



DCC Focus

September, 2015

Decatur Camera Club

2nd and 4th Thursdays 7-9pm **Sept - May**

Rock Springs Environmental Center (Sept-Dec; Mar-May)
Westminster Church (Jan & Feb)

Coming Soon – our NEW website address

September Meeting Schedule:

Sept 10th – Welcome Back; Summer Review; Watermarks w/Curt Sept 24th – Drone Demo w/George

What's Coming Up?

Decatur Art in Central Park – We are coming down to the wire for this year's event, but there's still time to join in. Anyone Interested in Participating, please let Suzi know (428-1560 suzimorrow@comcast.net) See related article in this month's Focus.

CICCA Fall Salon – Oct 24, 2015 hosted by Springfield Photography Club, Sherman IL

CICCA Spring Salon – May 2016 hosted by Decatur Camera Club - >> YIKES !! << Save the date and clear your calendar!! Sounds like FUN!

Tentative DCC Schedule for 2015-2016:

Oct 8th – Guest Speaker, Green Tree Media; CICCA picture drop off
Oct 22nd – Take 3: Member's 20 Minute Presentations
Nov 12th – DCC Fall Salon
Nov 26th – No Meeting – Happy Thanksgiving
Dec 10th – Neutral Density Filters and how to use them
Dec 24th – No Meeting – Merry Christmas
Jan 14th – Hands on Night with some new techniques
Jan 28th – Macro & Close Up Instruction w/Jerry
Feb 11th – Macro & Close Up – Hands On w/Curt
Feb 25th – Exposure Compensation, Shooting Modes and When to Use Them w/Jim Spaniol
Mar 10th – Photo Stories – take 3 pictures that tell a story. 6 members will participate. Contact Curt to sign up.
Mar 24th – Before & After – up to 8 members – see Curt
Apr 14th – DCC Spring Salon
Apr 28th – Not Scheduled at this time
May 12th – Not Scheduled at this time
May 26th – Not Scheduled at this time

This is the Tentative Schedule – Expect some changes along the way. Watch the FOCUS for updates and changes each month.

2015 Art in Central Park



We have seven DCC members participating as of August 22nd. That's almost double over last year and **there's still room for YOU** if you'd like to join us! It's not too late! There's no cost to join the fun.

We are in the same spot as last year which is on the south side of the park. Set up is Friday Sept 18th. There is room for YOU to hang a few framed photos and/or you could bring a photo bin for matted pictures. There is also table space for other displays.

Give me a call or an email if you want to join us.

428-1560 suzimorrow@comcast.net .

Even if you don't choose to show your work, please stop by and visit!

Show Times: Friday, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm ; Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm ; Sunday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Decatur Camera Club

President -- Curt Knapp knapp_ct@comcast.net

Treasurer & Membership -- Sally McGuire

Vice President -- Jerry Sievers

Secretary -- Suzi Morrow suzimorrow@comcast.net

Board Chair – Virginia Kickle

FOCUS Articles

If you have information of interest to the Decatur Camera Club, please email me

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by the 15th of the month for the next month's issue. Thank You!

WORKSHOPS

Mike Moats / Tiny Landscapes
April 9th & 10th, Hilton Garden Inn
16631 Chesterfield Grove Rd
Chesterfield, MO 63005.

Mike Moats was one of the keynote speakers at the SWMCCC conference in Holland, Mi this year. The workshop is \$159. The hotel has a special rate of \$95 for the Fri and Sat nights. (register under “Mike Moats Macro Workshop” group code “MNB”; 866-812-3961)

April 9th – 10am to 4pm April 10th – 9am to 12pm

Mike: “Saturday we will have short breaks and a one hour break for lunch. Sunday, short breaks but no lunch. There are restaurants in the area or you can bring something to eat. We will cover a lot of information so bring a pen and paper to take notes or you are welcome to bring a tape recorder.”

Camera, macro lens, tripod. Bring what you have!
Call Mike to register or w/?s: 586-770-3992

Member’s Only Facebook Page **“Decatur Camera Club Members”**

This is a closed group.
Contact Lee Kalka to join.
(must be a DCC member)

Not a Member?

Visit “Decatur Camera Club” on Facebook.

DCC Dinner @ Pastabilities

Despite being without our fearless leader Curt (who was called in to work at the last minute) Pastabilities welcomed us for our 2015 DCC Dinner on Aug. 21st. Bill Hoffman was the last minute MC of the evening and is seen here



fulfilling his duties as the Master of Ceremony. 25 members and spouses enjoyed good food and great company!

