



# Greene County Photography Club Newsletter

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*Tiger Swallowtail*

Kelly Cratty

1<sup>st</sup> Place tie—August 2008



*Through the Barn Door*

Hayley Cratty

1<sup>st</sup> Place tie --August 2008

## August Meeting Topic Was Judging

We had a great meeting at the Waynesburg Bible Chapel. Everyone who was there has to agree that Pastor Douglas is a great host. Not only did he gather everything from his church we needed for the meeting and our monthly contest and make sure everything was operating properly for Jerry's presentation, but he also provided soft drinks. Thank him so much.

When we attend or participate in a photo exhibit the question often arises, "What did the judges look at?" As a result, Jerry drew from his photo experience, his 4-H and FFA experiences, and mostly from an article by The Photographic Society of America to do the monthly presentation. The presentation pointed out that there are about four significant areas to which one should pay attention when choosing photos to enter in an exhibition. Using some of Jerry's photos, everyone then participated in a judging following his program and hopefully benefited from the program. The final message to all of this: Judging has to be somewhat subjective, but nearly every judge you will encounter does his or her best to conscientiously evaluate all the pictures exhibited. (As a sidebar, Jerry pointed out that the only programs that actually teach people how to judge things well are the 4-H programs and the often neglected VoAg /FFA. (Both of those teach actual, life skills very well.)

Trudy Roney also exhibited her portfolio at the meeting. Trudy has a fantastic eye, and she has been concentrating on senior portraits and weddings. She showed us excellent examples of both her portraits and her event books that were outstanding.

We also welcomed new members, Kelly Cratty and Hayley Cratty, and Jack Glidden. Unfortunately, we had to bid goodbye to Carolyn Marts who is moving to Florida. We'll miss her talent, her guidance, and her friendly face.



Scavenger Hunt Winner—Textures or Flowers

*Sunflowers*

Janice Morris

### Something to Think About

The Sheep and Fiber Festival holds its Photo Exhibit and Contest in the middle of May. Jerry did the initial planning and organization for that contest and is the S&FF Photo Exhibit Chairman. Although it is a lot of planning, coordination and work, the club may consider doing an exhibit and contest opposite the S&FF one. We'd have to check dates to avoid obvious conflicts, but having one in November may be a workable idea. Come to the September meeting with your feelings on this. We would not have our first contest until Nov. '09!

### Taylor County Note

The Taylor county Photo Club has a field trip planned for Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Its subject is one that most of the Greene County Photo Club have familiarity. Jerry is going to guide a circle through the Greene County covered bridges plus two in Washington County. If all works, and the weather cooperates, we'll make a circle from the Kirby Exit on I-79 through the western half of the county, around to Ruff Creek, sidestep to the Marianna Exit, return to Ruff Creek, and then finish our circle through Carmichaels and back to the Kirby Exit. If you'd like to tag along on this 100 miles of our home county, you will certainly be welcome. (Jerry is tied up festival weekend.)

### September Meeting:

**(Don't forget the location!)**

The Greene County Photography Club's September meeting will be held on at 7 pm on Tuesday, **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **The Waynesburg Bible Chapel**. Not knowing whether the college room we had been using would be available yet, Pastor Douglas volunteered his sanctuary again for our September meeting. We really thank him for his generosity. The Chapel is just before King's Car Wash as you leave Waynesburg going east on Greene Street. Don't forget to bring three of your best 4x6 *Back to School* photos for the monthly contest.

### Share Your Sources

While visiting the photo exhibit at the Stonewall Jackson Arts & Craft Jubilee on Labor Day, Becky, Fran and Jerry had the opportunity to talk to some of the members of the Stonewall Jackson Photography Club. Those folks recommended the following site for good information, ideas and a monthly contest:

[www.digital-photography-school.com](http://www.digital-photography-school.com)

Jerry apologizes for not finding time to visit it before putting this note in the newsletter, but the people there highly praised it.

### Programs and Meetings

The **IS THE** list of programs and portfolio presentations for future meetings:

Sept—Cris Hamilton's *Birds* and Donna Whipkey's portfolio. Wait 'til you see Cris' bird photos.

As you can presume from the lack of a list, we've exhausted our presenters. Please volunteer to present either a program or a portfolio so we can plan for the autumn and winter of 2008. Not only is it a learning experience for the members of the club, but it becomes an excellent learning experience for the person who presents, even if there is a little stress going into the presentation. Please also try to think of folks whom you know who have a skill, technique, or equipment and may be willing to present a program whether they are members of our club or not.

**We desperately need to fill all of those months after September. Please help us!**