The topic for the second competition of 2011 is *Fungi*.

Those of us who are new to the Club, go to the Competitions section of our website to find detailed instructions for submitting your images to include in the competition.

Only paid Club members are eligible to compete. You can pay your dues on Thursday and be eligible for the next competition - in June.

Color images: To be included in the Thursday’s competition, it must be received by 11.59pm Tuesday April 18. Submit to dan.smith.ky@gmail.com. (Dan it not responsible for technical issues that may delay receipt of your images).

To compete in the print category - only Black and White prints are accepted. Bring B&W prints to the Club meeting on Thursday. Please be sure to clearly mark the back of the work with your name, your class (beginner, intermediate or advanced) and remember to pick it up at the close of the meeting.

**fun·gus**
noun, often attributive \fəŋ-gəs\ plural **fun·gi**\fən- jī, ’fəng-, -gī\ also **fun·gus·es**\fən-gəs-əz\n
**Definition of FUNGUS**: any of a kingdom (Fungi) of saprophytic and parasitic spore-producing eukaryotic typically filamentous organisms formerly classified as plants that lack chlorophyll and include molds, rusts, mildews, smuts, mushrooms, and yeasts.
Club Business

The Board has been talking a lot about the Annual Print Show and recommending some changes to the By Laws governing it. Here are some of the issues under consideration:

1. The Definition of a Composite image and what is included in this category. Images comprised of two or more individual images, such as a panorama “stitched” together from multiple shots, and those produced from multiple individual shots via High Dynamic Range (HDR) will be considered as Composites for the purposes of our Annual Print Show category.
2. Prints will be restricted to a maximum size of 16x24 inches.
3. The Wild Card category is Humor.

These items are submitted to the club for consideration and discussion is welcomed and encouraged during the next club meetings. We will present the topics for a vote at the July 2011 Club meeting.

First Thursday

Come join us on the first Thursday of each month at the church for a more informal, interactive meeting. This is a great venue to ask questions about your gear, about how to improve your technique - bring samples of your images to share and compare.

The members convene at 7.00 pm.

Got a good idea for a future meeting? Mention it at the meeting or shoot it to the Board for consideration. We are always looking for new topics of interest to the group.

Upcoming Events, Exhibits, Workshops

**Wildflower Weekend April 29 - May 1**
This is the Kentucky Native Plant Society’s 25th annual Wildflower Weekend! The beautiful area around Natural Bridge is home to hundreds of native plant species; enjoy them this weekend with other botanists, gardeners, and nature lovers. Our field trips are for all levels of participation, from beginner to advanced wildflower enthusiasts and from short easy walks to longer hikes at Natural Bridge and the Red River Gorge Geological Area! Evening speakers will focus on the native plants in the region. Registration fee upon arrival. For more information contact Brian Gasdorf at brian.gasdorf@ky.gov.

**Start Time: 8:30 A.M.   End Time: 11:30 A.M.**

**Nature Photography Weekend: April 29-May 1**
Nature Photography buffs will enjoy this weekend that features a 24 hour digital competition at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park. Photographers with all skill levels can pick up helpful tips from guest speakers. There will be amateur and accomplished classes. Plaques will be given in several categories. The cost is $ 35.00 per person.

**Contact: BretA.Smitley@ky.gov**

**Start Time: 6:00 A.M.   End Time: 2:00 P.M.**

**Herpetology Weekend  May 6 - 7**

**Location:** Natural Bridge State Resort Park

Discover nature's most misunderstood critters! Experienced herpetologists will lead field trips into the Red River Gorge Geological Area to observe reptiles and amphibians in their native habitat. Most Saturday fieldtrips will be offered at 9am and 1:30pm. Collection is prohibited. Friday and Saturday evening presentations will focus on reptile and amphibian natural history and conservation. Some demonstrations will include live venomous snakes! Registration fee upon arrival.

For more information contact Tyler Morgan at tyler.morgan@ky.gov.
Things to shoot and things to see

Club Field Trip
Mark Your Calendars for July 28-31.

John Snell will be leading us on another trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway/Smokies area the weekend of July 28-31. We'll plan to stay in Waynesville, NC and make our day trips from there. More specifics, including sign-up sheets, will be provided in the coming months.

