Lexington’s Help Portrait Event Captures Plenty of Smiles

LEXINGTON, Ky. (WTVQ) – It was a picture perfect weekend for hundreds. People who are less fortunate or just having a tough time in life had the opportunity to look good and feel good about themselves. Photographers, hairstylists, makeup artists, and volunteers made that happen at Lexington’s annual Help Portrait event.

After guests receive their makeovers, they get their picture taken, and then it’s printed for them to take home – free of charge.

“Some families and individuals that we see every year now, and they come through and it’s like ‘yes, I have a gift to give now to someone for Christmas,’” says Andrew Fore, organizer.

Around 160 volunteers made this special day happen for 363 people. Some of those volunteers included CCC members Charters Osborne, Joe Omielan, Lori Rivera and Randy Dinkins, pictured below with a Help Portrait volunteer.

It’s Party Time at CCC!

Club members one and all, please join us for a time of celebration and festivity at our annual holiday party.

Date: Tuesday, December 15th
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: Fasig-Tipton

Please bring your favorite finger food - emphasis on finger food - as forks and utensils will not be provided.

Board members are reminded to please bring a 2 liter size soft drink.

A sign-in sheet will be provided as this event will count towards your 2015 meeting attendance. This a fun event and an opportunity to get to know your fellow members. We hope to see you there!

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**Annual Print Show Dates and Deadlines At-a-Glance**

The following important events take place at the Community Gallery.

**Print Show & Meeting Location:**
Community Gallery
Downtown Arts Center
141 East Main Street

**Sat., Jan. 2, Noon - 2:00 p.m.**
**TURN IN PRINTS / Need Sitters**
As part of our agreement with the gallery, the club needs volunteer gallery sitters for Saturdays during the exhibition dates. A sign-up sheet will be available when you turn in your print(s). Also please note, prints turned in after 2:00 p.m. will not be accepted.

**Thu., Jan. 7, 7:00 p.m.**
**CLUB MEETING**
This is an important and fun meeting at the Community Gallery location. You can view the wonderful work by fellow club members and cast your ballot for “Club’s Choice” awards. After all votes are tallied, the print show judges will offer critiques and announce their award choices as well as the Club’s Choice awards.

**Fri., Jan. 15, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**
**GALLERY HOP RECEPTION**
Please bring finger foods (emphasis on finger foods) to feed the hungry masses that attend this event. We’re asked to avoid bringing gooey foods, such as sauces, which are difficult to remove from the carpet. The club will provide plates, cups, napkins, beverages & ice.

**Sat., Feb. 27, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
**PICK UP PRINTS**
Please come and retrieve your prints. If you cannot be there to pick up your work, please arrange for someone else to get it for you.

**Jan. 5 - Feb. 26, 2016**
**EXHIBITION DATES**
Hours: Tue. - Sat., 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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**45th Annual Print Competition & Exhibition — Important Reminders —**

The Annual Print Competition and Exhibition is your opportunity to show your work to the public in printed format and compete among a group of talented photographers. If you’re new to the club and meet the participation qualifications, we invite you to participate in this rewarding and exciting event.

To ensure a successful club show, it is important that you take a moment to review the rules and instructions regarding your print show entry. The rules pertaining to categories, print sizes, etc. are on the CCC website. See [http://www.creativecameraclub.org/compete/annual-print-competition](http://www.creativecameraclub.org/compete/annual-print-competition) for specifics.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

1. All prints MUST be in metal frames and under glass. No exceptions.
2. The outer mat (or glass) size MUST NOT exceed 384 square inches, including the print. This is equivalent to 16”x24”, 14”x27.4”, 12”x32” for example. No dimension can exceed 36”.
3. Prints delivered to the Community Gallery after 2 pm on January 2, 2015 will not be accepted.
4. Maximum of 4 prints per person can be entered, with a maximum of 3 in any one category.
5. All frames must have a wire across the back and be sturdy enough to support the weight of the print, mat and glass. We cannot hang photos that do not have a wire on the back.
6. Only CCC members who have attended a minimum of six club functions during 2015 as a paid member may participate in the print show. If in doubt about your attendance, check with the club secretary to see if you qualify.
7. When you arrive to turn in your prints, please already have the identification labels affixed to the back of the prints. This will speed up the check-in process. The labels accompany this newsletter.
8. The Community Gallery does not charge a commission on any sales, nor do they act as a broker between the interested buyer and the seller. You will be contacted if anyone is interested in buying one of your prints, and it will be up to you to work out the arrangements of the sale. All prints are to remain on the wall until the close of the exhibit on February 26th.

**The Exhibition Wall - Unique Opportunity to Show Your Stuff!**

In addition to the prints entered in the competition, you may also enter one print on the “Exhibition Wall,” which showcases something you’d like to exhibit that may not necessarily qualify for the Print Show.

