

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Mile High Wildlife Photography Club

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2009 AT A GLANCE

Exhibits, Competitions,
Programs, Field Trips,
Digital Training

Set Your Goals and
2009 Resolutions!

It's time to get your winning
images ready for the
2009 TWE Exhibit
and

Nature's Best Photography
Windland Smith Rice Awards
Camera Club Competition

Upcoming Club Programs

January

Adobe Lightroom 2

February

Working with a Photo Lab

March

High Dynamic Range

April

**"America's Natural
Wonders"**

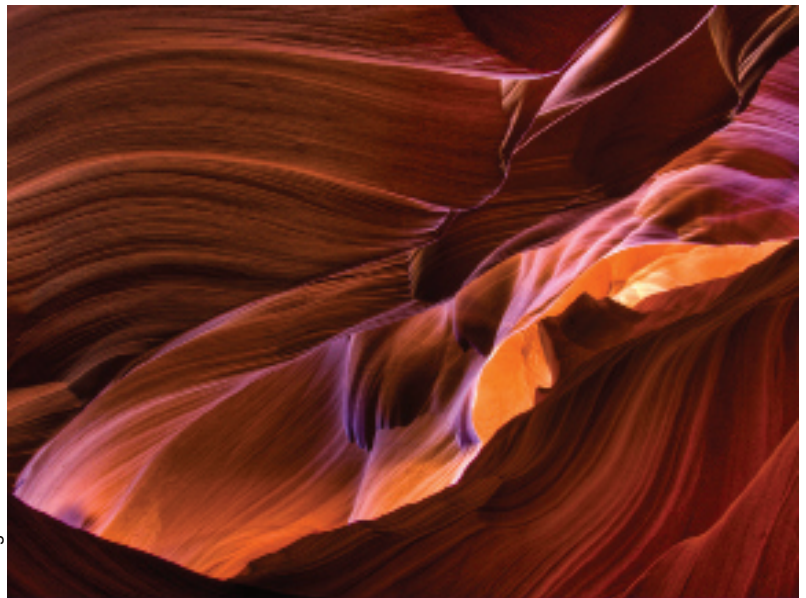
May

"Colorado Wild & Beautiful"

Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 2

January program guest speaker: Craig Lewis

*E*ccentric devotion to a particular interest may describe a number of passionate personalities, flippantly labeled as geeks, but listen to Craig Lewis speak and the meaning of geek takes on an extraordinary, sophisticated dimension. Techno wizard, gadget guru – what makes this creative photographer particularly fascinating is his non frivolous ability to talk in detail about a diverse array of subjects, be it science fiction, the latest in electronic gadgets, computer technology, fine wine, food, music, and especially digital photography. Craig takes his devotion to digital photography, and technology, to a level of intrigue that is uniquely refreshing.



© Craig Lewis

Photographer Craig Lewis has been taking pictures for more than fifty years, a passion that accelerated after joining a camera club in 1999. Retired from database programming, he is currently a full time photographer who also teaches various aspects of digital photography. Never missing a beat, Craig

acts on his curiosity with consistency to ingest the technological world in depth and exploit its often short-lived offerings. Where others may be intimidated by time-consuming learning curves, Craig grasps the latest developments like a predator playfully tossing about its prey.



© Craig Lewis

Using Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 2 as his primary post-processing software, for at least 80% to 90% of his processing work, Craig finds efficiency in Lightroom 2 which he can integrate, as needed, with the strengths of Photomatix Pro and Adobe Photoshop CS4. Pulling out the best of multiple programs, instead of limiting himself to just one, is as logical of a process for Craig as selecting the best combination of spices is to a great chef.

Photoshop Lightroom 2, the Adobe software program designed specifically for digital photographers, offers much more mileage than simply a RAW file converter and image processing program. Craig Lewis will give a worthwhile presentation of this program's useful capabilities on January 14th. ■

Nature's Best Photography Competition

It's that time of the year again for the club to prepare an entry for the Nature's Best Photography competition in the photography club category. We are still working out the details for how our entry will be prepared this year, but I wanted to let you know what has been finalized so you can start preparing your entries. Each member will be able to submit up to eight images to be considered, and images will be collected on DVD or CD at the February and March meetings. Specifications to process your images will be provided in the February newsletter, and you'll be able to submit your images by mail if you will not be able to attend the February or March meetings.

- James Hagar

PREPARE WINNING IMAGES

Revisit the December 2008 MHWPC newsletter for Cathy's Critical Competition Checklist
www.mhwpc.org/newsletter/08-12_Dec_Newsletter.pdf

Of Interest

Judy Deist invites you to visit her new website at www.PhotosJHS.com

Free one year subscription to various digitally delivered magazines, including *Shutterbug*, *Popular Photography*, and *Layers*. Offered to promote The Read Green Initiative.
www.GoReadGreen.com.

Epson Print Academy

Grand Hyatt Denver

Saturday, April 25th, 2008

http://www.epson.com/cgi-bin/Store/PrintAcademy/pa_home.jsp

Upcoming Programs

January

Craig Lewis

Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 2

Presentation on getting the most from the Adobe Lightroom software.

February

Rick Carpenter

Working With Your Photo Lab

Owner of Denver Digital Imaging, Rick Carpenter will speak about how to get the best images when working with a professional photo lab.

March

Colin McKenna, Bruce Norman and Russ Burden,

High Dynamic Range

Presentation on the options available for handling images with a wide range of contrast.

