

# DEVELOPMENTS



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MCC meets nearly every Thursday  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday: Competition  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday: Digital Class  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday: Program & Business  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday: Carl & Tom's Class  
for Enthusiastic Photographers

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## To Thine Own Self Be True – NOT —Blair Ball

Most of us photographers develop a passion and sometimes a predictable style in the subjects and categories we photograph, and I'm no exception. In and of itself this is not necessarily good or bad. It does give one a comfort in doing so, it does allow for improvement, but does it allow us to experience and grow? Does it allow us to be the best we can be? Possibly.

Many times someone will pursue some avenue of passion only to discover their true and unique talents in another. Ansel Adams' first passion was trying to play the piano, which his parents purchased in 1925 when he was 23. Two years later he saw his first photograph and then went on to pursue photography,. However one of his first successes came in selling his commercial portfolio...shooting wealthy patrons who would later buy his landscape images.

Here is a challenge as we approach 2010. Let's all step out of our comfort zone: explore new photographic categories, expand our reach, pretty soon the uncomfortable may become the comfortable. Who knows...your newfound style may surprise you and many of your fellow photographers.

If you shoot nature, try portraits. If you shoot candid, experiment with landscape. If you shoot macros, change to black & white. Step out...broaden your horizons and delve into the uncomfortable. There are many good photographers in this club who are willing to share with you their knowledge and expertise in an area you may lack knowledge in. Learn...grow...give back... challenge yourself this year to the uncomfortable.

Let yourself see where it takes you. It might take you into a whole new direction you never dreamed of following; then again it might bring you back full circle. One thing is for sure. You will never know until you try. So be determined this year to do the uncomfortable. To Thine Own Self Be True - NOT this year!

## Newsletter Future

—Tom Richey

It has been a struggle to produce a newsletter on a monthly basis. The Board has approved publishing it every other month. Beginning in March there will be a Feb/Mar issue. The newsletter will come out after the March competition and will have scores from both Feb & March. Then every other month for the balance of the year!

## 2009 Awards Banquet

—Barry Seigel

The annual awards banquet will be held at Coletta's at 2850 Appling Road, Bartlett on Saturday evening, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The exact time will be announced later. In addition to the excitement of the awards themselves, it's a great opportunity to see some of the best photographs that have been entered over the past year. There's plenty of time for socializing so you'll really have a good time even if you haven't entered anything for the competition. The food has always been excellent and the cost is \$25 per person which includes your meal, soft drink, dessert, taxes and gratuity. Please pay Peggy Copen, in advance, by Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> as we need a firm count of how many will be attending. Spouses and significant others are encouraged to attend.

## Memphis Camera Club Exhibiton 2009

—Joe Sullivan

Two thousand and nine was a great year for Memphis Camera Club Exhibitions. In January 2009 we began the year with a well-received show, "PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES BY MEMPHIS CAMERA CLUB" at Gallery 32 in Germantown hosted by Dr. Rebecca Barton. In March 2009 our annual "YEAR END COMPETITION WINNERS" exhibit was presented by Christian Brothers University. Always a favorite, the Meeman Shelby Forest show, this year entitled "TENNESSEE PARKS THROUGH THE LENS", hung from July 4 through Labor Day and received great praise from the park visitors. A request for individual artist exhibits by Brother Robert Werle of CBU resulted in the preparation of two shows by club members. In August 2009 "GOD'S WINGED CREATURES" featured work by Tom Richey, Allen Sparks, and Joe Sullivan. In October 2009 "TIME AND TEXTURE", a display of black and white images by Mary Stubbs, opened at Christian Brothers University.

A number of other club members also presented individual shows during 2009. An exhibit of canvas prints by Dale Cox hung at the Tom Clifton Gallery in June. A show by Tom Fox was exhibited at Bartlett Community Center. Paula Cravens' exhibit "STANDING STONES" was presented during the "Broad Ave Art Walk" October, 2009.

