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### November Workshop & Dinner Meeting

**November 14 - Workshop**  
 Competition: PSA Digital Judging,  
 4 images per member  
 Program: Basic Camera Settings -  
 He Clicks She Clicks  
 Host: Janet Bremner

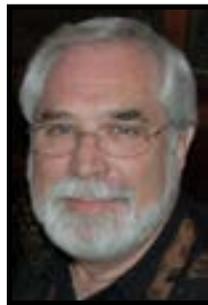
**November 26 - Dinner Meeting**  
 Program: Death Valley - Meng  
 Horng  
 Host: Meng & Linda Horng

# KODAROAMERS

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## President's Message

**A**t our October workshop we viewed 72 images from which we selected six to advance to the November Group C regional PSA competition. KodaRoamers was 8th in Group C last year and will begin at 6th this year (the top two clubs move up to Group B). Images representing KodaRoamers are from John Vogel, Mike O'Brien, Meng Horng, Linda Horng, Mabel Lux and Vandana Bajikar. These can be viewed on our web page kodaroamers.com Scores for the November PSA competition and the Fall CICCA Salon results can be found on kodaroamers.com



*Another reminder - please read the instructions for submitting images and make sure you follow both the naming conventions and the images size requirements. Sizing effects the way an image is projected, and if not consistent with others it may result in lower scores. Also PSA will not accept an image that is not sized correctly. If you need help, give me a call. Also refer to the TIPS section of the newsletter for some helpful information on the subject.*

Tracy DeWeese then led the workshop on the use of our on camera flashes and how to achieve better results.

Are you aware that KodaRoamers has a Facebook page? Not a member of the KodaRoamers Group, click the link or drop me a note and I will add you to the group.



Beginning in November, we are starting a monthly photographic "topic". You can post your images (taken that month) to a monthly album. No visible watermarks or copyright on the image will be allowed. In that album, comments will be welcome. Voting by the members will be done after the month ends in a new album that will contain all the images entered during the month. To vote, simply type 'Vote' in the comments section of the entry you feel is the best representation of that months theme.

Each club member can only vote for one image. If you vote for more than 1, your vote won't be counted for any of them so choose only the image you want to vote for. Members will have until 10:00 pm the 7th day of the following month to cast their vote. The winning image will be displayed on the KodaRoamers Facebook Header. Watch for the November topic album titled "I am Thankful For..." coming November 1st on Facebook. November's winner will select the topic for January.

## New Members

### Watch for bio's in the December newsletter

Corene & Terry DeHaan  
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 19243 Inverness Ct.  
 Bloomington, IL 61705

Larry Harrison  
 (732) 858-1699  
 larrya.harrison@gmail.com

## Host Needed

Host needed for the March 25th Dinner Meeting – Contact Mike Lux  
 mlluxarch@frontier.com

## Officers:

**President** - Mike Lux

**Vice Pres** - Dave Weth

**Treasurer** - Mike O'Brien

**Secretary** - Mabel Lux

## Committees:

### Chaplain

Ann Husk, Herb Knudsen

### Courtesy

Peggy Whelan, Mabel Lux

### Publicity

Denise O'Brien, Michael O'Brien

### Newsletter

Carrie Olson, Herb Knudsen,  
Mabel Lux

### Membership

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

### Projection

Dave Weth, Mike Lux,  
Andrea Monninger

### PSA Rep

Mike Lux, Dave Weth

### CICCA Rep

Andrea Monninger

### Salon

Dave Weth, Mike Lux (Digital), Janet  
Bremner, John Vogel (Prints)

### Challenges

Andrea Monninger (Peoria),  
Mike Lux (I74)

### Competition Numbers

Meng Horng

### Merit Awards

Roger Bunting

### Equipment

Mike Lux, Dave Weth

### Webmaster

Mike O'Brien

### Facebook Admin

Andrea Monninger, Mike Lux

### Nominating

Andrea Monninger, Past-Presidents

### Historian

Doris KupperSmith



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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 Mark Cooper and Dennis Fox.*

## Our Longest Tenured Members



**M**ark A. Cooper is the third most tenured member of KodaRoamers, joining the Club in 1985. He began his love of photography

during a family trip to Washington, D.C. when he was twelve years old and enjoyed taking pictures of all the historical sites. This fascination then grew into a passion with two photography classes and a graphic arts course in high school. It further evolved with significant course work in the media arts at ISU as well as working there in the Media Services Department, later called Instructional Technology Services Department and for the U-High Library. He's also done extensive volunteer work at his church (Trinity Lutheran) in the Radio, then later Television ministries.

