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December Workshop & Dinner Meeting

December 11 - Workshop
 Peoria Challenge: Moment of Reflection
 Program: "How I did That"
 Vandana Bajikar
 Host: Ann Husk

No December Dinner Meeting



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President's Message

Sixteen members participated in the second of four PSA/PID competitions. The six images advancing for the January session of the Group C judging are from Laurie Bergner, Wyn Knapp, Mike Lux, Vandana Bajikar, Denise O'Brien and Meng Horng. See these images on KodaRoamers.com KodaRoamers has been selected to judge the January PSA/PID Competition for Group E. We will do this at our February 12th workshop. These will be images from approximately 25 clubs around the world.



Due to video problems at our last workshop, Vandana will give her presentation. "How I Did That." Taking us through the process of creating her Best Of Show Print of our 2014 Salon at our December workshop.

Thanks also to Darlene and David Weber for sharing their images of Hawaii and giving us a visual break from the recent early winter and gloomy days.

December 11th we will be selecting KodaRoamers top 50 images to compete with the Peoria Camera Club on January 8th. So get those final images on "Moment of Reflection" together. See the submission details in the Club Calendar section of this newsletter.

There is no Dinner Meeting this month. Have a blessed holiday season, a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I will see you all back for the January 8th workshop where we will have our 3rd PSA competition and host the Peoria Camera Club for our "Moment of Reflection" challenge.

Volunteer Opportunity

Heartland Head Start is looking for volunteer photographers to help them celebrate their 50th anniversary of services to low income families. Head Start is asking Kodaroamer members to participate in the following:

1. They would like to show pictures of presently enrolled children (need photographers to go to Head Start classrooms in McLean and Livingston County) and past participants.
2. Scan old photos into digital format.

Schedule of events:

- November 20th, Anniversary planning/kick off at Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at ISU Alumni Center, Main Street, North Normal.
- March - Art Fair (display pictures taken of children/families and children's art activities at the McLean County Art Center).
- May - Community/Volunteer recognition ceremony.

If interested in helping, phone Darlene Weber 309- 663-2779 for more information.



James Kirk

Past Issues of the Newsletter are available at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/kodaroamers/downloads>

Officers:

President - Mike Lux
Vice Pres - Denise O'Brien
Treasurer - Mike O'Brien
Secretary - Mabel Lux

Committees:

Chaplain

Herb Knudsen

Courtesy

Richard Hoffman, Mabel Lux

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Denise O'Brien, Mike O'Brien

Newsletter

Carrie Olson, Herb Knudsen

Membership

Ed Sams, David Scoates, Tracy DeWeese, Debbie DeWeese, Sandra Robinson, Jim Kirk, Andrea Monninger, Mark Cooper, Eff Embree

CICCA Rep

Andrea Monninger, Vandana Bajikar

PSA Rep

Mike Lux, Vandana Bajikar

Projection

Mike Lux, Andrea Monninger, Vandana Bajikar, Prasad Mocharla

Club Salon

Vandana Bajikar, John Vogel, (Prints)
Mike Lux (Digital)

Challenges

Mike Lux (I74),
Andrea Monninger (Peoria)

Nominating

Mike Lux, Past-Presidents

Equipment

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Mike O'Brien

Facebook Administrator

Andrea Monninger, Mike Lux

Merit Awards

Roger Bunting

Competition Numbers

Meng Horng, Mike Lux

Historian

Doris KupperSmith, John Vogel



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Getting to Know One Another

One of the stated goals of our Camera Club is "the mutual exchange of our experience and knowledge" with one another. We happen to believe this will more likely occur through relationships that are mutually friendly and meaningful. With our newsletter, we are hoping to become a vehicle for some of that sharing through a regular feature titled 'Getting to Know One Another.' Our plan is to start at both ends of the spectrum and introduce in each issue our newest member and our most tenured member, not yet introduced. This month we introduce one of our newest members Laurie Bergner and our eleventh longest tenured member Andrea Monninger.

If you want to get a picture of Laurie, you'd better put your camera on its highest ISO numbers and your Shutter speed also on the highest setting because this a woman in constant motion and at "super-sonic" speeds!! She is busy, busy and involved in lots of varied activities, including now KodaRoamers.



Laurie and KRCC member Ed Sams have many friends in common; and at one particular event, they were talking about their mutual love of photography, KodaRoamers was mentioned, and a dinner invitation was issued. Almost immediately thereafter, a new member application was completed. Six months later Laurie presented the KRCC 2014-15 season's initial travelogue program with an awesome photo journey to "The Three Himalayan Kingdoms" (Nepal, Tibet, and Bhutan). Such beautiful people pictures!!