April

Russ Burden

"America's Natural Wonders"

Program will cover wildlife and scenic locations that are popular photographer destinations as well as shooting fascinating subjects locally.

May

Glenn Randall

"Colorado Wild & Beautiful"

Program will show images from Randall's two books *Colorado Wild & Beautiful* and *Rocky Mountain National Park Impressions*. He will describe techniques used for best-selling images, offer tips on scouting great locations, and finding beautiful light by understanding atmospheric optics and controlling high-dynamic-range scenes. Glenn Randall has sold over 10,000 prints of his landscape images

June

Photographing Colorado Wildflowers

Tips for finding and capturing stunning images of Colorado summer wildflowers.

July

Speaker TBA

Photographing Colorado Fall Colors

Techniques and tips for finding and capturing great images of Colorado's fall colors.

August

Speaker TBA

Photographing Colorado Wildlife

Best locations for photographing Colorado wildlife: deer, elk, foxes, waterfowl, and more.

September

Frank Weston

Photographing Colorado's State Parks and Natural Areas

Program will be based on the content of Frank's recently published book.

October

Gordon and Cathy Illg

How to Photograph Nature

Presentation on the nuts and bolts of nature and wildlife photography

Upcoming Field Trips

Photographic opportunities!

Anyone interested in field trips should contact Chuck Winter.(303)972-2538, cwinter80127@gmail.com, or, cwinter@mii-rmcc.com

Rocky Mountain National Park

January 16th - 17th.

Prospect Park - Foxes

February (date TBA, relative to weather)

Guenella Pass - Ptarmigans

March 6th - 7th.

Digital Study Meeting

All paid members are encouraged to attend the digital study meetings. The meetings start at 7:15 PM on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Enter through the main entrance, not the doors used for accessing the theater. Bring a notebook and writing implement to take your notes. Also, feel free to volunteer to do a presentation. The more people who participate, the better!

Upcoming Digital Meetings:

January 28th

Tim Visser will go over the ins and outs of CS4.

February 25th

Creating an Open category image. Members will bring their Before and After images and explain the process of how they got from A to B.

Library News from the Lamb's

Hi Everyone,

My how the time does fly. We are in the process of inventorying the library books, videos, and DVD.s Consider making a gift to the library. If you have published a book, have a magazine which might be of interest to others, or some suggestions for future purchases, please get them to us. We look forward to hearing from some of you. Have a great New Year!

Joe and Betsy Lamb

Contact Joe and Betsy at 303-841-2565 or jnblamb@comcast.net.



Braggin Rights



Tammy Hammond has an image selected by the Panasonic Digital Photo Academy as one of the academy's *Top 12 Monthly Assignment Winners*. The twelve winning images will be part of a traveling exhibition to show in several

museums and art galleries throughout the country where Digital Photo Academy classes are held. The exhibit is scheduled to show at the *Working With Artists* gallery, in Lakewood, February 13 - 19, 2009.

Stephanie Lindemann has been awarded one of the few "scholarships" presented for attendance at the NANPA Summit in February, 2009. These scholarships are awarded to students currently attending a college and are based on photos submitted and short essays and responses to questions asked. Stephanie is honored to have been chosen and thankful to the Board for the scholarship and their confidence in her submission.

Workshops and Seminars

James Hager Photography - Small Group Photo Safaris

www.JamesHagerPhoto.com

James@JamesHagerPhoto.com

- Winter Wildlife in Jan 2009: wildlife models in winter (wolf, Siberian tiger, snow leopard, mountain lion, lynx ...), Montana, Jan 25-29
NEW REDUCED PRICE

more workshops and seminars...

Cathy & Gordon Illg – Workshops:
Adventure Photography 303 237-7086
gordon@advenphoto.com
www.advenphoto.com

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- Beauty & The Beasts, February 1-6
- Death Valley, February 8-13
- Galapagos, April 13-23
- Southern Arizona, April 26-May 1
- Oregon Coast/Redwoods, June 3-9
- Wildlife Babies, June 18-21
- Glacier National Park, July 5-10
- Polar Bears, October 30-November 5

We are offering our NANPA discount to all club members also – \$50.00 discount on less than 5 day tours and \$75.00 discount on all other domestic tours.

Russ Burden's Photography Tours:

Visit www.russburdenphotography.com. Contact Russ at 303-791-9997, rburden@ecentral.com

Destinations include:

- Apr 18 - 24, 2009 - Monument Valley / Slot Canyons
- May 9 - 15, 2009 - Arches + Canyonlands National Parks - includes 5 sessions of Photoshop instruction
- May 23 - June 1, 2009 - Oregon Coast - 10 day trip
- June 6 - 12, 2009 - Tetons and Yellowstone Natl. Parks in Spring
- Sept. 23-Oct. 2, 2009 - Tetons and Yellowstone Natl. Parks in Fall - 10 days
- Oct. 20 - 25, 2009 - Hunts Mesa
- Nov. 1 - 7, 2009 - Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks
- Dec. 1 -7, 2009 - Bosque Del Apache / White Sands Natl. Mon.

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January Meeting

Wednesday, January 14th

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

at

THE WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

10035 South Peoria

Competition: Wildlife and Open

Reminder that DUES are due in JANUARY.

January 2009 Digital Training Meeting

Wednesday, January 28th

7:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Please send your articles and input to
newsletter@mhwpc.org.