# **C R O P P I N G S**

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

Whew!!! Boy! Did the Holiday Season register WINTER this year? Or What! I hope you didn't get snowed in, and could go out and get some wonderful images of the "best" storm in 40 years!!! And it's still going on, it's been in the 20s the whole day today (Sunday).

A good rule of thumb (in the old days)was to take a meter reading off your bare hand and then open up one stop if there is a lot of snow around. Nowadays, you'd just look at your Histogram and (if you're shooting RAW) just push it closer to the right. Color was pretty hard to find out here, some red berries, apples left on trees, people in their cold weather clothes, etc. but is essential for a winning photograph.

## Holiday Potluck was a Special Event!!!

The food was good, as usual, and varied. Even without Benton Dailey's fresh baked rolls and home made jellies we made do. We missed Rick, -- he was having surgery for a disc problem, and we wished him well. Jim Baker had books to donate for door prizes and we quickly dispatched those to grateful winners. Mark Hudon gave us a spirited talk about his philosophy of photography and showed us some truly wonderful images.

# **Inside Competition for the month of December:**

Projected Image Night: (12/1/08) Judges from Forest Grove CC

Electronic Images: (36) Aspen Forest by Pat Starr (27) <u>Medium Format</u> (14) Face Rock Drama by Karen McClymonds (27) <u>Category:</u> Junk (5) Rusty by Karen McClymonds (25) <u>Open (Film) (11)</u> Red Steel by Rick Charlton (27) TransAm Fireworks by Karen McClymonds (27)

**Print Night** (12/15/08) Print night was cancelled last Month because of the icy weather.

#### **Outside Competitions.**

Pat Starr won no money, but did get a  $40^{\text{th}}$  place (out of 1400) in the Homes and Gardens competition in the Oregonian. See the winners at <u>www.oregonlive.com/hg/</u>.

#### <u>**4Cs Competition – Projected images December:**</u>

A. Monthly EI – Mike Burgess won an AM for Tiffany! Congrats Mike!!

B. Film Competitions (November Results): The club earned 100 points – Rick Charlton got an HM for On Cloud Wings. We are temporarily in second place in Group A.

#### <u>4Cs Competition – Prints</u>

Karen McClymonds won TWO AMs in December Monochrome competition: one for twin Stars and one for Peruvian Daffodil... Congrats Karen!!

Haven't heard from the Color Print Competition yet.

## **Gary McMillan**

It is with great sorrow that I am reporting the unexpected death of our Columbia Council Webmaster, **Gary McMillan**. He was also the vice president, but last fall health issues helped him make the decision to reduce his load and keep only the duties of Webmaster. He has done a wonderful job on both the website and as vice president. He will be sorely missed.

**<u>2008-2009 Categories:</u>**. February – Devotion. March – Back Roads. April – Cranes. May – Doors and Windows. **Good Hunting!!** 

#### January Category – Blocks of Color

1/05 Projected Image Night

1/12 Board Meeting –get in touch with one of the officers if you have an agenda item for us.

1/19 Print Night

#### REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR REFRESHMENTS – THE LIST WILL BE CIRCULATED AT THE FIRST MEETINGS OF EACH DIVISION.

Month	<b>PROJECTED IMAGES</b>	Prints
JANUARY	Pat Fitzgerald	BOB BAKER
FEBRUARY	**	**
MARCH	**	**
April		JOANNE BAKER
ΜΑΥ		

#### Rocky Mountain Weekend Classes – January 17-18 2009 – Here in Portland!!

For reservations: <u>www.rmsp.com/weekends</u>

<u>Quote of the Month</u>: "I realized the most important part of a photo was not the subject matter. Vision--or how you viewed things--was the most important part." - James Brandenburg

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