

# AURORA PHOTOGRAPHERS CLUB NEWSLETTER



## January 2018

### The Aurora Photographers Club

**MEETS THE FIRST  
MONDAY OF THE  
MONTH**

*At St Stephens  
Episcopal Church  
at 7pm .*

Location : 9 Del Mar  
Cr.. At the corner of  
Peoria and Del Mar Cr  
Parking is on the south  
side of the church.

**For more info** contact  
**Alan Grimes** at  
303 877-2976 or  
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.com. Website  
[auroraphotoclub.org](http://auroraphotoclub.org)



*"Stormy Night"  
by Sandy Rich  
(digital)*

*The next Meeting  
to be held on  
**Monday***

**Jan. 8** Judge and  
presenter will be  
**Dawn Wilson** .Bio at  
the end of the newsletter

Competition  
for January  
*is OPEN*



*Rainbow Eucalyptus  
by Andi Sahlen  
(print)*



**"Prays to the Wind"  
by Brian Serff  
(print)**

**Best of Best  
Winners**

**MONOCHROME  
PRINTS**

1st pl Brian Serff  
"Prays to the Wind"

2nd pl Bill Taten  
"Inspired Imitation"

3rd pl Dwight Taylor  
"Top of Dubrovnik"

**COLOR PRINTS**

1st pl Andi Sahlen  
"Rainbow Eucalyptus"

2nd pl Alan Grimes  
"The Painted Church"

3rd pl Andi Sahlen  
"Iguana"

**COLOR SLIDES**

1st pl Mary Lou Lane  
" Wupaki Ruins"

2nd pl Richard Schmidt  
" Church-Taos"

3rd Mary Belyea  
" Rocky Mountain  
National Park"

**DIGITAL IMAGES  
(color)**

1st pl Sandy Rich  
"Stormy Night"

2nd pl Terry Mieger  
"Dawn Launch"

3rd pl Sandy rich  
"Twisted"

**DIGITAL IMAGES  
( monochrome)**

1st pl Sandy Rich  
" Sexy Pilot"

2nd pl Dwight Taylor  
" The Rock"

3rd Marge Mieger  
"Thistle"

**"Photographer of  
the Year" Winners**  
*at the end of the  
newsletter*



**" Sexy Pilot"  
by Sandy Rich  
(digital)**

**Goodies and  
Beverages  
for the Jan.  
Meeting  
Goodies  
Beverages**

( also bring ice)

**(You do not need to  
bring plates, napkins or  
cups until further notice)**



**"Wupaki Ruins"  
by Mary Lou Lane  
(slide)**

## ITEMS OF INTEREST:

### Competition Guidelines Reminder

Competitions will be held in five medias: Monochrome/B&W Prints, Color Prints, Digitally Projected Images (both monochrome and color), and Slides. All active ASP members are eligible to compete.

Digital images are to be sized, width 1024 dpi x 768 dpi height and must not exceed 1000KB and be JPEG formatted. **Images must be sent to Terry Mieger [competition@auroraphotoclub.org](mailto:competition@auroraphotoclub.org) by 1 pm the Saturday before each monthly competition.**

**Prints:** The minimum size of the mat board is 11 x 14 and the maximum size is 16 x 20. The image may be of any size.

*Each active member may submit a total of FIVE (5) images per competition with no more than two images in any one competition category.*

## *Dues are Due*

Dues must be paid by the Feb. meeting in order to participate in the competitions. Write a check (\$25) to ASP and give to Terry Mieger along with a filled out membership form. If giving cash have in an envelope with your name and attach to your membership form . The membership form is available on the website

## *Why Compete?*

The ASP board would like to encourage **all club members** to enter their images in our monthly competitions. Why? For a number of reasons:

You learn a great deal, making you a better photographer. The constructive criticism of a good judge is one of the best ways to learn what is good, and what is not so good, in your pictures, and how to improve. You won't always agree with the judges, but their opinions are always worth listening to.

- 1) It can be surprising. The judge might like (or dislike) something in your photo that you hadn't even noticed; or, he might score the photo of yours that you liked least, the highest!

2) It's totally non-judgmental. Sure, you may need a tough skin if you get a low score, but everyone else in the club can sympathize, as they have all been there, and are happy to help you. Also, judging is done anonymously, so no need to worry about embarrassment - really.

3) It's fun!! You might even win a ribbon!

So, how about it? Take that step. Enter your images – slide, print, or digital; color or monochrome – and join in the fun. You will not regret it.

*Fred Larke*

## *Photographer of the Year Winners*

*First Place Winners Were Awarded Plaques at the December Meeting*

### *Color Prints*

*1st pl. Alan Grimes*

*2nd pl Andi Sahlen*

*3rd pl Sharon Feder*

### *Mono Prints*

*1st pl Alan Grimes*

*2nd pl Sharon Feder*

*3rd pl Fred Larke*

### *Color Digital*

*1st pl Alan Grimes*

*2nd pl and 3rd pl TIE among*

*Sharon Feder, Terry Mieger and Sandy Rich*

### *Mono Digital*

*1st pl Terry Mieger*

*2nd pl Alan Grimes*

*3rd pl Mark Shaw*

### *Slides*

*1st pl Mary Lou Lane*

*2nd pl Gary Rich*

*3rd pl Richard Schmid*

## Judge and Presenter, Dawn Wilson

Dawn started taking photographs ever since she was a kid and received a communications degree from Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey, and an M.B.A. in marketing from Temple University in Philadelphia. She moved to Colorado in 2002.

A full-time photographer and writer, Dawn specializes in photographing the wildlife of high latitudes and high altitudes of the Rocky Mountains and Alaska. She feels the views bring peace to an often hectic life, wishes to raise awareness about wildlife habitat conservation, and writes about many of these destinations in magazine articles.

Dawn published a compilation photo book in 2011 featuring flora, fauna and landscapes of Colorado, and is publishing two ebooks about travel and wildlife photography. Her photographs are in galleries and collections throughout North America, and have been published in numerous magazines, books and calendars, including *Outdoor Photographer*, *Wyoming Wildlife*, *Colorado Outdoors*, National Geographic Digital, *Motorhome*, and *Alaska* magazine.

[www.dawnwilsonphotography.com](http://www.dawnwilsonphotography.com)

***IMPORTANT !!!*** St. Stephens now has a new security system, and we will have to lock the doors at 7 pm. **IF YOU ARE COMING LATE** call Terry on his cell phone when you arrive and he will let you in. this is a **private number**, 303 910-7746

## *Officers for 2018*

*Alan Grimes -----President*

*Dwight Taylor----Vice President*

*Terry Mieger---- Treasurer*

*Mary Lou Lane-Secretary*

***Competition Managers:*** Managers will be Terry and Marge

Mieger, Digital competition, Mary Belyea, prints,  
Mary Lou Lane, slides, Dwight Taylor, compiling  
the monthly scores.

## *Items of interest*

If you have any items of interest for the club ( shows, programs, and/or competitions, your images displayed/awards etc.) Please let me know so I can put in the newsletter

*Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge*  
*They have some new activities so check out the website.*

Some photo opportunities:. For more info; [www.fws.gov/rockymountainarsenal](http://www.fws.gov/rockymountainarsenal) or call **303 289-0930**

**Wildlife Drive**

Want to explore more of the Refuge at your own pace ?Our 9-mile Wildlife Drive auto tour route takes you through the bison pasture, wetlands, prairie, and wooded areas. It's also a great way to access additional hiking trails, go birding, and **photograph** the Refuge. The Wildlife Drive is open every day from **6:00 am - 6:00 pm** except on Federal holidays.