Laurie and her husband Ray have been married for 42 years. A teaching position in clinical psychology for him at ISU brought them from New York City to Bloomington/Normal, IL thirty-seven years ago – just a little bit of a cultural shock back then, one might easily say!?! Over those years, however, they have come to love the Midwest and have set deep roots, beginning with the raising of their two children (both now young adults – their son a mural artist in New York and their daughter an ESL teacher in Washington, DC. The latter was married this past summer and the former may be next summer, so

weddings have been a joyful focus for many months now.

Laurie and her twin sister, the only two children in the family, were graduates of Scarsdale High School in New York. Laurie then enrolled at the University of Rochester, completing her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at the University of Colorado. She currently maintains a private counseling practice here in the twin cities.

Not only did she meet Ray during graduate school, but her interest in photography also began to take root – especially capturing images of their children growing up. They also have done extensive traveling, especially now with an empty nest – to lots of interesting places, particularly in Asia: China, India, Vietnam, and Myanmar (formerly Burma). The last of these was her first Photo Tour, while Tibet/Nepal was with the Road Scholar (Elderhostel) program – ask her about them. One of her favorite trips was a January 2013 journey to the African country of Ethiopia, which included a heavy immersion in learning its culture, including the South Omo tribal area. "It truly offered a real sense of 'adventure' for me!" Most of her camera work prior to this trip was with a manual Nikon, but for this journey she bought new a Canon EOS DSLR and began a whole new, joyful learning curve in photography and in more advanced editing.

Here in the community Laurie is an active member of the League of Women Voters, Friday "Seminar" Happy Hour, the chair of the Program Committee and on the Board at Moses Montefiore Temple, and also President of the Immigration Project

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Board. She is frequently invited to speak and present programs at various community events. In her “spare” time, you’ll likely meet Laurie biking on the Constitution Trail, swimming, working in her garden, reading a new book, or out taking pictures. Welcome to KodaRoamers, Laurie!

If you ever want to know anything and everything about the Camera Club’s “alphabet soup” – eg. KRCC, PCC, PSA, CICC, DSLR, DX, VR; who knows?,



maybe even NSA, DOA, FCC?? – Andrea Monninger is your “go-to person.” She’s well-versed and active in all of them, including being a Past President for KodaRoamers (2011-13) and our current rep to CICC. She joined our Club in 1998 at the invitation of family friend Preston Ensign (KRCC President (1978-80); and in 2009, the Peoria Club as well when she would drive Marie Williams to the meetings. She has come to value this dual-club membership. “Though the Clubs are similar in size, they have differing meeting formats, competitions, and achievement levels. Both provide a breadth of learning for me.”

Andrea was born (1956) in Lincoln, IL, the oldest of three

children. Her father was a farmer near Broadwell and her mother a secretary at various offices and eventually a local church. After graduation from Lincoln High School, Andrea enrolled at the Mennonite College of Nursing. She eventually earned her LPN certificate and later her RN degree. She worked for 23 years in nursing – first at Mennonite Hospital and then ultimately, through its mergers, at BroMenn Regional Medical Center. She retired in 2009.

During this time, two other key events entered her life. First, she married a college friend, Jim Monninger, in August 1976 and moved to Bloomington. Jim had two children ages 3 and 1.5 years old. They had a child in 1977. Motherhood included 15 years as a Cub Scout leader. All three are now grown adults, live within an hour, and have provided four grandchildren now ranging in age from 15 to 22. Her husband Jim is a retired Bloomington firefighter and as a hobby is a videographer. He has taped local college sports and dance programs and continues to tape high school sports.

Secondly, her interest in photography began with a trip in 1988 for which she bought a point and shoot camera. She was fascinated by and loved the 35mm images it produced. That interest later expanded to a SLR camera (Pentax 330T), enrollment in a Fine Arts degree program at ISU that included several photography courses,

which also emphasized learning the value of critique. Well, the journey has obviously worked well and earned her many awards for her photography – including a “Best in Show” for the 2012 KRCC Salon. That print remains one of her favorites, a creative reflection image. Her current cameras of choice are a Pentax K30 SLR and a YashicaMat Twin Lens. She continues to shoot slides for Photocolorist competitions. Her minor while at ISU was in tourism, so she also enjoys planning trips and photo shoots. She particularly loves going to the U.S. National Parks, most especially Glacier; and locally, to Comlara Park. Andrea also enjoys needlework, handcrafts, and reading.