The youngest of two children, Mark was born (1957) and raised here in Bloomington. He's a graduate of University High School, did a year's study at Illinois Central College, and then got his undergraduate degree from ISU in Speech Communication. He is currently employed as a Substitute Teaching Assistant in Unit 5 for special needs students and evenings with a Security Services company.

Mark first learned about KodaRoamers from his best friend Chris Adelman, the son of Harold Adelman a former KRCC President. Chris also helped Mark choose his first camera (a Nikon SLR) and then later shift to the digital world with a Canon camera. He's won numerous ribbons

in club competitions, including a First Place (Abstract/Experimental) in a Club Salon. Mark also continues an active membership in PSA, including being past PSA Area Representative, and has served KRCC in the past as Historian and with terms as Chair of the Publicity and the Courtesy Committees.

His favorite place for taking pictures is at a zoo, especially the Miller Park Zoo close to his home. If you don't see him there, you might catch him at a B/N Ski Club event or a concert for the Central Illinois Banjo Club (playing the Auto Harp) where he maintains long-time, active memberships.

## ...Our Newest Member



**B**orn (1948) the younger of two sons, Dennis Fox was raised in Bloomington and graduated from Trinity High School. He later

earned his B.S. from Illinois State University, and entered the graduate biology program for a year before leaving to get his D.D.S. degree from Loyola University Dental School. He has maintained an active dental practice in Bloomington since 1976, and lives in rural El Paso on the Mackinaw River – which is also one of his favorite spots for his passion of nature photography. The acreage around his home offers "ample space and weather events" for many memorable pictures.

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## October Allerton Outing

A few of us met to take pictures of Jessi, our model for the day, at Allerton Park Sunday, October 13th. The Sunday weather was perfect and with the help of Jim Finch and his new lighting system, the images are beautiful. I like costuming and coming up with figurative compositions with props. I'd like to try this again sometime next year with different costumes. *Photos submitted by Denise O'Brien*

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## Studio Lighting Photo Shoot

At this fall's photo shoot you will have an opportunity to photograph models with studio and natural lighting set ups. We'll provide the set ups, the models, and a variety of props. *This is open to Peoria Camera Club and KodaRoamers Club members only.*

This event is free but to help cover model and refreshment expenses we are asking for a maximum donation of \$10 per person. Arrive at 8am if you want to spend some time in the morning learning how to set up and arrange the lighting and see how it can affect the pictures. The models will arrive at 9am. Refreshments will be provided in the morning, many restaurants are nearby for lunch.

We'll be setting up on Friday, Nov 8 starting at 1pm, so feel free to stop by and help.

If you have any questions contact Carl Close at (309) 339-6112 or [carlwclose@mchsi.com](mailto:carlwclose@mchsi.com)

**Saturday Nov 9, 2013**  
**8am to 4pm - Immanuel**  
**Lutheran Church - 4911 N**  
**Knoxville Ave, Peoria**

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"If you see something that moves you, and then snap it, you keep a moment."

~ Linda McCartney



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## Photography Tips

The following links will lead you to some interesting websites to help you improve your photographs.

A tip on resizing

<http://photonaturalist.net/how-to-resize-your-photos-the-sharp-way/>

Cleaning your sensor:

<http://www.cleaningdigitalcameras.com/index.html>

For our November Workshop:

\*Camera Settings

[http://www.techhive.com/article/256208/mastering\\_your\\_cameras\\_many\\_exposure\\_modes.html](http://www.techhive.com/article/256208/mastering_your_cameras_many_exposure_modes.html)

\*Photography 101 a 4 part series:

<http://fstopblues.net/2010/06/photography-101-the-photographic-triangle-aperture-1-of-4/>

Click at the bottom of the page for part 2, then 3, then 4

Photographing in the Forest:

<http://www.digitalcameraworld.com/2013/10/10/high-contrast-photography-how-to-bracket-expose-a-forest-scene-in-strong-light/>

Fall:

<http://www.digitalcameraworld.com/2013/09/23/autumn-photography-24-tips-on-how-to-take-stunning-pictures-of-fall/>

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*Do you have a favorite website that you go to for photography tips and techniques? Send your links to Carrie at [kodaroamersmail@gmail.com](mailto:kodaroamersmail@gmail.com) and we'll include them in the next edition!*



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## Articles and Links That May Be Of Interest...

