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Letter from the Editor

With the beginning of the new year upon me, I, as I am sure many other's are doing, took a moment to reflect on what had happened over the course of last year.

My thoughts were at first of the broken resolutions made last year and what I had done, not done, or what I wanted to do but was too afraid.

I then had a thought...what does the word *resolution* mean? So I did what every student has had to do at some point in time, I looked it up!

The dictionary gave me many definitions. The one that I took the biggest liking to was...

The mental state or quality of being resolved or resolute; firmness of purpose.

So this year I am making a list, a small list, of resolutions that I would like to resolve. One is to set a mental state to push my own creativeness in photography.

I resolve that I am going to "play" with my lighting to try a different way to take "still-life" pictures, and to not have all of the pictures I capture stay on my

memory card, flash drive, or a CD that is collecting dust and not praises.

I have a challenge for each and every one of you.

Your challenge, should you accept, is to choose a part of photography that you have been hesitant to explore, and run with it!

If you want to take better portraits, ask someone who you think does a great job to talk to or show you.

Whatever you choose as a resolution, or if you don't make resolutions, I urge you to challenge yourself to make yourself better in whatever you are doing, or wanting to do.



Happy New Year !!!

Your Editor
Shannon Trunde

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Do you eat, breathe, live it?

I was thinking about photography. Okay, that's a pretty common occurrence for me, especially working at a camera store, serving as a camera club president, and striving to be a photographer.

For me photography is something that I absolutely love. It's something that is an integral part of my life. I do eat, breathe, live photography.

Photography changes the way I look at the world. I look at the details differently. I look at light differently. I'm constantly looking at what might make a great photograph. Sure, I don't always take the great photographs, but I visualize them in my mind, and take them with me.

Photography is emotional. So many photographs elicit an emotion from the viewer. That emotion could be almost anything from joy to sorrow, excitement to anger, you name it.

Photography is subjective. What one person likes is not always what another person likes. Just because you follow all the "rules" of photography does not mean that everyone will like your final image.

Photography is just plain wonderful. But then again, don't we already know that.

Immerse yourself in your art. Fine tune your skills. Constantly look for the shot, even if you never actually take it. Train your eye to see the final image in the raw materials. Learn something daily.

Above all, and this really is the most important, have fun and enjoy yourself. If you are not enjoying it, try a different approach.

Your President,
@ your service,

HEAD'S UP!
OUR DECEMBER POINTS
ARE NOW TO 421...
THAT'S A 42 POINT
LEAD BETWEEN THE 2ND
CLUB AND US!!! GREAT
JOB EVERYONE! KEEP
UP THE GREAT WORK!

Highlights

November's competition results
are

1st place
Flaming Autumn
Stuart O'Hare

2nd place
The Journey
Marta Goertzen

3rd place
Freedom
Marilyn Affolter

Maui Surfer
Julie Carl

Iridescent
Debbie Voorhees

To see how the images scored in competition check out the website and go to "Competition"

Thank you Krista Beckner for allowing me to borrow your prints for the newsletter.

POTY results are :

Krista Beckner 34
Marilyn Affolter 28
Debbie Voorhees 26
Marta Goertzen 12
Stuart O'hare 10
Sandi Colvin 8
Craig Pifer 6
Shannon Trunde 6
Julie Carl 6
Angela Davis 4

If you don't know what POTY stands for it is Photographer Of The Year.

Please check the website on Tuesday evenings for Clinic Night up-dates. The location will be changing every month for a while.



Tip for cold weather:

If you are finding that the batteries that you have freshly charged, or brand new out of the package are not working like they should, they could be cold. Take them out, put them in your pants pocket, it will warm them up and they will be just like new!



The 5 October images that went to the 4C's came back with 5 ribbons!

Congratulations Debbie Voorhees, Krista Beckner, Marilyn Affolter, and Shannon Trunde. Keep up the good work ladies!