Well, “That’s it folks!” I guess now it’s one more alphabet: “OAO!”

Save the Date Joel Sartore & the Ark Project

Joel Sartore has produced more than 30 stories from around the world as a freelance photographer for National Geographic magazine. He is an author, speaker and teacher who captivates audiences with his funny and inspiring adventures. His images show a world worth saving. Here he will speak on The Ark Project, which is his photographic record of every animal currently curated in captivity including those in our own Miller Park Zoo.

7pm Tuesday, January 27, 2015
Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts

Visit Joel’s website at :
<http://www.joelsartore.com/>

Treasurer’s Report: November 25, 2014 The club began the 2014-2015 club year with \$2071

date	ck #	debit	credit	balance	comments
				\$2,119.79	November Beginning Balance
10/28/14		\$583.00		\$1,536.79	
10/28/14			\$644.00	\$2,180.79	Oct. dinner (41) ~4 mbrshps, 20 courtesy supplies
		\$62.00		\$2,182.79	Film Noir Commission (pending deposit)
				\$2,182.79	Ending Balance



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Save the Date Quad Cities Photography Club – Gregory Basco presentation

Join us for an inspiring day
with Greg Basco. Saturday
December 13, 2014.

*Photographing Costa Rica: Creative
Techniques for Dramatic Rainforest
Images*

Veolia Wildlife

Photographer of the Year and
Nature's Best Windland Smith
Rice award winning photographer
Greg Basco takes you on a visual
tour of Costa Rica. Photographing
the country from coast to
tallest mountain for his new
coffee table book, Greg used a
number of creative in-camera
techniques to capture Costa
Rica's stunning biodiversity. In
this presentation, Greg gives an
overview of the amazing nature
found in Costa Rica and then
takes a closer look at how he
photographed everything from
tiny poison frogs to jewel-like
hummingbirds to elusive jungle
cats to dreamy coastal scenes.
You'll come away from this talk
with a new knowledge of tropical
ecosystems and some new ideas
to put into practice for your own
photography.

Event hosted by Quad
Cities Photography Club. [http://
www.qcphotoclub.com](http://www.qcphotoclub.com)

For more information
about Greg visit his website at
www.deepgreenphotography.com



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Workin' on the Railroad; Photographic Challenges

submitted by Ed Sams

As my model railroad
nears completion
I became aware of
the need to photograph
it for the sad day when it
will eventually have to be
dismantled.

Photography of
miniature scenes represents
a particular set of challenges.
When the models are only
1/87th of the prototype there
is a dramatic drop in depth
of field requiring very small
apertures and limited use of
telephoto. Available light
for indoor subjects is usually
not that intense.

Camera
manipulations and devices
needed for this genre
include tripod, cable release,
white balance, mirror lock
up, turning off VR or IS
when using tripod, selection
of subject that eliminates
unwanted foreground and
background, etc. Almost
any normal zoom lens from
wide angle to telephoto will
work.

Although the layout is not yet complete and is in dire need of scenic
backgrounds, there are still plenty of possibilities to hone your skills of
miniature photography.

One member of KodaRoamers has been over so far. All of you
are welcome. Just call ahead. It is best to keep groups between 1 and 4
photographers at a time. Morning and afternoons are best. Typical shoot
session would last an hour or so. Trains, both passenger and freight can be
positioned where requested.

This can be a nice experience when the weather brings us indoors.



Seminars

If you missed the Tony Sweet
seminar in Peoria, you have
another chance Sunday, December
14, 2014 at HeClicksSheClicks.com
(enter Center of Photography tab
then Schedule on the top) to register.

**If you would like to contribute to
the newsletter please send your
articles, images, ideas, and/or
suggestions to Carrie at
kodaroamersmail@gmail.com**

Buy/Sell/Swap

Charles Sommers has the following:

