

Focal Point Minutes, Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Meeting held at Northland Arboretum.

Some gathered early to socialize or discuss technical subjects (5:00 to 6:30).

Regular meeting began at 6:30 with opening by Doug Livingston.

There were 32 in attendance.

Tonya Erickson and Lisa Haste provided snacks and beverages.

Thanks very much to you both!

Doug asked Mary Hendricks to share information about the recent workshop held at Crex Meadows Wildlife Preserve in Grantsburg, Wisconsin. The weekend workshop was not only affordably priced, but at least seven experienced nature and wildlife photographers spoke and provided help with shooting to attendees. The emphasis was on creative photography. A buffet lunch on Saturday, and hearty breakfast on Sunday were also included. Doug Livingston, Sandy Holm, Lorraine Northagen, Mike Morris, and Mary Hendricks attended the workshop.

Next, Jane Stevens reported on the tall ship event in Duluth.

Brenda Pfeffer, Treasurer, gave her report. There is approximately \$1,500.00 remaining in the account after the purchase of new projector.

A big thank you goes out to Lisa Haste for heading up the Scott Kelby Photo Walk in Motley recently. Tonya Erickson's image was chosen for first place, and entered in the national competition. Deanie Nelson's image took second place in our group competition. Very Nice! All the photos that were entered in competition will be on exhibit at the Arboretum. Brenda Pfeffer will be organizing this, and dates are Oct. 1st to Nov. 15th in the gallery room at the Arboretum.

Lorraine Northagen mentioned the butterfly release that will be held at 3:00 this Saturday at the cemetery. Go north of Breezy Point near Primetime restaurant just off Hwy #11 (Pelican Woods Nature Trail).

Peg Serani reported that there will be a blind wine tasting event at the Arboretum August 26th. She said that this is usually a very well attended and fun event.

Carol Wedin shared that Ron Wedin, Carol Wedin, Shirley Borman and Stan Borman all won awards at the photo competition at the Cass County Fair.

Jeff Collins reported that he will try to get Andrea Baumann to give a presentation at Focal Point about what she as Art Director of Lake Country Journal, looks for in photos used for the magazine.

Roy Abbott suggested that we search or google Crossings Zumbrota, MN. He says then go to button on right that says See Photos.

Roy Abbott mentioned that when we submit images to him for the assignments or for critiques, please place your name and then title of image (no spaces between) so that he doesn't have to work on each title for the assignments or critique.

Next, Roy Abbott showed the assignment photos for this month, "Barns".

After the assignment, Roy showed the slide show images from the Motley Scott Kelby Walk.

Next, Roy showed images for critique. Doug Livingston pointed out that when we take photos, we should keep in mind why we are taking the photo, what the subject is, work with aperture, shutter speed, color balance, exposure, composition to best express our idea, and in other words, tell a story.

During the critique it was mentioned that we try to have some blacks in the image for best contrast quality.

Next, we selected an image for the Arboretum. A close up of a cone flower by Dawn Hines was chosen. Good job!

Thanks go out to Peg Serani who showed her slide show, this month's sampler of images!

Image Assignment for September: "Water".

Mary Hendricks is scheduled for the image sampler.

Next meeting, September 21st.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Hendricks