Iowa Camera Club!

I have two urgent requests for your immediate consideration:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The nominating committee is proposing the following slate of officers for 2018:

Linda Eastman, President

Beth Murtha, Vice President

Amy Snyder, Secretary

Teresa Vokoun, Treasurer/Membership

Please cast your vote by sending an email to me at dagiese@mchsi.com at your earliest convenience!

DIGITAL CONTEST CHAIRPERSON

CICC still has no volunteer to take over the responsibility of the digital contests for next club year! I urge EACH OF OUR MEMBERS who enter digital images in our club contests regularly to seriously consider stepping forward to volunteer for this important role. Without a replacement for the faithful, retiring, Jim Svec (who has done this job for a number of years) the club will not be able to continue offering digital competition in our six yearly contests! Volunteers, PLEASE contact me immediately if you are willing to step up! Perhaps several individuals would consider working together or rotating contests to prepare the digital images for judging. Those of you who work with your photographs regularly on the computer would be ideal candidates for this position. WITHOUT A NEW CHAIRPERSON, THE CLUB WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO OFFER DIGITAL COMPETITION!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Those of you who entered photos in the Central Iowa Fair are to be commended on all of your creative images! CICC members Linda Eastman, David Giese, Rosemary Lyle, Beth Murtha, Vicki Otto, Doni Sheldon and Amy Snyder received Best of Show recognition at the fair. Their photos are now on display in Conference Room A of the Fisher Community Center. Images by Beth Murtha, our featured photographer, are also on display now through our first contest in October. Thanks to all of you who entered the open class competition at the Central Iowa Fair; Mary and I really appreciate your support!

NEXT CAMERA CLUB MEETING

Looking forward to seeing you September 6 at our first meeting of the coming program year!

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Club Meeting
September 6
Fisher Community
Center
7:00 pm

Statement of Purpose

The Central Iowa Camera Club exists to promote the understanding and practice of photography in Central Iowa. Membership is open to persons without regard to their photographic knowledge, experience, sex, age, race, or creed.

Meetings are held at Fisher Community Center at 7:00 p.m., the first Thursday of the month - September through June. Programs are planned to be of interest to beginning through advanced photographers and to those who enjoy viewing the photographic art.



Membership
Dues

Student Membership	\$10.00
Single Membership	\$20.00
Family Membership	\$27.00

Featured Photographer

June - July, 2018



Eric Dobbs *Marshalltown, Iowa*

Eric Dobbs knows sometimes photographers need to leave the beaten path to get the shots they want. And that might mean getting their tripod legs wet, or invading the space of people under a bridge at dusk in a large city – which is just what happened in the course of capturing the photo, “Stone Arch Bridge – Minneapolis.” He recounts: “The only way down to the spot with the best perspective was to hike a small trail down to the river to the underside of this massive bridge. I wanted to get there to capture the skyline at sunset, so we set out just before dusk. My wife came along with me, and we set up and waited for the best conditions. As dusk began to settle, a number of people came through the area for other unknown purposes, and the water level kept rising slightly on my tripod legs. Despite making my wife incredibly nervous, I came away with some great shots!”

Eric likes taking photos because, “It lets me show my perspective,” he says. “I really enjoy capturing something that is either meaningful to me personally, or is visually interesting, so that I can have the opportunity to enjoy it again, and to share it with others.” He especially enjoys experimenting with long exposure photography. “I love the sense of movement it can give to a photo,” he comments.

A native of Rapid City, South Dakota, Eric started taking pictures while traveling after college, but began considering photography as his hobby in 2014, after receiving his first DSLR camera. He found the capabilities and options of the camera sparked an interest in learning more about how to use them effectively. Currently, he uses a Canon T3, with a small selection of lenses which he uses variably, depending on his subject. He also uses Adobe Lightroom for some limited post-processing on the computer.

Eric works at Emerson, “Which is what brought me to Marshalltown in the first place,” he says. “My title is Steam Solutions Manager, and I lead a team of engineers responsible for quoting large, custom-designed valves to handle steam applications in power plants and other industrial plants.” He also likes to play guitar and enjoys traveling, “Though right now, life is especially full as I chase around my four sons, ages 6, 4, 2, and 2 months,” he observes.

Eric has been a member of the Central Iowa Camera Club for approximately four years. He cites, “Being plugged into a community of people with similar interests who can help encourage you and grow your knowledge base and skills,” as a major benefit of membership. He has won club recognition for his photos, and has exhibited at the Central Iowa Fair. “I would encourage anyone who has an interest in photography, regardless of skill level or equipment, to check out the Central Iowa Camera Club,” he states. “I have gained friends and a lot of great knowledge that has helped to grow my confidence and skill in photography.”

June Contest Club Winners

Flora & Fauna

Name	Color print				
Ed Siems		Adv.	43	1st	Foxy
Ed Siems		Adv.	43	2nd	Courting Pheasants
Linda Eastman		Adv.	38	3rd	Giant Alliums
David Giese		Adv.	38	Hm	Orchids in bloom
Amy Snyder		Int.	39	1st	African Blue Bellied Roller
Amy Snyder		Int.	39	2nd	Magnified flora
Mary Giese		Int.	37	3rd	Purple Iris
Vicky Otto		Nov.	32	1st	Daylily after the rain
Doni Sheldon		Nov.	32	2nd	Layover at Sand Lake
Doni Sheldon		Nov.	32	3rd	Time to eat!
David Giese	B/W print	Adv.	38	1st	A trick of nature
David Giese		Adv.	37	2nd	Welcome to the woods
Amy Snyder		Int.	39	1st	Stern Silverback
Denise Isaacson		Int.	35	2nd	Possum
Denise Isaacson		Int.	31	3rd	Week old Raccoon
Vicky Otto		Nov.	33	1st	Pelican on wharf
Dick Eberhart	Digital slide	Adv.	42	1st	Rosy reflection
Wilbur Hutchens	color	Adv.	41	2nd	A big splash of color
Ed Siems		Adv.	39	3rd	Great white heron
Beth Murtha		Int.	38	1st	Peony
Beth Murtha		Int.	37	2nd	Pink rose
Amy Snyder		Int.	35	3rd	Mating season
Dianna Mick		Nov.	36	1st	Here's looking at you kid
Dianna Mick		Nov.	28	2nd	Oh! I have been spotted
Ed Siems	Digital slide	Adv.	34	1st	Grebe, showing off
Scott Olson	b/w	Adv.	31	2nd	Delicate droplets
Scott Olson		Adv.	31	3rd	Shadow and light
Caralee Hutchens		Int.	30	1st	A specimen to behold
Dianna Mick		Nov.	32	1st	Beauty without color
Dianna Mick		Nov.	30	2nd	Stars