Henry “Hank” Dietz is a computer engineering Professor, and the James F. Hardymon chair, at the University of Kentucky. He is best known for his work in parallel supercomputing, which includes having built the world’s first Linux PC cluster supercomputer in 1994.

However, he also has been working to improve image quality and capabilities of digital cameras at least since building a 30MP cluster-driven video wall in 1996. In the 1970s, before becoming a computer engineer, Dietz was photo editor of his high school’s newspaper and yearbook, and of Columbia University's Broadway magazine; he also worked as a freelance commercial photographer.

His photos have appeared in venues ranging from reportage in the New York Times to a full-page color ad for Hammacher Schlemmer in the Saturday Evening Post.

When asked what he might like to talk about during our meeting, Hank provided the following topic and synopsis:

A Poorly Focused Talk

Don’t you just hate blurry photos? Well, after collecting over 125 lenses and measuring their point spread functions (PSFs), I can now say with certainty that being out-of-focus (OOF) cannot cause blur. It really can’t. Aside from giving me an excuse to have so many lenses, what does it do? That's what this talk is about: how to use OOF lens properties to your best advantage, from bokeh shaping to single-shot stereo image capture.

Join us
Club Meeting – Jan 16 7.00 pm
Crestwood Christian Church

Note: Meetings are canceled if Fayette County Schools close on a meeting date.

Member’s Slide Show

Kevin MacNaughton will be showing images captured during his June 2013 journey to the Scottish Highlands. Titled “Three Castle Gardens in Scotland” it should prove to be quite beautiful.

Members who would like to share their work in a brief slide show are encouraged to sign up at the meeting.
The Winner’s Circle

Congratulations are in order for those who received accolades at the Christmas party last month. Following are those who received levels awards Levels Awards:

**Level One**
- Keven Cosgriff
- Judy Cox
- Tom Fielder
- Bill McSpadden
- Sherri Napier
- Carolyn Nichols
- Patricia Payne
- Arun Sankaranarayan
- Gary Shaw
- Jim Smith
- Marshall Smith

**Level Two**
- Raymond Bailey
- Roger Ballard
- Jeff Gitlin
- Ken Graulich
- Judith Lesnaw
- Joe Omielan
- Jesse Siskin
- Gary Williams

**Level Three**
- Leonard Gay
- Gayle Hardy
- Curt Hopkins
- Jack McKinney
- Jan McKinney
- Jill Osborne
- Lynn Osborne
- Charlie Zehnder

**Level Four**
- Randy Dinkins
- Charters Osborne

**Level Five**
- Nancy Dawson
- Carol Williams

**Level Seven**
- Carol Rice Cain

These individuals were recognized as “Photographer of the Year” in their respective categories:

**Black and White Photographer of the Year**
- Beginner: Raymond Bailey
- Intermediate: Charlie Zehnder
- Advanced: Nancy Dawson

**Color Photographer of the Year**
- Beginner: Jack McKinney
- Intermediate: Jennifer Lackey
- Advanced: John Snell

2013 and years Past winners who were not at the December meeting take note –

Don Mills will have your plaques, plates and ribbons at the January club meeting for you to pick up. If you are not able to come to the meeting, you will need to make your arrangements with Don to retrieve your awards.

To learn more about the Levels Program, its scoring and how to earn Levels points, visit the website.
First Thursday

We had a great meeting last week – about 35 folks came out despite the cold weather to talk about all things photography in our annual Camera Petting Zoo.

February brings a workshop on basic finishing functions – sizing, cropping. Our intent is to provide the basics for members to submit images for the Club competitions. Bring some images on a thumb drive and we can see how the instructions impact the images. Remember, our first competition is February and it’s an open topic. That means anything goes! If you attend the January 16 meeting, you will get a foretaste of what’s to come in February. Jeff Lackey, Jack McKinny and Joe Omielan are our guides.

And now March brings us the long-awaited, much anticipated Print Workshop. Jeff Lackey has put together a member’s only workshop that delves into what is required to get a good print.

While April and May are still under construction, please mark your calendars for June – we are going to reprise our Arboretum Walkabout. We’ve moved it to June so we have more specimens to capture.

A little housekeeping –

Club dues are due. Those who want to submit images for consideration in the first 2014 competition will need to be paid members before the submission date – and this year that changes to the SUNDAY prior to the competition.

Don’t be left out. You’ll find the registration attached to this email, or on the website.

Getting Out and About

Nature Photography Weekend

Apr 25 - Apr 27, 2014  7:00 A.M. - Noon

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park

7351 Highway 90, Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, Corbin, KY 40701
Phone: (606) 528-4121

Photographers can enjoy a 24 hour competition in both beginner and advanced classes. There will be evening guest speakers on both Friday and Saturday. Judging takes place on Sunday morning. Cost is $35.00 per person.

Contact - Bret Smitley
7351 Highway 90, Corbin, KY 40701
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Photographs by Jimmy Stevens

Kentucky Theater Art Gallery
214 E Main St, Lexington KY
Exhibit through Jan 31, 2014

Robert C May Photography series

Featuring Carl Corey through Feb 2 2014.
Singletary Center for the Arts
405 Rose Street
Lexington, KY 40506-0241
Tues – Sun: noon – 5 pm
Fri: noon to 8 pm. Closed Mondays and holidays.

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Jan  2  Pick up Prints  
    9  Camera Petting Zoo  
    16  Henry Dietz -  
Feb  6  Sizing & Cropping Images  
    16  Competition Submission CLOSES  
    20  Competition - Members Choice  
    21  Gallery Hop  
Mar  6  Print Workshop (members only)  
    20  Insect Photo Salon  
Apr  3  First Thursday  
    13  Competition Submission CLOSES  
    17  Competition: Rusty  
    18  Gallery Hop  
May  1  First Thursday  
    15  Club Meeting  
Jun  5  Arboretum Walkabout  
    13  Competition Submission CLOSES  
    19  Competition: Birds  
    20  Gallery Hop  
Jul  3  First Thursday  
    17  Club Meeting  
Aug  7  First Thursday  
    17  Competition Submission CLOSES  
    21  Competition: Boats  
Sept  4  First Thursday  
    18  Club Meeting  
Oct  2  First Thursday  
    12  Competition Submission CLOSES  
    16  Competition: State and National Parks  
Nov  1  Print Show Submission  
    6  Club Meeting  
    21  Gallery Hop  
Dec  4  First Thursday  
    17  Christmas Party - Fasig Tipton  

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