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## Crosstown Camera Club



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Conservatory Garden – May 2008 Salon – by Cynthia Fleury

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Crosstown Camera Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month  
at Christ Presbyterian Church, 6901 Normandale Road, Edina, MN  
6:30 p.m.

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

## Calendar of Events



### Club Activities

June 3, 2008 CCC Board Meeting  
at 6:30PM Edina Art Center

**June 9, 2008 Bring all prints that earned 8  
or higher during the year  
to Edina Art Center  
for year end judging and  
awards.  
(No modification to prints allowed)**

June 19, 2008 End Year Banquet and  
Images of the Year Judging.

June- Sept No Club Meetings until next September

### Photo Contest

Minnesota Environmental Fund looking for good  
photos of our environment. Go to  
[www.mnenvirofund.org](http://www.mnenvirofund.org) for instructions. Prizes given.  
Submit between April 22 – June 22, 2008

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## **President's Focus**

*By: Geoff Kuchera*

### **The year in Review...**

Wow, the year is almost over and with just the end of year banquet left on the calendar, I think it's time to take look back at what the club has done over the past year. I have to tell you, I was not so sure about being president of this club. It's something I have never done before; actually something I've never really considered doing before. I remember our first meeting, those of you that made it probably remember getting wet coming in the door. I was hoping the storm wasn't a bad omen. I wasn't a very good public speaker, but I muddled through and over time I think I got a little better, at least a little more confident. We have a great group of people that help run the club called the board of directors and the many volunteers that help run things; you guys and gals are great. I couldn't have done it without you...

So what have we accomplished this year? Well, we have had some interesting salon topics that have yielded some stunning photos by club members. I personally found out that plastic bottles aren't "bottles" according to the judge.

Babies/Infants/Children yielded some very nice examples of traditional portraiture as well as some environmental portraits. Photojournalism, that's the salon that spawned my migration to photographic tips in the Presidents Focus. Speaking of which, I am thinking of continuing to write some articles for the newsletter, so if anyone has any ideas for subject matter, please let me know.

Once again this year we had a fine Christmas party at Kathy Hara's house. This is a fun get together and a great way to get to know your fellow club members in a bit less formal and rushed environment. The evening culminated with the exchange of prints. Great food, drink and an all around good time.

We also had some other great salon topics: Curves and circles, Smoke, Ruins, Extremely Minnesota, and just last month Painterly Effects. For the most part, this year participation in the salons was not too bad. But I think we can do better, so start shooting some photos for next year folks! A special thanks goes out to the judges that volunteer their time to look through and critique our prints and digital images.

We have also had many great programs this year: tutorials on how to divide and concur an image, tips and tricks on waterfall photography, edgy photographers, wildlife photographers, etc. The programs that we are privileged to see are educational and informational.

Other things that happened this year: we as a club participated in the judging of the PSA Print Circuit International Competition. If you have never participated in this contest you should as it's very interesting to see how it runs and you get to see many wonderful images from around the world. We also participated in Spring Break/Interclub. Some of our members that entered the contest did much better than they ever imagined that they would. And to boot we took second place overall in the Digital Realistic competition. Great job guys! Although participation could have been better...

Lastly we had a few outings: the first was a trip to the Landscape Arboretum; unfortunately not too many folks participated in that one. There was a joint club outing with MPS to the Minnesota Zoo, which was a lot of fun, and well attended by both clubs and finally the Spring Raptor Release which despite challenging conditions for photography wasn't too bad of a day.

Well that's about it from me. Hope you guys all had a great year, and I'm looking forward to next year.

Thanks to everyone for a great year...

Geoff

## This and That Column

By Steve Shor

### Interclub Competition 2008

Well, last year I couldn't attend because I was out of town at that time and this year I had planned to attend and then got sick just a few days prior to event. Oh well, that's how the cookie crumbles I guess.

I really haven't heard much about this year's Spring event but it seemed like an excellent program from looking at the guest speakers and sessions held.

I look forward to the interclub competition because it gives one a chance to see some of the best work by local club members and if you want you can see how your work stacks up against them.

We may not always agree with the judges' selections but that is all part of the system and also indicates why you should enter your work in several venues if you really think it is good. For example, this year I got an honorable mention for one of my realistic digital images. Two years ago I entered this in our CCC salon competition and did not even get an acceptance. So go figure. However, I did work on the image some more after hearing the judge's comments and reassessing on my own. This shows that often a great image is only a few more hours effort away, often by using propitious dodging and burning or saturating local areas or blurring some part of the image.

