

Trinity Arts Photo Club

Through the Lens

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A New Year

Mark Lenz

Like many people entering the new year, the club has made and plans to make changes to the way it does business in 2008.

Like many people that make resolutions for change, the success in making that change depends on the effort put forth in achieving that change. It will take the entire membership being involved to make our efforts successful.

The first big change was “Going Digital” in our monthly competition. No more comments about the right color of mat (or the wrong color of mat). Thanks to Bruce Hutter and Cinda Benton for taking the lead in this project. All of the new criteria and procedures for submitting photos for the competition are out on the web site. Through the process of going digital, we have been able to expand our universe of potential judges to those outside the DFW metroplex. Hopefully this will provide new views and insights that will help all of us improve our photography this year.

January was the first month photos were submitted using the new procedures and we will see the results at the February

meeting on Monday, February 25. I plan to post the winners in future news letters. Stay tuned for more information.

Also “**new**” this year is an Apple Mac laptop to help with our programs and for showing competition photos during the monthly meetings. Thanks Bruce for all of the research and legwork to make it happen!

Another “**new**” thing we have discussed is having more opportunities to go out with other club members and shoot photos. The DFW area has many places within a short driving distance that can provide an opportunity to challenge and improve our photography skills.

Make sure you let the club officers know where you would like to go on a field trip. They can be a few hours or a whole day depending on where they are. Lana Macko is in charge of the field trip committee.

We will spend a significant portion of the next meeting planning for these field trips. Please come prepared to add your input.

So, like most other things, you will get out of the club what you put into the club. Thanks for your continued involvement as we continue to strive for a better experience for all club members!



2008 Officers

President-Geri Combs
Vice-President-Denise Remfert
Treasurer-Vicki Stanley
Secretary-Mark Lenz
Officer at Large – Bruce Hutter

Upcoming Events

The club will again be involved in hosting a photo exhibit at the Hurst Public Library. This year the Exhibit will be from May 2 to May 31. More information will be provided at the next meeting. As was the case last year, the exhibit is open to all local photographers. There are many jobs involved in hosting the event including publicity, taking in photos, organizing and setting up the photos, coordinating



judging and the reception and take down and cleanup. We would like everyone to participate for some part of this exhibit, even if only for a few hours.

Programs

We had our first program of the new year at our January meeting featuring Rob Hull from the SMU Legacy campus in Plano. Rob talked to the club about several topics including shooting tethered to your computer and how he used tools such as Adobe Lightroom and Adobe Bridge for managing his photos. Thanks for Rob taking time out of his busy schedule to come visit with us.

Ted Black is program chairman so if you have ideas for a program you would

like to see, please contact Ted.

Forum

Another “new” thing we have as we enter 2008 is a revised forum site where club members can discuss items of interest to them and the rest of the membership. It is a good way to stay in touch between meetings and pass on useful information to other members. The website address is <http://trinityartsphotoclub.org/forum/index.php>

There are topics out there such as Field Trips, Computer Problems and Tips & Tricks. Check it out if you have not already done so.

Committees

The new committee leads for 2008 are as follows:

Competition-Cinda Benton
Monthly Program-Ted Black
Field Trips-Lana Macko
Publicity-Geri Combs
Website-Bruce Hutter
Membership-Monica McNeely
Refreshments-Jan Weaver

Other members are always welcome to join any committee they are interested in. Contact person above if you are interested.



News You Can Use

Travel Alert!:

This word from the friendly Transportation Security Administration:
Effective January 1, 2008, the Department of Transportation will prohibit loose lithium-ion batteries (like the ones in our digital cameras) in checked baggage. If you're planning an airline trip, check out the details at their website. Just click on the link below:

<http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/assistant/batteries.shtm>