



Urban Wildlife Photo Club

April Newsletter

Next Meeting: April 4, 2017 – VIP Room 7:00 PM
Denver Museum of Nature and Science

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April Program

Our April speaker is Mike Stebritz. Some of you may recognize the name from the Colorado Council of Camera Clubs and DPS. Here is his program and bio information in his own words!

My name is Mike Stebritz and I have actively been into photography for 42 years. During that time, I have taught all phases of photography, had my work published, and won numerous awards for my photography. I am a two-time past president and current Digital Projection Manager and web master for Denver Photographic Society. I am also the current President of the Colorado Council of Camera Clubs where I continue to teach various software applications for photography (Adobe Elements, Photoshop, and Lightroom), run numerous photo workshops on High Dynamic Range and basic digital camera operation.

I grew up around the railroad industry with a great uncle who was a standard gauge steam locomotive engineer. As a child, my passion for the steam railroads grew, as I got older. When I moved to Colorado in the summer of 1975, I discovered this state had four well-maintained and operating narrow gauge railroads. I began to photograph and ride these railroads over the years as I researched and studied the mining history of Colorado and how the narrow-gauge railroads played a very important role in that vital industry. Over the past six years, I put together a presentation called Narrow Gauge Country Colorado "A Step Back In Time" that tells the story of these magnificent railroads and how they played a most important part in the history of our state.

I use a Power Point presentation with narrative that covers the early history of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad and the birth of the four Narrow Gauge Railroads still operating today – the Cumbres & Toltec, Durango & Silverton, Georgetown Loop Railroad, and Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad. It also covers the Colorado Railroad Museum's collection of early narrow gauge locomotives and rolling stock.

MEMBER IMAGE SUBMISSION

March Images are due by March 30

PLEASE TRY TO ADHERE TO THE DATE & SIZE REQUESTED -1MB

GUIDELINES

- Two categories at each meeting - THEMED AND OPEN
- Maximum of **4 images total** and **no more than one themed image**
- Email files one week before the scheduled meeting to uwpcimages@comcast.net Please use this one!
- Send themed category images in an email titled 'themed images'
- Send open category images in an email titled 'critique images'
- **Name the image file with your name and a brief title with no spaces or underlines. Dashes are OK. (e.g. bobdean-treeinsnow.jpg) or (bob-dean-treeinsnow.jpg)**
- So we can easily add these images to the webpage if selected for images of the month, please try to do the following:
 - SIZING IMAGES - Go to Image > Image size and put in a maximum Image Size of 1024 X 768 pixels.
 - If cropped, no larger than either of these dimensions. Set Resolution to 94 pixels / inch
 - File size per image no larger than 1MB and in jpeg format

OPTIONAL Descriptive information for each *critique image* should be as follows:

IMAGE	IMAGE TITLE	SPECIES	LOCATION	CAMERA	LENS	EXPOSURE DATA	POST PROCESSING ENHANCEMENTS
Critique 1							
Critique 2							
Critique 3							

Exposure data should, for example, include f/stop, shutter speed, ISO, any exposure compensation, and any filter information. Post processing enhancements should include only those things beyond simply cropping, sharpening, noise reduction, etc. such as HDR, panorama work, color enhancements, exposure changes, etc. If you can put the image data (if you choose to include it) **as text** in the body of the email as opposed to an attached word or excel file it would be appreciated! Makes life easier if everyone does the same thing.

April Theme - Inclement Weather

May Theme - Pastel Colors

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTES

Dues: Dues for 2017 were due in March. Our dues have been set at \$15 for individuals, couples and families for more years than I can remember but we really need to bump them up a little bit. Starting in 2017 dues will be \$20 for individuals, couples and families. Hope this won't be a burden to anyone, it's still the same or lower than the other camera clubs in the area.

Member Galleries. Our website has a set of pages for member images. Go to <http://www.couwpc.com/member-images.html> to get details on how to add your images to our site.

More roads at the Arsenal! The Rocky Mountain Arsenal officially opened the northern portion of the Wildlife Drive last Saturday. Visitors can now drive the newly expanded 11-mile wildlife drive loop. Please visit their website at www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky_mountain_arsenal/ for details.

Interested in UAV (drone) photography?

We found a very interesting website recently that has some really thorough and interesting aerial photography information (from helping beginners all the way to professional photography aids). Check it out if you have interest. <http://www.droneybee.com/drone-aerial-photography/>

Fall Field Trip (UPDATE):

As I mentioned in an email a few weeks ago, we are planning a trip to South Dakota in September. The primary subject will be the annual bison roundup at Custer State Park on September 29th, Details on the roundup are at:

<https://gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/custer/events/buffalo-roundup/>

In addition to the roundup there are many other great fall photography opportunities and I'm compiling a list. As with all our multiday trips this one is "casual." That means I'll provide a list of participants, list of accommodations and list of things to see and do. Members will be responsible for their own transportation, hotel reservations, carpooling, etc. We're planning a group dinner after the main event (Friday evening) in Custer. This is a very popular event so if you are interested, you'll need to make plans soon. One of the motels in Custer is already fully booked. I have a list of members interested and there is no upper limit so let me know if you want to be on the distribution list. I sent a list of hotels and a liability waiver to the folks already signed up.

May Member Mini Programs:

We have four programs in place for May. We could still use one or two more so if you'd like to give a 10-12-minute program on your choice of subject, please let me know!

Shameless Commerce

I will be teaching an updated version of my *Capturing Nature with a Digital Camera – Beyond the Basics* class at the Museum in May. Details are at:

<http://www.dmns.org/learn/adults/classes/>

PHOTO CONTESTS

Louisville Art Association National Fine Art and Photography Show

You are invited to enter the 2017 National Fine Art and Photography Show taking place in Louisville, Colorado hosted by the Louisville Art Association. This juried Fine Art and Photography Show is one of the premiere art shows in the area and is held at the Louisville Center for the Arts building, a renovated Victorian, red brick schoolhouse.

The deadline for submission of entries is **Friday, July 7, 2017**. Entry through: <https://www.callforentry.org>. Search under Calls for Entry - Louisville Art Association. Or visit our website: <http://www.louisvilleart.org> for additional events and information.

The opening reception is Saturday, September 2, 2017 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm with an Awards Ceremony at 7:30pm. The show will continue through Sunday, September 10, 2017 closing at 4:00pm.

The San Diego County Fair

The 2017 International Exposition of Photography held at the San Diego County Fair is now open for entries. The Exposition started in 1947 and has been held annually ever since. They display approximately 1400 images and offer over \$25,000 in prizes and awards making us one of the largest photographic print shows in the country. All entries go through a two-tiered judging process. The first tier is on line. Prints of images selected at this stage are then reviewed a second time. If they meet the judge's standard they will hang in the show. Our judging team is made up of highly qualified photographers, digital artists, and college level photography instructors. Deadline is April 14th.

For more information, and to enter this outstanding show go to:

<https://sdfair.com/exhibits/photography/>

KUDOS

Fred Stearns has a published picture in Colorado Life Magazine's Exploring Colorado 2017 Calendar. It is a photograph of a Tom Turkey in display and is printed as the smaller picture in the month of November.



If anyone has an image published, places in a contest or gets any kind of recognition for their work, please let us know and we'll get it into the newsletter. Please use [email](mailto:uwpc@comcast.net) to uwpc@comcast.net to alert us. (If you tell me verbally at the meeting or on the phone I can almost assure you that I'll forget!)