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<http://www.PixelImageCameraClub.com/>
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2009

April 21st Meeting

This month's program will be one of our "members teach other members" sessions.

The club will meet at 7:30P.M. Meetings are held in the Schaumburg Township District Library, located at 130 S. Roselle Road, near the corner of Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, 60193.

Coming Events

April 21, 2009 (TUE): Pixel Image Camera Club program in Youth Services Room, Main Floor.

May 19, 2009 (TUE): Pixel Image Club "Best of the Year" Competition.

Photographic Society of America (PSA) 75th Annual Conference at Yellowstone: Sept. 20 - 26, 2009

End of year party (TBA)

Notes from the March 17th Meeting:

There's a **Postcard Competition at the Chicago Area Camera Clubs Association (CACCA) meeting on Saturday, April 11th**. Just print one to four of your images and glue to postcards or 4x6 inch cardstock, address, stamp and mail in to Mark Southard or better yet, take it down to the judging and witness this special event firsthand. For directions, see <http://www.chicameraclubs.org/>

One member gave an impromptu session, "Want Light? Build it Yourself!" to demonstrate an effective and inexpensive light system he constructed out of 3 switches and several 100- or 200- and a center 300-wattage spiral bulbs. A benefit is that, despite the brightness, the light does not feel hot. It produces 5500 degree Kelvin light, like daylight. He buys the parts at local home supply centers and can fit it inside a PhotoFlex cover from Calumet to soften and spread the light.

Nancy Jacobek reminded members that as District Rep for Northern Illinois, she has access to info on PSA and would like to promote local clubs.

Lastly, Dennis Arendt needs some more digital images from members for the PSA Digital Interclub international competition. This year, we are in group 1. There is one more competition in May. Maybe we can win this one, with your help. Send to: **Turboman@WowWay.com**.

Pixlr: Another Freebie Image Editor

Do you travel a lot and thus don't have access to Adobe Photoshop CS because it's installed on your desktop computer sitting back at home? You want to post some of your travel photos, but they need a little tweaking first? Here's a very fast-loading basic editor that can be used online in a pinch:

<http://www.pixlr.com>

Pixlr's not designed for editing large RAW images, nor for printing, but it does work in layers and it has some sophisticated tools like curves and other familiar controls (Hue/Saturation, Free Transform & Rotate, Crop, Blur, Sharpen. It's ready to go in under 2 seconds. No waiting. It is helpful, too for people who blog, Twitter, use FaceBook, MySpace, Flickr, Snapfish, etc. to post photos or create backgrounds.

Because Pixler is based on the **Flash Player** from Adobe, be sure you have it on the computer first. You can download and install Flash Player (currently version 10) for free from Adobe:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/flashplayer/>

Some of the fun filters Pixlr offers are: "Water Swirl" (a wavy look), "Kaleidoscope" (for a graphic element), "Tilt-Shift" (a selective blur effect that can be moved around, controlled to some extent with sliders), "Half Tone" and "Scan Lines" and "Noise" to give that old print effect, "Vignette" (to darken corners and edges), "Pastels" (for a blobs of paint look. NOTE: This filter takes longer!), "Heat Map" (gives the image a wild look with neon oranges, yellows, blues and greens), "Art Poster" (for a simplified fun look with limited colors), "Emboss" and "Engrave" for an etched look.

NEWS FLASH! The Pixlr folks recently –a week ago– released an even more basic Beta version for true beginners to digital imaging who have simple needs and want something easy to understand. **Pixlr Photo Express** is only 55kb in size, so it also loads quickly. Since it's brand new, you might like to evaluate it and give the developer some helpful feedback. Try it out at:

<http://pixlr.com/express>

~Submitted by Pat Centeno, Secretary~



Thanks to our judges for March—Tom Hughes, Laura Krause, & Bob Siepka all of Fox Valley Camera Club.

Winners for the Month of MARCH, 2009

AWARDS and HONORABLE MENTIONS



At Anchor,
Large Mono
AW & BOS by
Bob Benson

(IMAGE NOT AVAILABLE)

Sunflower Sunset,
Large Color
AW & BOS by
Mark Southard



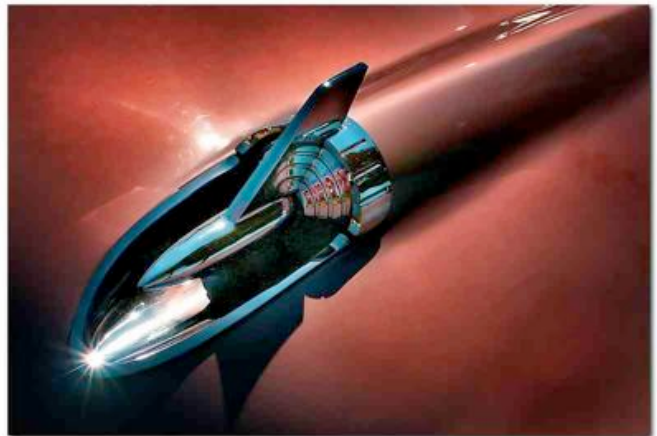
North Avenue Beach,
Large Color
HM by
Mark Southard



