

CHANGES FOR SWMCCC FALL 2011 COMPETITION

Entry fees will increase to **\$2.00** per entry

A few changes are going to take place beginning with the Fall 2011 competition with the biggest change being an increase in the entry fee to **\$2.00** per image. Our competitions are consistently costing us more than we are taking in and an increase is necessary in order for us to continue having competitions (we have not broke even on competitions for the past five years) Room rental, outside judges, competition ribbons and some very nice 1st Place plaques are some of our main expenses. My entire committee and many others donate time and effort to keep these competitions going and the increase to \$2.00 per entry should put us in much better shape.

SWMCCC Competition results on a DVD

One of the disappointing aspects of our competitions is that now that SWMCCC is no longer holding conferences the winning images are not shown on a large screen for all to see. I am pleased to announce that I will be making auto-run CD's of the competition winners for each of our competitions. I am hoping to send these out to all the participating clubs prior to each competition. Most clubs break for the summer and my plan is for each participating club to receive a copy of the Spring 2011 competition results in September. This is being done to help promote future competitions and in hopes that each club will have the opportunity to view the competition results on a large screen.

If your club has digital projection please send a request for a SWMCCC Competition DVD to competition@swmccc.org.

Please include your name, camera club and an address as to where the DVD should be mailed.

Projection Update

A few last minute changes led to some unforeseen factors that caused some less than satisfactory results in the projection quality of the digital images at our last competition. Measures are in place to make sure that this will not happen again and I sincerely hope that this mishap will not discourage contestants from continuing to enter future competitions. The problem turned out to be that we switched laptops and although the laptop was color calibrated we neglected to calibrate the laptop to the projector. This was very unfortunate and we did our best to correct the situation on the spot.

For our next competition arrangements are being made to use the Grand Rapids CC projection equipment. This is a high end projector that will project horizontal and vertical images with equal proportions. The sizing of digital images will now allow for vertical

images to be 1024 pixels high and this will allow both horizontal and vertical images to project at equal sizes. Please check the size of your images before submitting them. Horizontal images should be no larger than **1024 pixels Wide** and Vertical images should be no larger than **1024 pixels High**.

The Grand Rapids equipment is monitored and calibrated regularly and this will be very beneficial for future competitions.

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Competition categories are Creative, Nature, Open and Portrait (it is not too early to start choosing and working on your entries) It is my hopes that viewers will continue to enter our competitions and will want to see their images on future DVD's. Each image will have the makers name, title and camera club listed.

Our Fall Competition will be sponsored by the Muskegon Camera Club on Saturday, November 12, 2011. Print check-in will begin at 9:00 am and judging will start at 10:00 am. The club is located at the McGraft Park Community Building, 2204 Wickham Dr, Muskegon, MI.

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Feel free to contact members of the competition committee for suggestions and answers to competition questions.

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