

Leading Lines

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The Brooke Presentation

On Saturday November 15, Iowa photographer and poet Paul Brooke gave an interesting and entertaining presentation that the Ames Camera Club co-sponsored with the Ames Public Library. This designated "Iowa Cultural Event" contained readings from his current book and discussion and demonstration of his photographic techniques. It was well attended and well received.

Among the strange new things Paul showed us was the "gilley suit," a garment that makes a photographer (or more to the point, a sniper, since the U.S. military was the source of his suit) look rather like a walking bush. He used this to snag some of the unusual wildlife close-ups in the book without being observed by his subjects.

The book, "Light and Matter," a collection of poems and nature photographs, was made available for purchase and signing after the talk. If you missed the presentation, the library has a copy or two for checkout, and it is also available from Amazon and the other usual sources.

I heard from Paul afterward that he enjoyed giving the presentation. He is working on another book, so maybe we'll be able to arrange another visit before too long.

-----Mark Slagell



Bluejay

Stan Williams

Program Schedule

The Ames Camera Club (ACC) meets every second Thursday at 7:00 to 8:30 in the Community Room of the Ames Public Library (second floor) from Sept. through May.

December 11, A regular meeting at 7 pm (see above). **Luke Healey** will present "Best Practices for Lighting Indoor Photos". He will bring some studio lights and other equipment; you are encouraged to bring cameras and other equipment you are interested in learning to use. It will not be all about fancy stuff. He will also be talking about topics like on-camera flash, red-eye, unwanted shadows, etc.

January 7 (Weds), A meeting with a presentation by Iowa Nature Photographer **Ty Smedes**. More information in the next newsletter

February 12, A regular meeting as the Spring Club Photo Contest (see information on page 2)

March 12, A regular meeting. **Mark Slagell** will present "How We Think When We Photograph".

April, TBA

May 14, A regular meeting sharing the results of a scavenger hunt. See details at our website; Amescameraclub.org.

NEWS

Nov. N4C Contest Participants We had seven photographs in the N4C digital contests entered by three photographers; Stan Williams, Tom Andre and Brent Pearce. The three digital areas are Pictorial, Nature and Creative/Contemporary. The photographs in this newsletter are some of those entered.

Where will we get good quick photo development? Pyle has closed and Walden is due to close on December 31, 2008.

Try our website
Amescameraclub.org



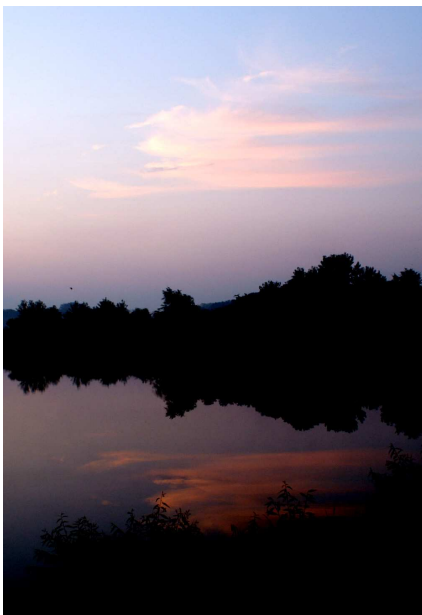
N4C Photo Contests Rules

There is a contest each month. One entry per person and 8 entries per club for each category listed below. Send your photos (except for digital) to **Denise Wheeler** (232-3521) by the 5th of month.

The categories are:

1. 2 x 2 pictorial slides (35 mm art).
2. 2 x 2 nature slides.
3. Black & white pictorial prints, large and small
Large prints = mount up to 16 x 20 inches.
Small prints = mount up to 11 x 14 inches
4. Nature prints, large and small.
5. 2 1/4 slides (i.e. medium format).
6. Color prints, large and small (any topic).
7. Contemporary/creative prints & slides (weird or manipulated).
8. Photojournalism prints & slides (prints may be small, mounted and must not be matted).
9. Travel prints & slides.
- 10, 11, 12. Three digital contests: pictorial, nature, and creative-contemporary. The images must be 1024 x 768 or smaller, less than 500 kb of memory and in jpg format. Submit these to: rbpearce@mchsi.com by the 12th of the month.

We have 7 digital photos (3 people) for the December Contest. Is one of them yours? If not, try submitting a photo. You will enjoy it.

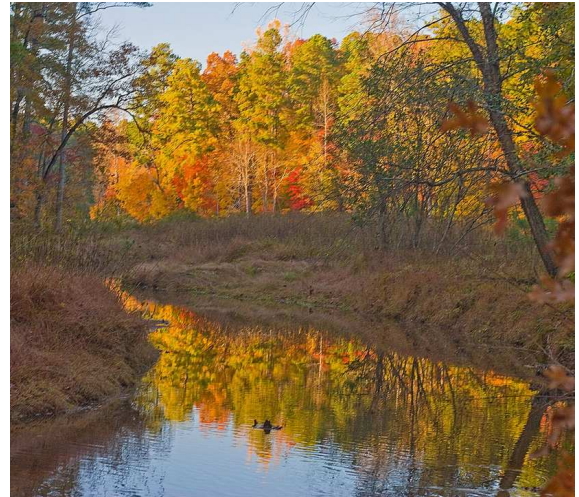


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Quiet Stream on a Fall Day Tom Andre

Membership Dues

The ACC board has changed the annual dues for the coming year. Surprise, they are not higher; they are lower. The new annual ACC dues are:

- Renewal membership\$20
- New, family member or student.....10
- Maximum per family.....30

Luke Healey is the treasurer and accepts dues at our regular meetings.

February Club Photo Contest

The Ames Camera Club will hold its own contest in February. The topic is “Fall” so you need to start thinking now about what photos you would like to present. The rules of the contest are:

1. The subject is “Fall”
2. Presentation by prints only
3. Each contestant can bring up to 3 prints
4. Prints must be 11” x 14” or smaller

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