Illinois State Fair Photography

My family visited the IL State Fair last Sunday and I found some wonderful photography to enjoy! Three of the photos were from DCC members:



Sally McGuire
“Surf’s Up”

Eldon Muench
“Kestrel”



Virginia Kickle
“Folly Beach Pier”

These are the only DCC ones I saw ... did I miss any?

Work That Background:

(thanks for sharing this post, Virginia Kickle!)

If you want a nice smooth solid color background behind your flower or bug photos, you have to work the background. Look for a flower that is isolated and away from as much clutter as possible. When you set up your tripod, find the line of view that will position the background as far away as possible, as this will make it easier to blur the background. Depending on how far away the background is will determine what f/stop you choose. If the background is very close to the subject, you will have to use an f/stop in the lower range, like f/2.8 up to 5.6. The drawback to using such a low f-stop number is you will be sacrificing some focus on the flower, as the limited depth of field will only give you a small portion of the flower in focus. Lets say you can find a line of view where the background is ten to twenty feet away, you can now use an f/stop in the f/8 to maybe f/16 range, which will allow more depth of field and more of the flower in focus while maintaining a blurred background. Maybe you can find an angle where the background is thirty to fifty feet away, now you can go even higher on your f/stop in the f/16 to f/22 and get the whole flower in focus while blurring out the background. The farther away the background, the higher the f/stop. When shooting in a higher f/stop number, if the background is far enough away, the extra depth of field from the higher f/stop will not be able to capture any details and just blur the background into a solid color. <https://tinylandscapes.wordpress.com/2011/12/08/work-that-background-2/>

Monthly Facebook Challenges

If you are signed up with Facebook, keep an eye on the Member's Only page. Curt will be posting some challenges each month. Meet the challenge and submit your photos on the Member's Only page. It will be fun to see how we interpret the challenges and help us to come up with new ideas and more original photography.

**From Jennifer Voorhees
Macon County Fair Association**

We received a very nice letter from Jennifer thanking us for our donation of \$50 to the Macon County Fair Association.

"Your support for our 2015 Macon County Fair is greatly appreciated."

Bravos and Bruises

Bravo – To the group that met and planned the DCC meetings for 2015-2016. We have a lot to look forward to!!

Bravo - To Virginia Kickle for her Third Premium Ribbon at the IL State Fair for "Folly Beach Pier".

Bravo – To Eldon Muench for his Honorable Mention Ribbon at the IL State Fair for "Kestrel".

Bruises – Bill Hoffman's wife Marsha fell and broke her arm recently. She is on the mend again and our best wishes are still with her!



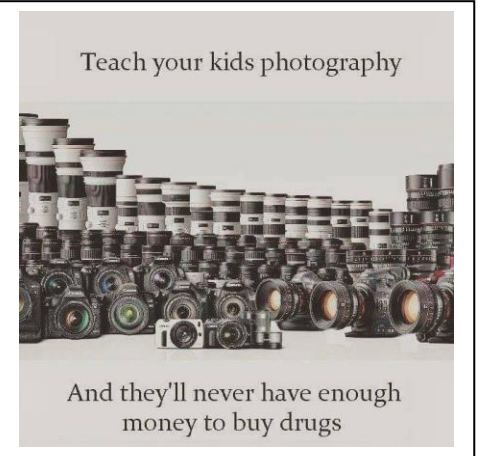
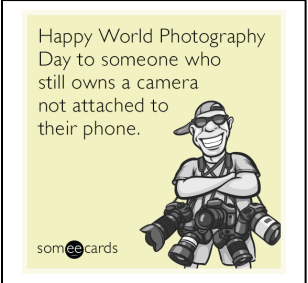
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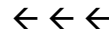
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From Linda Hasenmyer -
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Joe Bicknell



Sally McGuire, "I can see Virginia in one of these shooting her birds..." Maybe it will be under her Christmas tree this year!



"Life is like a camera. Just focus on what's important and capture

the good times, develop from the negatives and if things don't work out, just take another shot." L.Hasenmyer



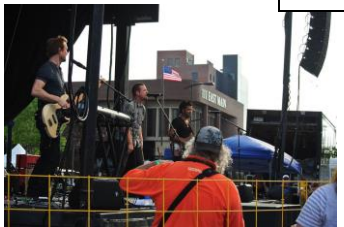
Bill Hoffman @ Celebration

Curt Knapp @ Celebration

Virginia Kickle

Jim Spaniol

Penny McCullough @ Celebration who is that man in orange??



Photos from the Member's Only Facebook Page "Decatur Camera Club Members"