These prints may be on canvas, on metal, framed in wood, etc. The club members and the general public will vote on their favorites of these prints, although no Photographer of the Year points will be earned for Exhibition Wall prints that win awards.

Having your print displayed on the Exhibition Wall is subject to space available, although every effort will be made to accommodate all prints submitted for that wall.
In Memoriam

Remembering Alice Swim

Alice Swim, who died at age 90 on September 17th, is remembered as being a delightful, adventurous and loyal club member. According to John Snell, she participated in several of the Blue Ridge Parkway outings and was completely unfazed when a snake crawled out of her sleeping bag. The club will miss you Alice!

Click here for her full obituary: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/kentucky/obituary.aspx?pid=176344427

Heads Up. Changes to the CCC By-laws.

The November meeting of the CCC was presented with two proposed changes to the Creative Camera Club By-laws for consideration and acceptance.

The first change was the introduction of a new category for the Club Competitions, “Novice.”

- This classification is for new members and newer photographers. Novice is only available to new club members or to current members who have been in the club less than two years.
- A new member is not required to choose the Novice category, as their starting level, when they join the club
- A member of the Novice category will automatically be promoted to the Beginner category after two years or after 4 first or second place wins during their Novice membership. Beginners will also be promoted into Intermediate after 4 first or second place wins. Wins toward promotion do not begin accruing until there are at least 10 members in the Novice Category. A member can move themselves from Novice to Beginner at any time.

- No other changes to the rules concerning competitions were modified.

The second change was in the dues structure.

- Regular membership dues are raised to $25.00.
- Family membership dues are raised to $32.00.
- This is in effect for the 2016 calendar year membership.

Both of the measures were presented to the membership, discussed, voted upon and accepted.

Exhibition and Sales Opportunities

Saint Joseph Hospital Foundation / Artwork Purchase

Saint Joseph Hospital Foundation has received a generous grant from the Kentucky Colonels to purchase artwork for Saint Joseph Hospital and is currently looking for original work from Kentucky artists to purchase and display for patients and their families. A variety of 2-D work, from painting to photography and other visual art will be displayed in public areas to promote a calming and healing environment and work around the theme of movement.

Subject matter of interest include movement, nature, landscapes, a unique variety of artist interpretations that promote an uplifting environment. Natural elements, color and lighting are important components to keep in mind when submitting work for this project. Any artist in Kentucky can apply.

- Deadline to submit: December 17, 2015 @ midnight.
- For more information and to apply, click the link below: https://form.jotform.com/53234366754964

The Great American Art Show / Booth Show Opportunity

You are invited to apply for the June 4 & 5, 2016 Great American Art Festival, a high quality art show produced by the well established, Great American Brass Band Festival, a 501c3 organization. In its inaugural year, the Great American Art Festival plans to host approximately 50 artists for a two day event. The 23,000+ people who attend the Festival are an audience of arts enthusiasts and support the addition of the visual Art Festival.

- Location: Historic Downtown Danville, Kentucky, Centre College Campus
- Dates: June 4th & 5th, 2016
- Application link: Zapplication Application
- Application Deadline: December 15, 2015
- For more information: www.gabbf.org
2015 Calendar

December
15  CCC Christmas Party at Fasig Tipton

2016 Calendar

January
2  Turn in prints for Print Show / NOON - 2:00 p.m.
   Downtown Arts Center / 141 E. Main St., 2nd Floor
7  Meeting & Print Competition Judging / Member Vote / 7:00 p.m.
   Downtown Arts Center / 141 E. Main St., 2nd Floor
15  Print Show Reception / Gallery Hop / 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
   Downtown Arts Center / 141 E. Main St., 2nd Floor

February
4  First Thursday: Petting Zoo
14  Competition Submission Closes
18  Competition: COUNTRY ROADS
27  Pick up Prints, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
   Downtown Arts Center / 141 E. Main St., 2nd Floor

March
3  First Thursday: TBD
17  Regular Meeting

April
7  First Thursday: TBD
17  Competition Submission Closes
21  Competition: HISTORIC BLUEGRASS

May
5  First Thursday: TBD
19  Regular Meeting

June
2  First Thursday: TBD
12  Competition Submission Closes
16  Competition: ABSTRACTS OF NATURE

July
7  First Thursday: TBD
21  Regular Meeting

August
4  First Thursday: TBD
14  Competition Submission Closes
18  Competition: AUTOMOTIVE

September
1  First Thursday: TBD
15  Regular Meeting

October
6  First Thursday: TBD
16  Competition Submission Closes
20  Competition: BRIDGES

November
3  First Thursday: TBD
17  Regular Meeting

December / Stay tuned

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Join Us!
The Creative Camera Club (CCC) can trace its roots back to the Lexington Camera Club of 1930s. We welcome anyone interested in the art and science of photography from amateur to professional. To learn more, please visit our website or contact one of our officers or directors.

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