*Liam McCabe's article from Reviewed.com in USA Today*

"A Boom in Zoom: Photography's Focus" talks about efforts by camera makers to keep an edge over smartphones. "Zoom is one of the last distinct advantages dedicated compact cameras have over smartphones." While the article talks about several new cameras, the "Editor's Choice Winner" is a Panasonic DMC-GX7 [\$1,099 MSRP with lens] which "delivers great images and superb handling." [Ref: Sept 19, 2013, pg. 5B]

*Jesse Will in the Wall Street Journal Magazine*

In a review of "The Retro Clique" Will concludes there are four new digital cameras that combine sharper sensors with vintage aesthetics and all of which are worth getting and putting down your smartphone. The article provides a short review of each camera and links to more info. The cameras are: a Leica M [\$6,950]; Olympus Pen E-P5 [\$1,000]; Panasonic Lumix DMC-GX7 (\$1,000); and the Fujifilm X-M1 (\$800). [Ref. Oct 12, 2013, pg. 40]

*A New Book by George Lange (Workman Press, 2013)*

In *The Unforgettable Photograph* [ISBN 9780761169239, 336 pgs, \$16.95] and organized around six key ideas, Lange provides "practical tips on how to enlarge your current focus and achieve a wider range of angles for creating stunning images of all the people you love and the places you care most about."

*Seasonal Photography Field Guides at Kelbytraining.com*

This Internet-based training site provides a variety of training courses and programs of interest to the wide range of experience in photography. Here, the author Fay Sirkis has developed a Ps In-Depth course on how best to take pictures in each of the seasons and what to notice unique to each. Fall is often the most talked about, but don't forget the other three. Access memberships to the extensive

library of courses can be purchased at \$199 per year or you may simply try it for a month at \$24.95.

*"Tips on Fall Photo Fun" from a long-time camera store in the Ozarks*

The Lawrence Photo and Video store in Springfield, MO, is an awesome store that has served the Ozarks and beyond for 40 years. They produce a free-of-charge monthly newsletter via their website <[www.lawrencephotovideo.com](http://www.lawrencephotovideo.com)> The October issue has tips on how best to capture the "Fall Foliage" as well as "Howling Halloween Images."

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**CAPS (Chicago Area Photography School) Sunday, November 17, 2013**

Once every two years, CACCA pulls together the largest one day photo school in the Midwest. *Since they moved it from Chicago to Elgin, it is more accessible to most of us in CICCA.* Held at Elgin Community College Business Conference Center, CAPS is featuring this year Roman Kuryczwak as their half-day keynote presenter and you can choose from 22 other classes for the other half of your day.

This is one photography event which WILL fill up and turn late registrants away, so you probably want to register well before the November 1st deadline.

Most CICCA clubs have members who have attended in the past to ask for details or go to their website: <http://caps.caccae.com>

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## Buy/Sell Swap

If you have any photo gear you would like to buy or sell, send your info to Carrie at [kodaroamersmail@gmail.com](mailto:kodaroamersmail@gmail.com) and you can list it here!

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*The earliest camera, the camera obscura, was described by the Arabic scientist Ibn al-Haytham (Alhazen) in his Book of Optics (1015-1021).*

## *continued from page 2, Getting to Know One Another*

Dennis learned about KodaRoamers through his friends, Mike and Denise O'Brien. While he considers himself a "photography neophyte" he also knows "what he finds appealing. And, when I see things I like, I want to take a picture to preserve the memory. My hope is to learn how to do that better through KRCC." We too hope KRCC can assist you in that quest as well.

In his spare time, Dennis enjoys reading, especially about the natural sciences (biology, astronomy, geology, medicine and evolution). He's also active in groups that promote care and preservation of animals and the use of reason in thinking - i.e., the World Wildlife Fund, Greenpeace, ASPCA and PETA; and locally, the

B/N Free Thinkers Organization and nationally, the Freedom From Religion Foundation. He is also an avid jazz fan and supporter of WGLT radio.

His contact info that you can add to your KRCC Membership Directory is: Dennis Fox, 2541 County Road 500 North, El Paso, IL 61738 309-527-5866 (Home); 309-830-2628 (Cell). Email: jazzfan@fairpoint.net



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## October Meeting Minutes

President Mike Lux began the meeting by introducing and welcoming our guest Larry Harrison and our new members Terry and Corene DeHaan.

Birthdays and Anniversaries during October were then recognized.

The November PSA competition will be held at our November 14th workshop. Each member may submit 4 images and these are due to be emailed to Mike by the 11th at 6:00 pm. Our program that evening will be on "Camera Basics" and will be presented by Mary Heern and Warren King of the Corporate Photo Club. We are asked to bring our cameras for some hands on learning.

There has been a new competition developed for our KodaRoamers Facebook page. The topic will be "I am thankful for." Each member will submit one image to our album and at the end of the month there will be a separated voting album in which each member of KodaRoamers can vote for only one image. The winner of the competition will pick the topic for the competition in January.

Our CICCA representative, Andrea Monninger gave the results of the Fall CICCA Salon for prints. Awards went to Betty Toland, Nancy Saul, Jim Kirk, Anne Husk, Mabel Lux, Dave Weth, and Vandana Bajikar, who also won a Best of Show for a print. Digital results have not been sent to Andrea yet. Andrea also reminded us that the topic for the competition with Peoria is "Power" and that this competition will be held in December.

