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April Workshop & Dinner Meeting

April 9 - Workshop
 Salon Deadline;
 174 Pre-judge;
 "How I Did That" by Jim Kirk & Andrea Monninger;
 Host: Dave Scoates

April 28 - Dinner Meeting
 Program: "Jordan" Roger Bunting
 Host: Anita & Eff Embree



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

KODAROAMERS

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President's Message

As I mentioned last month, our editor, Carrie Olson moved, as she says "needed some fun in the sun", to Tucson, AZ and has graciously agreed to publish this newsletter through this issue. That said – We are looking for another club volunteer to take over as the newsletter editor/publisher. There is a template for MS Word that can be used, and Carrie will train over the phone and via email. Please let me know if you can help provide this communication tool for this next club year.



For those that missed the March workshop, KodaRoamers judged images for our May entry into the PSA/PID Group C competition... Judges, Clair Hedden, Brian Hymer and Cliff Andreas selected the six images from Mike O'Brien, Mabel Lux, Vandana Bajikar, Jim Kirk, Laurie Bergner and Mike Lux. Following the break we heard Barry Binderman, curator of the ISU gallery located in Uptown Normal's transportation building, talk on the history of photography as an art form.



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Saturday, March 14th six KodaRoamers attended the Peoria Seminar with Bill Fortney's presentation on "The Art of Photography" We learned about Camera Control, Exposure Exposed and White Balance Demystified, See The Light and Use It, and Compose Images for Impact.

Works of Vandana Bajikar, Andrea Monninger, Ann Husk and Mike O'Brien were selected for the McLean County Art Center Amateur Art Exhibit. Ann Husk took second place for photography. The exhibit runs through April 18th at the Art



Center plus the images are posted on kodaroamers.com

KodaRoamers also had four members participate in the Champaign County "Best In Show" print competition February 22nd. Jim Kirk took 1st in Manipulated Images plus 3rd in Animals and an HM in Black & White. Vandana Bajikar received a 3rd & HM in Nature. Laurie Bergner won 1st in People and Ann Husk received an HM in Nature & People. Congratulations!

Our thanks to Janet Bremner, who at the dinner meeting, enlightened us on the work of the Red Cross Disaster Teams.

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Officers:

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

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Chaplain

Herb Knudsen

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Richard Hoffman, Mabel Lux

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Denise O'Brien, Mike O'Brien

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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

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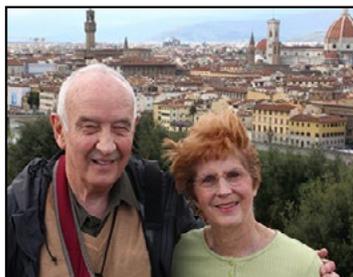


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Getting to Know One Another

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 long tenured members Ed & Marilyn Sams and new member Dan Fernandes.

Some friends (Ralph and Louise Bellas) a dozen years ago invited the Sams to join them for an evening out – dinner and a travelogue. It was a KodaRoamers



meeting! “What I like about this Club is it being a great audience that enjoys travel photography as well as being with one another. There’s nothing better than sharing in one another’s life journeys.”

Ed was born and raised in Bloomington. After high school, he earned a degree in Education from ISNormalU as well as doing graduate studies in psychology. His career included a decade each in teaching/coaching and another decade in retail management, but ultimately his “best fit” was a construction and remodeling business he owned for thirty years. Marilyn, on the other hand, was always an elementary teacher and recently retired from Unit 5. She was born in San Francisco and raised in Redwood City, California. She has an undergraduate degree from Abilene Christian University and a master’s in education from Illinois State.

Ed and Marilyn have been married for twenty-eight years and have six children, nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild between them. One of their great joys and focus currently is trying to keep up with all the grands’ activities – “They are really busy and interesting kids!” That must be genetic! They got it from their grandparents, I believe.

Check this out! Ed loves to build things! – recently a two-car garage, but now focuses more on

making “smaller things” in his wood working shop, like the huge model railroad in his home (that KRCC members have been invited to use for macrophotography). Ed and Marilyn are members of two book discussion groups. Searching out ‘objective’

information on current events is a major hobby. Ed’s an active member of Young Men’s Club as well as a KRCC Past President (2009-11) and our current Membership Committee chair. He and Marilyn love music, regularly attend the symphony, and often have the classics playing at home. Marilyn is also a member of two choral singing groups as well as enjoying sewing, gardening, tennis, and working out at the gym. Ed and Marilyn met at a fine arts club in town he helped found – known as The Amadeus Club. “We had great parties!” While they still party lots, now they especially love to travel and annually take several major trips, including the one to Italy they recently shared with KRCC.

