



Club Notes for October 2024

HOPING FOR GREAT FALL COLORS!

See Skip Kremer's post Fall Color Predictive Map at <https://smokymountains.com/fall-foliage-map> and Roberta Kayne's posting of: (1) Best Places to View Fall Foliage <https://www.columbusnavigator.com/best-places-ohio-fall-foliage/>, (2) <https://www.explorefall.com/states/ohio.html> Ohio Fall Foliage Map 2024, (3) Ohio DNR <https://www.explorefall.com/states/ohio.html> , and (4) Rooted in Ohio fall colors map and peak prediction guide <https://rootedinohio.com/ohio-fall-colors-map/>

Meet our hosts at Midwest Photo

Westbridge Camera Club has a unique relationship with Midwest Photo where we hold our regular in-person meetings September-May. Have you wondered about our host business? (Audrey still finds them by typing MPEX for their previous name, Midwest Photo Exchange)

Of interest to camera club members is the wide range of equipment and services at Midwest Photo. First, they sell Nikon, Canon, Sony, Fuji, Hasselblad, Leica, Minolta, Olympus, Ricoh, Sigma, Tamron, Zeiss, and other camera bodies (all-in-one, DSLR, mirrorless, and more) and lenses (prime and zoom macro, wide-angle, telephoto, Lensbaby, and more). Beyond cameras, you might be interested in some of the other "glass" at Midwest Photo—binoculars and for example. You can explore their drone options, too.

Second, Midwest Photo carries a wide range of lighting solutions—studio lighting setups, on and off camera flash units, lighting stands and mounts, cables, meters, reflectors, diffusers, snoots, clamps, and much more. If you have an interest in studio settings, they carry backdrops and backgrounds, as well as tabletop shooting setups.

Third, at Midwest Photo you can find a host of

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accessories, such as: tripods; carry bags, travel or storage cases, and backpacks; memory cards; batteries and charging options; lens filters; lens caps (Audrey loses these on a regular basis); camera straps and holster systems; digital screen shields (mine get scratched up too often); cleaning kits; and more "stuff" than you ever imagined existed.

If you print photos, Midwest Photo carries many types of papers and inks, as well as photo printers. If you prefer to have your photos printed for you, many of our members swear by the high quality and attention to individual preferences they received by the printing team at Midwest Photo. Westbridge Camera Club members receive a 10% discount on printing services. They also develop film! Check out their many printing/developing options at <https://www.midwestphotopix.com/>

In addition to selling new equipment, Midwest Photo has both a strong used equipment department and equipment rental plans. Our club members receive a 10% discount on equipment rentals. See what they have available to rent at <https://www.mpexrentals.com/>
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Meet Our Hosts at Midwest Photo (continued)

They provide quick turn-around time on camera body sensor cleaning service and clean lenses, as well.

And, as if that isn't enough for you, check out the Midwest Photo Learning Studio link at <https://mpexlearningstudio.com/> to see classes they offer. Maybe Photographing Fall Color (October 12th), Adobe Lightroom Classic (October 14th), Photo 101, Photo 102, or a Light & Lens class?

Start your holiday wish list with an in-person visit or tour their user-friendly website:

<https://mpex.com/> (Pro tip: they usually price match if you find something at another site.)

Club Competition Notes

September's monthly competition with an "open" theme was judged by Doral Chenowith, Columbus Dispatch staff photographer and photojournalist. He shared interesting experiences as a photojournalist (and drone photographer). Competition results appear on the club website. As the membership year progresses you will be able to view monthly points awarded and the season's cumulative points.

Note: The list of judges for the remainder of our 2024-2025 season appears on the club website.

September also included a fifth Monday which means we enjoyed a critique night. Providing our submitters with a constructive critique was Ohio artist Beverly Goldie. We had 26 images critiqued this time. March 31st is the second critique night.

The October competition theme is "Taken at Home" (within 25 feet of your home). Digital submissions will be due by 10pm on Monday October 14th. You must submit to the same category level you submitted to in September.

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Club Competition Notes (continued)

Reminder #1: Make life easier for Carol and the competition committee: Please remember to include your name in the image title you upload to Zenfolio.

Reminder #2: annual dues must be paid if you wish to compete!

Educational Programs

Our Educational Committee is continuing to schedule informative programs for club members' pleasure and edification on the first Monday evening each month (September-May). Additional special events will be announced at club meetings, through the club listserve, and posted on the club website.

The October 7th educational presentation is a montage of special topics presented by our own club members. If you have a topic of interest to share with the membership, please contact Jon Harvey as soon as possible to make arrangements (approximately 15-minute talk with 5-6 images to demonstrate your topic) Jon Harvey jthincmh@gmail.com.

On November 4th, astrophotographer Isaac Cruz of the Columbus Astronomical Society is scheduled to discuss astro photography without the use of telescopes.

Accredited Portrait Master, Master of Photography, and award-winning Certified Professional Photographer Erica Manning, educates us about creative lighting on December 2nd. See her website at <https://ericamanningphoto.com/>

Special Event Notes

Skip Kremer has arranged a photography group shoot October 5th at 1pm at the Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum in Sugarcreek, OH at a reduced price (\$15 per person) Contact Skip (aka Georg at beacon2021@gmail.com) for ticketing; the website does not have this group tour as an option! See what you will experience: <https://ageofsteamroundhouse.org/> Note: the museum requires a printed completed release form on arrival and is located in Amish Country, about 2 hours from Columbus, so you might choose to make a day or weekend of it.

Donna Winters has arranged a zoom-link presentation on Intentional Camera Movement (ICM) by Alan Brown in time for us to practice for the December competition on ICM (see www.alanbrownphotography.com)! October 23, 2024 at 7:00pm with the zoom link becoming active at 6:30pm. Join this zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82086847629?pwd=qTXcTUuP2BQblMsz7WxdaQBccmNZR5.1>
Meeting ID: 820 8684 7629
Passcode: 319215
Alan prefers to hold questions to the end but “in the moment” questions can be placed in the Chat function for the host. Please: Remember to mute yourself once Alan begins his presentation.

Additional Opportunities

Westbridge Camera Club engages annually with Fotoclub Exakta in Dresden, Germany judging each other’s submitted prints. Members are invited to submit one unmounted print, maximum size 8 x 12 or 8 ½ x 11. Bring submissions to Mark Fohl at either October meeting. Club members will “judge” their submissions later in the year.

Midwest Photo Learning Studio website lists a German Village Photowalk with Jake Olson on October 19th noon-2:00pm—learn and practice street photography. Cost is \$15, meet up at Fox in the Snow at 210 Thurman Ave.

A group of club members meet for dinner prior to the Monday meetings. Connect with Jim Urzykowski to find out where the next meet-up will take place and let him know so they can reserve a seat. Jim can be texted at 614-935-8703.

Member News & Updates

Congratulations to Donna Winters and Roberta Kayne who both have prints accepted in the Wide Open: Excellence in Photography exhibit. The exhibit runs through the month of October at the Dairy Barn, 8000 Dairy Lane Athens, OH (see <https://dairybarn.org/>). The exhibition dates are Wednesdays through Sundays, noon to 5:00pm from October 4-November 24, 2024. The juried images are from photographers around the world. If any other club members have pieces in this exhibit, please let the communications committee know so that we can share news of this very “big deal” exhibit.

This portion of the newsletter is reserved for announcements related to specific club members—we wish to acknowledge one another’s successes and achievements, as well as other significant events.

Please submit items to one of the Communication Committee members for circulation (and/or send an email message to the club membership if you wish).