The club was proud also that several members had

work featured in well-recognized publications this year. Out of hundreds of Tennessee Wildlife Magazine's photo contest entrants for 2009-10, our own Tom Furlotte had an image selected for the annual calendar issue, which was published in August, 2009. The North American Bluebird Society Magazine featured Bruce Johnson's image of a male Eastern Bluebird on the cover of the Fall 2009 issue. Quinn Strother received the 2009 "People's Choice Award" by Outdoor Photographer Magazine for her stunningly beautiful image, "ORANGE MORNING".

Congratulations to all our 2009 exhibiting artists!

We look forward to our pending MCC exhibitions for 2010 which, so far, include:

"END OF YEAR WINNERS EXHIBIT" at Christian Brothers University, March 19-May 7, 2010

"PLACES WE WORSHIP" at Christian Brothers University, August, 2010

## End of Year Winners Exhibit

—Joe Sullivan

Exhibit Dates: March 19 - May 7, 2010

- OPENING RECEPTION: March 19, 2010
- PLACE: Christian Brothers University Plough Library
- EXHIBIT: First, Second, and Third place Winners in each category of the 2009 annual competition

Specifications:

- PRINTS: color or black & white
- FRAMES: should complement image
- FINISHED SIZE (image, mat & frame): Minimum 8 x 10; Maximum 36 x 40

Dates to Remember:

- MCC Annual Banquet - January 23, 2010 - Winners of 2009 competition will be announced
- Winners should submit framed images to Exhibition Committee at MCC Business Meeting February 18, 2010 or at MCC Competition Night meeting March 4, 2010. No images will be accepted after March 4, 2010
- Hang Date: March 13, 2010

Notes:

- Images must have wires for hanging attached to back
- Images must have artist's name, contact number and title of image attached to back
- An exhibit form must accompany each image

For questions, please contact Joe Sullivan (josephasullivan@comcast.net)

**Thank You**  
—Beverly Hammond

I want to send out a big “Thank You” to all the Club members who showed up to support the “garage sale” featuring photo accessories once owned by Lou and Esther Prieto. This wealth of items was donated by Esther’s daughter, Judy Martin. There were many outsiders there as well to partake of the many bargains. Patti Possel, my right arm in this endeavor, put many left over items on e-bay, and so far has sold several. As it stands now, we have made about \$1300. We hope to come up with something special to target this money for. Suggestions, anyone?

Many, many, thanks to Patti and Paul Fultz for packing, loading, unloading, unpacking, replacing, reloading and unloading!!! It is general grunt work, but I must say that

they are really good at it!

Another special “Thank You” to Tom Furlotte for transporting all of those beautiful books donated by Dr. Lacey Smith to the club. They were well received and sold well.

Thanks again, everyone.

**January Birthdays**

—Tom Richey

- 1/19 Carolyn Sheppard
- 1/19 Kitty Whitlow
- 1/21 Newt Reed
- 1/27 Brenda Silberman
- 1/28 Steve Stubbs



<b>January 2010 Competition</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Winners</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Points</b>
Black and White	Charles Spencer	James	25
	Steve Copen	Wig Maker	25
Candid People	Blair Ball	Is It Really Spiderman?	24
Color Open	Paul Fultz	Ever Alert	27
Creative	Mary Stubbs	One Day in the Garden	26
	Mary Stubbs	Variation on a Theme	26
Digital Open	Dodie Bush	Ripple Effect	25
Digital Nature	Curt Hart	Cone Head	25
	Curt Hart	Prothonatory Warbler	25
Digital Landscape	David Taylor	Room With a View	23
Landscape	Barry Siegel	View from LaGuardia	23
Nature	Angie Menne	A Breath of Spring	25
Portrait	Beverly Hammond	Pride and Joy	24
Digital of the Month	Dodie Bush	Ripple Effect	25
Print of the Month	Paul Fultz	Ever Alert	27

**JANUARY  
WINNERS**