Photography/Dark Room

- **Omega enlarger**
 - slide to 2 ¼" size [with two heads, power stabilizer]
 - B/W Condenser type
 - Dichroic color head
- Unknown brand – **old Diffusion type enlarger to 4x5"** works good
- **Electronic clock for enlarger** exposure control
- **Clock for print developing** timing
- **Print developing pans** [3 different sizes]
- **Graflex 4x5" Crown Graphic** sheet film camera with case & misc. items
- **Zeiss tessar 1:4.5 lens and compyar shutter**
- **Plus 120 roll film** x10 exposure roll film back
- Many **4x5 sheet film holders, 4x5 sheet film drying holders**
- **4x5 daylight sheet film developing tank**
- **Rolleicord Twin-lens Reflex** camera 2 ¼" film size also has template for creating super slide size images, leather case
- **Honeywell Strobonar** Electric flash with 120 v. [power cord] & exposure sensor
- **Kodak Carousel 4400** slide projector in case
- **Crestline deluxe slide projector**
- **Chromaga color print developing** system [roller type]
- Popular **AC Slave lights** with model lights and cords [two available]
- **Umbrellas with stands** for lighting
- **Books, magazines, Kodak printed materials** on products, uses, etc
- Hundreds and hundreds of **misc items too numerous to mention** like filters, releases, etc

Contact Charles at 662-6342 or chardar7@msn.com

Vandana Bajikar has the following:

- **One year old D800 camera with Kirk's L bracket, and two original batteries, charger and original box. \$2000.**

Contact Vandana at

vandana_bajikar@yahoo.com

KodaRoamers has the following:

- **Kodak Carousel 4600 Projector - \$95 or BO**

Call Denise O'Brien (309) 378-2033

Wyn Knapp has the following:

- **Canon MP-65 lens, \$750/OBO**
 - Retail \$949, Internet \$850
- **Canon 5D Camera Body, \$500/OBO**
 - Internet Price \$650
- **Really Right Stuff L-bracket for 5D, \$75/OBO**
 - Internet Price \$90
- **Canon 20D Camera Body, \$75/OBO**
 - Internet Price \$100
- **Canon 40D Camera Body, \$250/OBO**
 - Internet Price \$300
- **iMac (27", Late 2009) \$800/OBO**
 - Processor - 2.8 GHz Intel Core i7
 - Memory - 8 GB 1067 MHz DDR3
 - Startup Disk - Macintosh HD
 - Graphics - ATI Radeon HD 4850 512 MB
 - Serial Number QP0070UP5RU
 - HD - 2 TB

This computer is in excellent condition.

No reasonable offer refused.

Contact Wyn at: 858/945-6636 or email: wynknapp@me.com

If you would like to buy or sell any photo gear, please send your information to Carrie at kodaroamersmail@gmail.com and it will be listed here!

Club Calendar

December Workshop:

Thursday, December 11, 2014 7pm
Peoria Challenge: topic is "Moment of Reflection" Images taken after January 14, 2014.

- Submit up to 6 images sized to 1024 x 768 maximum.
- Number as follows: Image number (01 - 06)-12-your competition number-title ie: 03-12-55-Mirror Mirror. We will be selecting the top 50 images to compete with Peoria.
- Submit your images to Mike Lux at the following email mlluxarch@frontier.com by 6:00 pm Monday, December 8, 2014.

Our program that evening will be "How I did That" by Vandana Bajikar commenting on the processing of her winning Salon print.

Hostess is Janet Bremner

December Dinner Meeting:

There will be no December Dinner Meeting this month.

Challenges

- **Peoria:** Preliminary judging for "Moment of Reflection" will be at our December 11th workshop – so keep working on your images. *Images must have been taken after January 14, 2014*
- **Champaign:** "Sunset to Sunrise" *Images taken after May 9, 2014*



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MENTOR PROGRAM



The first year of membership can be confusing and you may find it discouraging to deal with questions on your own. Meeting with a mentor for orientation only takes a short while and will get you up and running much sooner, and make you more certain in dealing with club activities. The combined wisdom of the mentors is extensive, and they all want to help make a stronger club by helping you.

Below is a list of Mentors versed on various subject matters. If you have questions on your camera, Photoshop or Lightroom, please contact one of the individuals below for one on one help.

KODAROAMERS MENTOR LIST				
Mentor	Contact	Camera	Computer	Software
Vandana Bajikar	vandana_bajikar@yahoo.com	Nikon	PC	Photoshop, PSP
Roger Bunting	buntingrk@gmail.com	Canon Panasonic	PC Panasonic	PS3, PSPro XV, Irfanview, My Slide Show
Tracy DeWeese	deweesephoto@yahoo.com	Nikon	PC	ACDSee, Photoshop, Perfect Resize and others
Jim Finch	jm_finch@msn.com	Canon	PC	Photoshop Perfect Photo Suite
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Mike Lux	mlluxarch@msn.com	Nikon	PC	Photoshop
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John Vogel	jvogel1770@aol.com	Nikon	PC	ACDSee, PS Elements