I do not have access to all club members that may have submitted images but I do know that we had a lower number of club members' whose work was selected at an acceptance level or higher. This makes me think that we had fewer people submitting their work than previous years because I have seen some fantastic images during our club year and I think many of them would have done quite well if they had been entered. So do give it some consideration for next year.

This year our fellow club members Geoff and Holly Kuchera did extremely well in the competition. Holly had a total of 8 acceptances including one award and one runner up award. Geoff was only one acceptance behind with a total of 7 acceptances, including one honorable mention and Cynthia Fleury had one award and 2 honorable mentions.

I have extracted the club results for Crosstown and show them in the tables. We certainly can be proud of this showing at the interclub competition.

#### Digital - Contemporary

First	Last	Club	Description	Score	Award
Holly	Kuchera	CCC	Mush!	14	Runner up
Holly	Kuchera	CCC	5:15 am Split Rock	14	Award
John A	Olson	CCC	Merging Alley	12	Acc
Cynthia	Fleury	CCC	Louisiana Garden	12	Acc
Geoffrey	Kuchera	CCC	Honor Me	12	Acc

#### Digital- Nature

First	Last	Club	Description	Score	Award
Geoffrey	Kuchera	CCC	Golden Eagle	13	HM
Geoffrey	Kuchera	CCC	Wolf Raspberries	11	Acc
Holly	Kuchera	CCC	Tasty	11	Acc
Holly	Kuchera	CCC	GHO	12	Acc
Holly	Kuchera	CCC	Cathartes Aura	11	Acc
Steven	Shor	CCC	Texas Magnolia	11	Acc
Steven	Shor	CCC	Touch Your Toes	11	Acc

#### Digital - Realistic

First	Last	Club	Description	Score	Award
Brian	Billadeau	CCC	Great Wall	11	Acc
Brian	Billadeau	CCC	Market Jewelry	12	Acc
Brian	Billadeau	CCC	Shanghai from High	11	Acc
Holly	Kuchera	CCC	St. Paul's Cathedral Sunset	12	Acc
Holly	Kuchera	CCC	Dark Wolf	12	Acc
Steven	Shor	CCC	Fall Ivy	13	HM
Steven	Shor	CCC	Gibbon Moving	11	Acc
John A.	Olson	CCC	Shrouded Glance	11	Acc
John A.	Olson	CCC	Portal to a View	11	Acc
John A.	Olson	CCC	Blacksmith's Shack	11	Acc
Geoffrey	Kuchera	CCC,	Water Fountain	12	Acc
Geoffrey	Kuchera	CCC,	Admit One	11	Acc

#### Prints - Color

First	Last	Club	Description	Score	Award
Arlene	Green	CCC	Morning Light	12	Acc
Geoffrey	Kuchera	CCC	Reflections	13	Acc

#### Prints - Monochrome

First	Last	Club	Description	Score	Award
Cynthia	Fluery	CCC	Riomaggiore	14	Award
Cynthia	Fluery	CCC	Conservatory Garden	13	HM
Cynthia	Fluery	CCC	Summer on the Stone Arch	12	HM
Geoffrey	Kuchera	CCC	Foggy Night at the Golden Gate	13	Acc
Holly	Kuchera	CCC	No Entry	12	Acc

This is my last issue as the newsletter editor and those duties will pass to Brian Billadeau. I have enjoyed doing this and look forward to contributing by writing my "This and That" column.

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**Newsletter News**

By Brian Billadeau

First and foremost, I want to take the opportunity to thank Steve for his hard work on our newsletters and the club. As you may know, Steve is stepping-down from being editor of our newsletter after this issue. Fortunately, Steve has mentioned he still would like to write his article depending on his schedule. Next time you see Steve, give him a pat on the back for a job well done!

**Changes...**

Starting this summer, I will be taking over the CLICK newsletter editor position. Big shoes to fill but I'm really looking forward to some exciting changes. The newsletter is getting a design refresh starting with the next issue. I would also like to expand on content, depending on members' feedback. I encourage you to let me know this summer your ideas of what you'd like to see in the newsletter. Email me at: [crosstowncameraclub@gmail.com](mailto:crosstowncameraclub@gmail.com)

I'm also putting out the call for a few additional writers. Ideally, it would be great to have 4 members which would take turns every other month writing an article. So first month would have at least 2 articles by 2 members, next month would be the other 2 members writing. Of course, anyone is welcome to write more, each month would be wonderful! Along with Steve, Geoff has said he's interested in contributing on occasion. Depending on my time with being 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, arranging judges and print chair duties, I hope to also do a regular article. So PLEASE contact me if you'd like to contribute!

