



President's Message

January 18, 2008

Hello Fellow Members and Prospective Members,

The first meeting of the year started off with a great meeting. The competition subject was Portraiture. I was afraid that there would not be a lot of entries but I was pleasantly surprised. I also think the completion was great with a great deal of wonderful entries. There were 20 entries in all. You can read more about this in the January 10, 2008 minutes in the center column.

February is our first membership drive with everyone asks to bring a prospective member to the second meeting on February 28th. Guest can get an idea of how the club operates during their visit.

There has been a lot of discussion lately of moving the meetings from Thursday nights to Friday nights. If our meeting place is available then I hope to bring it up for discussion at the January 24th meeting and maybe for a vote. Moving the meeting night could help increase membership and also help some members who have to leave early due to work the next day. The meetings of the OVCC were originally on Friday nights so looking back to our forefathers it was most likely their same concerns.

Jeff and I continue to work on the "Rules of Competition" and incorporating everyone's input and ideas. The original document was dated and needed revised due to the incorporation of digital photography. I think when the final draft is completed everyone

should be very pleased with it. The final revision, when it is completed, will be sent out to the membership and then voted on for adoption. After it is approved by the membership it will be posted on the web page for future reference.

We now have use of a digital projector. My work has purchased one that should be available for the club to use on meeting nights unless it has a prior business commitment. However, the likelihood of this is minimal since most of the time it will be used during the day. I hope to have it available for the next meeting so that Laura Moul can use it to present her program.

A photography note, "Shooting in the Winter time." The days of gray and brown are upon us. However, there are still opportunities to shoot outside. Watch the weather and take time to scope out shooting locations. If you want to shoot some great fog shots like Ansel Adams you should watch for the temperature and dew point. When the temperature is within 5 degrees or less of dew point fog forms.

Also, if you want to photograph some great sky shots watch for cold fronts coming in from the north. The jet stream pushes cold air masses down from Canada. These masses push moisture in front of them and results in those nice puffy clouds. Since the sun is low on the horizon in the mornings some great sun rises below the clouds results in what they call a painted sky. So early mornings before sunrise be sure you have camera in hand and a freshly charged battery and be in place just as the sun appears on the horizon.

By the way the sun rises in the east and sets in the west. Also, if snow is in the forecast check www.weather.com and see if there is a clearing or if the forecast calls for sun after the snow storm. This will make for those great contracty photos with sparkles coming off the snow.

Good Shooting to you all.

Michael Adkins, President