

Leading Lines

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IN MEMORY

Janet Jepeway, photographer



February 6, 1942 - June 20, 2006

Janet will long be remembered for documenting the transformation of Hallett's Quarry into Ada Hayden Heritage Park through more than 1500 photographs. The construction site was unstable and dangerous but Janet obtained permission to photograph there. Her impulse to do so came partly from her work with Ames Historical Society. She used two manual focus 35 mm cameras, one of them an antique, and produced stunningly beautiful images in both color and black and white. After the park opened she lectured about it for Story County Conservation and Ames Camera club, sharing her knowledge of light and location with other photographers.

As a member of Story County Conservation Partners, Janet was the driving force behind the photo contests co-sponsored by Story County Conservation and Ames Camera Club. She was also active in Big Bluestem Audubon Society and Ames Area Amateur Astronomers. A celebration of her life was held on July 15 at Ada Hayden Park.

She will be missed by the members of the Ames Camera Club where she was a consistent attendee and avid contributor.

Program Schedule

September 14, 2005. The Ames Camera Club meets to present its annual "**Potpourri of Photography.**" Club members will share their favorite photographs. Each presentation limited to 5 minutes. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Ames Public Library from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend and participate.

October 12th-----TBA

November---The club will be judging Nature slides for the North Central Camera Club Council (N4C). Judging will occur after Nov. 15th.

December 14th----TBA

Notes from the President

Congratulations to Bill Huegerich, Ann Noll, Chuck Oulman and Mark Peterson for having photos accepted at the State Fair!

At our May Meeting Charley Starnes described judging at the Iowa State Fair Photography Salon. The judges consist of one teacher of photography, one photojournalist, and one practicing professional. They first look at all photos to select which are accepted. In the next round each judge designates photos they like, and these all become honorable mention or better. They judge the photos again to pick winners.

Photos which have been oversharpened or which show unnatural color are immediately rejected. Some are rejected due to distracting mats; white or buff is recommended. Oval images are usually rejected. (Matting isn't required.) Photos which appear to attempt to copy past winners are rejected.

The most important aspect is the impact of the photo. Photographers are urged to express their own unique viewpoint. For nature photos, observe the rule of thirds, leading lines, and try to convey a feeling of depth.

Tom Scott



Summer Workshop

This summer on Saturday, June 10th, the Ames Camera Club held an exhibit and workshop at Ames Public Library. 40 photos were on display, along with more than a dozen books on photography. Bill Merrill gave an hour-long lesson in PhotoShop which was wildly popular. Kathy, Lori and Tom wrote handouts to give away. About 49 visited; a few of them for more than an hour.

We asked if they'd be interested in a general lesson on taking pictures. Quite a few said they'd attend, so now we need a volunteer instructor!

Photo Contest Sponsored by Story County Conservation Partners & Ames Camera Club

Story County Conservation (SCC) *Partners* and the Ames Camera Club in the past have sponsored a contest for photos taken in Story County, Iowa. This contest is being altered due to changes in Story County Conservation staff. Apparently it will be held in Spring 2007. We will announce these changes as they occur. You can also get information at WWW.storycountyconservation.org

From N4C President's Message

"...you can show it all (photos) in the N4C monthly contests that will start in September. This year you can enter small prints, large prints, color prints, B&W prints, slides, 2 ¼ slides, and yes, this year you can enter your digital images in a monthly trial contest. N4C has 16 monthly contests this next year, which adds up to 128 contests for the year."

Wilford Yoder

Contact Denise Wheeler, 232-3521 if you are interested in entering into one of these contests.

Exhibits

The club is interested in exhibiting members' photographs to show what we can do and to promote the club. If you know of such a location contact any of the Officers or Board Members (See phone numbers on this same page).

N4C Convention in Sioux City

Title: "Golden Anniversary"

Where: Marina Inn

When: September 15th-17th

There will be field trips, seminars, photographic exhibits, meetings and more. They say that you needed to register before August 19th, however if you really wanted to go they might make an exception. If you can't make it this year then make plans to attend next year. For more information on Sioux City contact: JackBristow@cablone.net

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