And then there’s photography! Ed had an “awesome teacher” in Junior High who awakened in him interests in photography, model railroading, and science. While Ed doesn’t really have a favorite camera, he primarily uses a Canon EOS D60 with several lenses. He enjoys newer technology and is following the development of the mirrorless cameras. Over the years, he’s won a couple of first places in Salon and inter-Club competitions – “though I’ve not yet advanced to the RAW and post-processing levels of many of our members. Regardless, it’s really amazing to watch the technological developments.”

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If, for some strange reason at a KRCC workshop you suddenly hear Barbershop Quartet harmony, you are not losing your mind. It's



likely Jim Finch and one of our newest members, Dan Fernandes, being confused about what gathering they are attending that night!?! – because, both of them are members of the award-winning SPEBSQSA “Sound of Illinois Barbershop Chorus” as well as KodaRoamers Camera Club. Actually, Dan was a KRCC member 5+ years ago but transferred to the now-defunct State Farm Club because he especially appreciated the critique sessions they regularly held. He now rejoins us and we're glad he did!

Dan was born in San Jose, California, the second of four children, and grew up on a dairy farm in Salinas, CA. After graduating from high school, he earned a bachelor's degree from Humboldt State University. Shortly thereafter, he was hired by State Farm Insurance in Auto Claims. He had assignments in California and Texas prior to his 1990 transfer to the Corporate Office here in Bloomington. Dan recently retired and is now enjoying all his newly found “free” time, though care giving for family members in California and Arizona has become a primary focus of late.

While in junior college, Dan met and fell in love with Cathy. They

have now been married forty years, raised two children, and are thoroughly enjoying two grandchildren. Cathy had a career in sales and most recently retired from the Hallmark store at Eastland Mall. She enjoys many of the arts and crafts, most especially scrap booking, as well as some photography.

Photography became an interest for Dan after a class he took several years ago. “I prefer a more ‘simple’ camera and especially enjoy ‘catching moments’ with people shots. I also enjoy fun challenges like using food (eg. hot dogs dressed up) in crazy pictures.” He uses point and shoot cameras, which based on the situation, is either a Nikon or a Panasonic Lumix. He also enjoys videography and editing. Other hobbies, besides harmonizing, include movies, golf, and travel.

Welcome back Dan! and a Special Commendation to Jim Finch for extending yet another great invitation resulting in a new member. He's the “Leader of the KRCC Pack” for sure!



Treasurer's Report: January 28, 2015

The club began the 2014-2015 club year with \$2071

date	ck #	debit	credit	balance	comments
				\$1,902.79	Beginning Balance
			\$392.00	\$2,294.79	Feb. Dinner
		\$492.00		\$1,802.79	Feb. dinner, lost \$100.00
		\$10.00		\$1,792.79	Sec of State
		\$60.00		\$1,732.79	St John's Luthern (Salon room rental)
				\$1,732.79	Ending Balance

Bloomington Public Library's "Programs for Adults"

KRCC Member Wyn Knapp will be teaching *Macro Photography* as part of the Bloomington Public Library's "Programs for Adults." The class is free to the public and requires no advance registration.

- Monday, April 15, 7pm in the Community Room
- Macro (Extreme Close-Up) Photography. This class focuses on a style of photography that captures great details on a very small subject. You will be guided through depth of field, lighting, and other tricks of the trade necessary to master successfully macro photography.

Buy/Sell/Swap

Vandana Bajikar has the following:

- **One year old D800 camera with Kirk's L bracket, and two original batteries, charger and original box. \$1800.**

Contact Vandana at vandana_bajikar@yahoo.com

Meng Horng has the following:

- **Nikon D80 with AFS-Dx 18-105mm/3.5-5.6 G ED VR lens and all original accessories, with battery car charger and European plug.**
- **One owner, like new. Include 3 filters: UV, ND, C-Polarizer and their folder.**

Bought new \$1,200. Will let go for \$550 or BO. Call Meng at 663-5044 or email mengymc@gmail.com

Past Issues of the Newsletter are available at:

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



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HCC Online Photography Classes

Heartland Community College offers the following interactive photography courses that can be taken entirely over the Internet:

- Discover Digital Photography
- Mastering Your Digital SLR Camera
- Secrets of Better Photography
- Photographing People With Your Digital Camera
- Photographing Nature with Your Digital Camera
- Travel Photography for the Digital Photographer