A Bit of the 50's Preserved,
Small Color A
AW & BOS by
Dennis Arendt

(IMAGE NOT AVAILABLE)

Palm Frond,
Small Color A
AW by
Mark Southard



57 Chevy Detail,
Small Color A
HM by
Dennis Arendt



Canyon Wall Abstract #2,
Small Color A
HM by
Bob Benson



The Arbor from Inside,
Small Monochrome
HM by
Dennis Arendt



Il Bel Cristallo,
Small Monochrome
AW & BOS by
Bob Benson



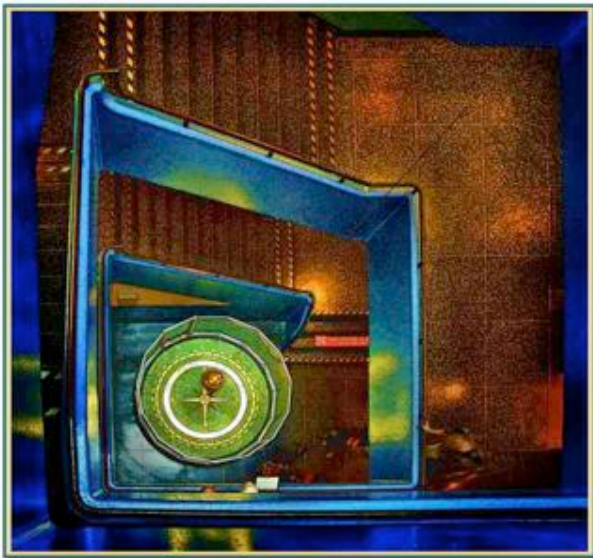
Glowing Canyon Walls,
Digital Slide
AW & BOS by
Bob Benson



Steam Still Gets the Job Done,
Digital Slide
AW by
Dennis Arendt



Worldly View,
Digital Slide
HM by
Mark Southard



Focault Pendulum,
Digital Slide
AW by
Dennis Arendt



Goblin Valley,
Digital Slide
HM by
Bob Benson



An Old Dodge,
Digital Slide
HM by
Dennis Arendt

Competition Results MARCH, 2009

Category	Name	Individual Scores														Average	Pts.	Entries		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14				15	16
Small Color Prints class A		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
	Dennis Arendt	24	23	22	24	24	24	21	24	22	21	24	22	22	22	24	21	22.75	364	16
	Bob Benson	23	25	23	24	21	23	23	24	23	24	24	22	21	19	23	19	22.56	361	16
	Mark Southard	23	25	21	23	22	22	21	23					22	23	19	22	22.17	266	12
	Nina Pulliam	21	21	22														21.33	64	3
	Joe Tarlos	21	21															21.00	42	2
	Martha Kuzma					18	20											19.00	38	2
Small Color Prints class B		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
	Nancy Jacobek	22	22	23	20					21	20	22	21	21	20			21.20	212	10
	Sharon Deutscher	20	20															20.00	40	2
Large Color Prints		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
	Mark Southard	21	23	21	21	24	22	22	22					22	22	21	21	21.83	262	12
	Bob Benson	22	22	24		24	25			23	23			21	20			22.67	204	9
	John Emmel	23	22			21	23			24	23			22	20			22.25	178	8
	Bruce Van Pelt	22	24	22	22													22.50	90	4
	Alan Cox	24				22	21											22.33	67	3
	Dennis Sullivan					22	23											22.50	45	2
	Sharon Deutscher	21	21															21.00	42	2
	Nina Pulliam	21																21.00	21	1
Large Monochrome Prints		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
	Mark Southard	22	22	21	23	22	21	22						22	22	20		21.70	217	10
	Bob Benson	24	23			24	24			24	25			21	23			23.50	188	8
	Dennis Sullivan					21	21											21.00	42	2
Small Monochrome Prints		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
	Bob Benson	20	22	21	24	21	21	23	21	22	23	23	22	20	24	22	22	21.94	351	16
	Dennis Arendt	20	22	23	21	21	21	24	21	22	21	22	22	20	21	23	23	21.69	347	16
	Mark Southard	21	24			20	20							21	22	23	19	21.25	170	8
	Nancy Jacobek									19	21	21	22					20.75	83	4
	Nina Pulliam	20	21															20.50	41	2
Digital Slides		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
	Dennis Arendt	20	20	23	24	25	24	23	23	20	22	23	23	24	23	24	20	22.56	361	16
	Bob Benson	21	20	22	24	24	24	24	24	22	22	23	24	21	22	21	23	22.56	361	16
	Dick Frieders	20	22	21	24	23	21	22	21	22	22	22	21	20	21	22	21	21.56	345	16
	Carolyn Seaton	24	22	20	22	21	21	23	24	20	20	22	23					21.83	262	12
	Martha Kuzma Pyter	20	19	20	21	21				21	21	20	18	18	20	20	21	20.00	260	13
	Mark Southard	20	19	21	19									19	21	21	22	20.25	162	8
	Joe Tarlos					21	21	21										21.00	63	3



Pixel Image has a club membership in the Photographic Society of America (P.S.A.) Many club members are individual members, as well. For details on P.S.A., consult the website: <http://www.psa-photo.org/>. A new website for PSA Clubs is: <http://psa-clubservices.org/index.html>