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NorthStar International

The 2009 NorthStar International Circuit of Nature Photography is a PSA sanctioned competition made up of six competitions rolled into one. The Minnesota Nature Photography Club is hosting one of the six sections (competitions) which we have done since this competition was established. By entering once you get your images judged six times. Each section is hosted by a different Minnesota or Wisconsin camera club and each is judged by a different panel of judges.

There are a couple of changes to this year's Circuit. First, this will be a digital-only competition. Second, the NorthStar will incorporate the Minnesota Botany International Competition. For 25 years the "Botany" has been a separate international competition sponsored by the Minnesota Nature club. However, as a stand alone niche competition the entries have been declining for several years. Combining it with the NorthStar allows us to continue to offer this specialized competition as well as allow the participants of the Circuit to enter additional images.

The deadline for entry is November 10, 2009. The entry form can be obtained from both the club website (www.minnesotanature.org) or the TCACCC website (www.cameracouncil.org).

The Minnesota Nature section will be judged on Saturday, December 12, 2009. We will need 4-5 people from the club to help with the mechanics of the judging. Contact Mike Prokosch if you can help out. The judging dates for the other sections are included on the entry form.

In next month's Times:

Photographing Coastal Brown Bears in Alaska
by Ron Winch.

Bryan Hansel is running a workshop for Community Ed in Grand Marais, MN.

The info can be found on his website here:
<http://www.bryanhansel.com>

Gales of November Photography Workshop

Date: Nov 14, 2009

Time: 9am - 5pm

Where: Grand Marais, MN

Min: 4

Max: 10

Cost: \$90

To register call 387-2000.

Spend a day capturing the fury of the Gales of November with photographer Bryan Hansel, www.bryanhansel.com. The class will start with a brief slide show exploring the ways to shoot water. Then the class will head out to several locations on Lake Superior taking advantage of whatever conditions we find ourselves in. If the lake is calm, we'll spend the time photographing Superior and practicing our techniques on local rivers and waterfalls. Whatever happens with the weather, this is a fun and instructive opportunity. Lake Superior Magazine wrote an article about last year's workshop!

Required: A camera (digital is best, manual controls is best), rain gear, umbrella, a car to travel to different locations, good hiking boots, multiple warm layers, multiple batteries and plenty of camera memory, backpack to carry your equipment and rain gear.

Recommended: A camera rain jacket, tripod, polarizer filter, lunch & water.

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**Minnesota Nature
Photography Club
September 2009 Salon
Scores**

Judge: John Pennoyer

Photographer	Title	Score
Rod Blesener	Pasque Trio	8
Jerry Hogeboom	Towering Mushrooms (W)	8
Paul Hoppe	Loon and Muskie	8
Jean McDonough	Dragon Fly No. 1	8
Lil Polley	Acorn	8
Carolee Ramos	August Sunrise	8
John Anderson	Mother Owl Morning Sun (W)	8
Lawrence Duke	Blue Stem Coyote (W)	8
Karl Fiegenschuj	Zion in Winter - Trees	8
Rick Graves	Columbine Dwellers	8
Jerry Hogeboom	Jaws (W)	8
David Hoyt	Plover Duo (W)	8
Lil Polley	Rabbit Cactus Patch	8
Carolee Ramos	Spider's Dewy Handiwork (W)	8
Florence Scholljegerdes	Bloodroot #1	8
Marilyn Gladitsch	Pink Indian Pipe	8
John Lamere	Woodland Drummer (W)	9
John Ringquist	Canadian Rockies 1	9
Tom Samuelson	Prairie Sunset	9
Marilyn Gladitsch	Partridge Berries	9
Eric Baker	Dancing Loon (W)	10
Ron Cleveland	Shooting Star Hill	10
Kristin Holty	Blue Prairie Flower	10
Larry Weinman	A Light Lunch (W)	10
Ron Cleveland	Black Hills Scene	10
Roger Williams	Kestrel	10
Roger Williams	Dinner Time	10
Jean McDonough	Crested Cara Cara Portrait	10
Don Sprecht	Wild Columbine	10
Dave Vichich	Couple of Bucks (W)	10

Upcoming Meeting Programs:

October Program:

"Capture the Moment"

Former Nature Club member Dale Bohlke will be presenting an "interactive" program on "Capturing the Moment." For the last several years Dale not only has been using his DSLR but has also expanded into shooting HD Video. He is requesting that you bring your camera and as he shows some videos of various wildlife subjects, it will up to you to capture the "defining" moment! This will be a totally different program from any that we have ever had before and I am looking forward to not only seeing this but participating also.

November program:

"Winter in the Badlands"

Rikk Flohr, club member and Twin Cities professional photographer will be presenting "Winter in the Badlands."

He served as Artist in Residence at Badlands National Park in the spring of 2007 and again in the fall of 2008. Besides presenting photography programs, Rikk also teaches Photography and Digital Image Editing to various organizations and will be leading a photo tour to Costa Rica in April 2010.

Rikk's website: www.fleetingglimpse.com

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Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month, September through May

6:00 PM - Set-up and Social Time

6:30 PM - Announcements and Business

6:45 PM - Program

7:45 PM - Nature Salon (Competition and Judge's Comments).

Meetings are held at:

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750 West American Blvd

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September Meeting Wednesday October 21, 2009

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