The following software courses are also offered:

- Photoshop Elements 12 for the Digital Photographer
- Introduction to Lightroom 5
- Photoshop Elements 11 for the Digital Photographer
- Photoshop Elements 12 for the Digital Photographer II
- Photoshop CC for the Digital Photographer
- Photoshop CS6 for the Digital Photographer
- Introduction to Lightroom 4
- Photoshop CC for the Digital Photographer II
- Photoshop CS6 for the Digital Photographer II
- Photoshop Elements 11 for the Digital Photographer II

All of our courses include expert instructors, many of whom are nationally known authors. Start date April 15. Visit <http://www.ed2go.com/hcc/> and click on Design and Composition for more information.



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April, Our Busiest Month of the Club Season

DEADLINE:

SUNDAY April 5 - 6:00 pm

- I 74 April 9th we will select the top 50 images to compete in the 2015 I74 challenge "Sunset to Sunrise (Dusk to Dawn)" with the Champaign County Camera Club. We will be their guests the night of May 8th in Champaign for the final round. Deadline for 6 images exposed after May 9, 2014 is Sunday, April 5th 6:00 pm. 1400 x 1050 sent to mlluxarch@frontier.com named as follows: image # (01-06)-club number (12)-your competition number-title with NO spaces Capitalize each word ie: 03-12-55-MoonRise

DEADLINE:

Thursday, April 9th workshop

- KR Salon - The April 9th workshop is the deadline for both digital and prints for our annual Salon. The date and place has been set for judging - April 25th at St. John's Lutheran Church multi-purpose room. Judging will start at 10:30 till we are done. See the email reminders for the rules and forms. Prints to Vandana Bajikar or John Vogel and digital images to mlluxarch@frontier.com

DEADLINE:

Saturday, April 25th (our Salon date)

- CICCA - May 1st brings the deadline for the CICCA Salon. In order for us to gather the digital images and prints for submission, our deadline will be April 25th (our Salon date) for both digital and prints. Prints to Andrea and digital images to mlluxarch@frontier.com Individual entry checks for \$4 payable to CICCA will need to be included with your entry form this year as digital and prints are being sent to two different individuals. The Salon judging will be on May 16th in Muscatine, Iowa. See the email reminders for the rules and forms. Remember the image size difference 1400 x 1050 for CICCA.

Scavenger Hunt

Our scavenger hunt is underway. We will share our resulting images at the May 14th workshop along with the postponed program on flower photography by Vandana Bajikar. See page 5 of the newsletter for rules and clues!



Club Calendar

April Workshop - April 9th

We will select the top 50 images to compete in the 2015 I74 challenge "Sunrise to Sunset" with the Champaign County Camera Club. We will be their guests the night of May 8th in Champaign for the final round.

Dinner Meeting - April 28th

Roger Bunting will take us on a journey to Jordan. Eff and Anita Embree are our hosts for the evening. Please make your dinner reservations by April 23rd at cowboyexports@yahoo.com

Challenges

- **Champaign:** "Sunset to Sunrise"
Images taken after May 9, 2014
We will be selecting the 50 images to represent KR at our April 9th workshop.
- **Peoria:** "Transportation"
Images taken after Jan. 9th, 2015

Click the link below for hints on food photography

http://food52.com/blog/12609-how-to-take-a-food52-style-photo?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_term=Food52%20list&utm_campaign=20150401_AprilFools

KodaRoamers 2015 Scavenger Hunt



- Clue #1:** I am painted on a wall
- Clue #2:** I am an agricultural building with the city in my view. (show the urban environment in your image)
- Clue #3:** I am an historic cinema opened in the 1900's
- Clue #4:** My name is a favorite valentine flower
- Clue #5:** I was found in an alley

- All locations are within the city limits of Bloomington/Normal
- Use your creative juices to photograph a unique perspective of the subject
 - Select your best image for each clue and submit it to mlluxarch@frontier.com by 6pm May 10
 - Name your image as follows: clue #-competition number-title
ie: 08-55-Dumpster
 - Have fun !!

Follow the clue to find the place to take a photo
(may be more than one location)

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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Mike O'Brien	mobrien53@frontier.com	Canon	PC	PS5, PS Elements
Ed Ramos	papiramos@hotmail.com	Canon	PC	Lightroom, Photoshop
John Vogel	jvogel1770@aol.com	Nikon	PC	ACDSee, PS Elements