“Capture The Light” - Bluegrass Equine Photography Workshop - May 3 - 5 Matt Wooley

This workshop is in Lexington, Kentucky, the Heart of Bluegrass Horse Country. We start the workshop at our home farm and riding arena, with an eye to composition, conformation and creative lighting. The class then goes on the road capturing great imagery at Keeneland, Old Friends Retirement, Ken McPeek’s Training Operation, and Shadwell Farm.

The Spring Workshop, conducted by EquiSport Photos, is May 3-5, 2011, conveniently scheduled for the week between the Rolex 3-Day Event and the Kentucky Derby. This intermediate level class is designed for those who want to take their equine photography to the next level, either for their own enjoyment, or on a commercial level. For more info: c.859-338-4187 or email capturethelightequine@gmail.com

Central KY Computer Society
Winter classes are underway with a host of cool offerings, including Digital Imaging, Creative Graphics, Photo Principals for Point & Shoot. check out all of them on their website: www.ckcs.org

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Award-winning Author and Photographer
Dr Thomas Barnes offers Nature Photography Workshop at Pine Mountain Settlement School

Dr. Thomas G. Barnes, award-winning author and nature photographer and University of Kentucky Extension Wildlife Specialist and professor in the Department of Forestry, will lead a nature photography workshop on May 6 through 8 at Pine Mountain Settlement School.

The workshop, designed for all skill levels, will include an introductory session on nature photography, three field sessions, a session on equipment basics for nature photography, and critiques of participants’ photographs. If time allows, Tom will discuss post-processing techniques using Adobe Photoshop software. You may also register for this workshop by calling 606-558-3571 or sending an e-mail to office@pinemountainsettlementschool.com.

Kanuga Photography Retreat: May 8-13 in Hendersonville, NC brought to us by Kathy Eyster. Kathy is a part-time instructor for the Rocky Mountain School of Photography and has tutored several Camera Club members in Photoshop techniques. The retreat also features National Geographic photographer and UK alumnus Sam Abell. Details can be found: at http://www.kanuga.org/conferences/2011/photography.shtml

Free Workshops and Classes
Want to learn how to use Adobe CS3 Creative Suite, which includes Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash, Fireworks and Dreamweaver? For Free? These programs are powerful photo, graphic design and web creation programs for photographers and digital designers. Check out the Lexington Public Library’s Northside Branch on Russell Cave.

Got something to share?

If you have an event, a showing, a photo op you would like to include in the Club Newsletter, send it in an email to LynnOsborne@insightbb.com
2011 Club Calendar

Jan 3  pick up prints at LASC
  6  Table Top Photography
  20  Ron Curtis . 3D Photography
Feb 3  Tim & Bev Walden: Marketing
  17  Competition . Sunrise/Sunset
  18  Gallery Hop
Mar 3  Web Design Workshop
  17  Insect Photo Salon
Apr 7  First Thursday
  21  Competition . Fungi
  16  Gallery Hop
May 5  First Thursday
  19  Randy Dinkins - HDR
Jun 2  First Thursday
  16  Competition . Fog / Mist
       Jennifer Palumbo - KPPA
  17  Gallery Hop
Jul 7  First Thursday
  21  Ron Elliott
Aug 5  First Thursday
  18  Competition . Historic
Sep 1  First Thursday
  15  Club Meeting
  16  Gallery Hop
Oct 6  First Thursday
  20  Competition . Reflection
Nov 3  First Thursday
TBD  Print Show Submission 10-12
TBD  LASC . Print Show
  18  Gallery Hop . LASC
Dec 1  First Thu . Composition
TBD  Annual Christmas Party and
  Awards Banquet at Fasig.Tipton

All dates and venues are subject to change. especially those surrounding the 2011 print show and awards banquet.

Meeting Location

To get to the church . exit off New Circle Rd. at Tates Creek Rd. and go north (toward town), turn left on Albany Rd. (about the 4th stop light ), go nearly one.half mile to the 4.way stop at Bellefonte Dr., and turn right onto Bellefonte. The church will be on the right just past Glendover Elementary School. Turn right into the second entrance off Bellefonte.

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All Club Calendar entries are tentative and subject to change. Check the website for up.to.date information.