It was announced that a host was still needed for the March 25th meeting.

Sugar Grove Nature Center held a photo competition last weekend. Four of our members placed in the competition. They were: Mabel Lux, Madison Roberts, Sidney Weth, and Dave Weth, who also won Best of Show. John Vogel shared information about photographer Thomas Mangelson who has a gallery in Galena, IL

Ann Husk presented a wonderful program on the many, many beautiful places to visit, hike and photograph in Southern Illinois.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mabel Lux, Secretary

## Local Continuing Education for Photographers

@ He Clicks - She Clicks  
Photography Center

101 South Gridley St, Bloomington  
*More details available on their website [www.heclickssheclicks.com](http://www.heclickssheclicks.com)*

1. Night Photography Workshop  
Techniques for getting the most from your nighttime photographs.  
November 6, 7pm - 9pm
2. Sports Photography Workshop  
Basic equipment and settings to take your sports photography to the next level.  
November 13, 7pm - 9pm
3. Intro to Flash Workshop  
How to use external camera flash on and off camera.  
November 20, 7pm - 9pm

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<http://www.creativelive.com/howitworks>

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If you would like to contribute to the newsletter please send your articles, images, ideas, and/or suggestions to Carrie at [kodaroomersmail@gmail.com](mailto:kodaroomersmail@gmail.com)



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## CICCA Fall (club) Salon Results

### Color Print & Best of Show

Sunrise over wheat field  
Vandana Bajikar

Other results:

**Digital** Honorable Mention:  
Vandana Bajikar (3)

Accepted:

Mabel Lux (3); Vandana Bajikar (2);  
Ann Husk; Meng Horng; Nancy Saul;  
Mike O'Brien; Andrea Monninger

**Color Prints** Honorable Mention:

Mabel Lux (2); Dave Weth

Accepted:

Jim Kirk (4); Mabel Lux (2);  
Vandana Bajikar (2); Dave Weth (2);  
Ann Husk; Betty Toland; Andrea  
Monninger; Nancy Saul

**Monochrome Prints** Honorable  
Mention:

Nancy Saul

Accepted: Betty Toland (2)

## OOPS! Sorry We Missed It

Connie Kostelc had a photo showing at the Pontiac Art Center through mid October on the Camp-Humiston Memorial above ground pool, in Chautauqua Park.



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Color Print & Best of Show  
Vandana Bajikar  
"Sunrise Over Wheat Field"

## November 14th – Our Second PSA Competition of the Year

**D**eadline for digital images for PSA is Monday November 11th at 6:00 pm. Up to 4 images per member will be judged at our November 14th workshop. The top 6 images will go on to the PSA PID Group C regional competition in January.

Please pay attention to the naming convention (*image # with a leading 0, your competition number, title ie: 02-55-Nice Shot*) and image size (1024 x 768). *1024 for landscape and 768 for portrait.*

### **Image sizing is important!!**

If your image is not sized properly, it will not project the same as others and could have an effect on the judge's scores. Also if it goes on to PSA it will not be accepted by PSA if it is sized incorrectly.

Submit images to Mike Lux  
mlluxarch@frontier.com by 6:00 pm  
November 11th.

"What i like about photographs is that they capture a moment that's gone forever, impossible to reproduce."

~Karl Lagerfeld

## Photo Contest Opportunities

### **Eagle Days Print Competition**

Eagles or life along the Illinois River. Prints due to the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce by January 29.

For more information and the rules see page three on the following link [http://chillicothechamber.com/index\\_htm\\_files/August%20Sept%20Newsletter%202013.pdf](http://chillicothechamber.com/index_htm_files/August%20Sept%20Newsletter%202013.pdf)

### **Champaign Camera Club Print Competition**

Prints due Feb 3 and selected prints on display at Lincoln Square Feb 15-23. See the following link for a PDF of the rules and more information. <http://www.champaigncountycameraclub.org/13-14uploads/BestinShow2014entry.pdf>

## Be Working on Our Images for the Challenges This Year!

**December** - Peoria Camera Club -  
Topic "**Power**" shot after 12/11/12

**April** - I 74 - Topic "**Water**" (any form)  
shot after 5/10/13

# 4th Annual Sugar Grove Nature Center Photography Contest



Best of Show  
Dave Weth - "Beautiful Bluebird"



1st Place - Landscape  
Madison Roberts - "Bare Winter"



3rd Place - People in Nature  
Mabel Lux - "Can I Feed You?"



3rd Place - Wildlife  
Sidney Weth - "Preying for Food"