One last thing, you may see our new postcard/flyer around town. We wanted a new, updated piece for the Edina Art Fair, as well as other places, to get new members. If you would like 1 or 2 to give to friends or family, just ask me at the next meeting. I'll bring a stack of them to our Year-End Awards Banquet on June 19.



**Salon Topics for 2007-2008**

- September (digital): Bottles
- October (prints): Babies/Infants/ Children
- November (digital): Photojournalism
- December: Holiday Party
- January (prints): Curves/Circles
- February (digital): Smoke
- March (prints): Ruins
- April (digital): Extremely Minnesota
- May (prints): Painterly Effects
- June: Awards Night

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**Salon Topics for 2008-2009**

- September (slides): Gardens
- October (prints): Circus/Fairs
- November (slides): Deep Woods
- December: Holiday Party
- January (prints): Literary Adventure
- February (slides): Unusual Viewpoints
- March (prints): Snow Scene
- April (slides): Decisive Moment
- May (prints): Found Still Life
- June: Awards Night



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[www.psa-photo.org](http://www.psa-photo.org)

PSA is a worldwide interactive organization for anyone interested in photography, be they casual, serious amateur or professional photographers. Individual, Camera Club, Chapter and Council members are offered a wide variety of activities: a monthly magazine, photo and digital competitions, study groups via mail and the internet, how-to programs, an annual conference and a raft of other activities and services.

The Photographic Society of America was founded in 1934 to "Promote the Arts and Sciences of Photography and to further public education therein."

**Upcoming PSA International Conferences**

- ..... Portland, OR \* Aug. 31 - Sept. 6, 2008
- ..... West Yellowstone, MT \* Sept. 20-26, 2009

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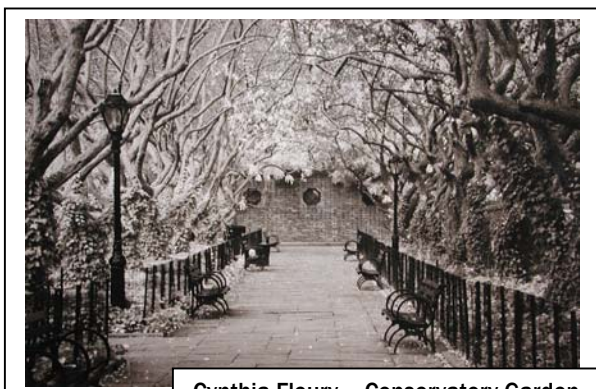
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**Top Salon Entries \* MAY 2008**

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Cynthia Fleury - Conservatory Garden - 10



Brian Billadeau - Chinese Koi Pond - 9

Top Salon Entries \*



Geoff Kuchera - Speed - 9



Cynthia Fleury - Misty Morn Cales Cove - 10



Joe Moss - Preacher Man - 9



Brian Billadeau - Painterly Rose - 9

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<b>Color Topic</b>			
Cynthia	Fleury	Misty Morn Cades Cove	10
Brian	Billadeau	Chinese Koi Pond	9
Brian	Billadeau	Painterly Rose	9
Mark	Karney	Fall Scene	8
Mark	Karney	Pink Flower	8
Arlene	Green	Sunflower	8
Steven	Shor	Lenten Rose	8
Holly	Kuchera	Daylily Dreams	8
Geoff	Kuchera	Convergence	8
Brian	Billadeau	Acid Fall	8
<b>Color Open</b>			
Geoff	Kuchera	Speed	9
Joe	Moss	Preacher Man	9
<b>Mono Open</b>			
Cynthia	Fleury	Conservatory Garden	10
Mark	Karney	One Tree	8

#Entries	28
% Color	89%
% Mono	11%
% Open	32%
%Topic	68%
% Acceptances	50%

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Date	Start Time	Event	Location/Cost	Website/Info
Sun 6/1	8 AM	Mopars in the Park Car Show	Dakota County Fairgrounds Farmington, MN (metro) - \$5	<a href="http://www.midwestmopars.com">http://www.midwestmopars.com</a> Come to the largest ALL MOPAR car show in the Upper Midwest! This fun-filled, 2-day family event has something for everyone. Come and see more than 500 beautiful Mopar show cars, our first-ever arts and craft show, and non-stop entertainment. Plus, you can enjoy a free trolley ride to all parts of the fairgrounds.
Sun 6/1	10 AM	Edina Art Fair	50th & France Edina, MN (metro) - FREE	<a href="http://www.edinaartfair.com/">http://www.edinaartfair.com/</a> 400 artists from all regions of the U.S. Make time to enjoy the diverse collection of art, visit with more than 400 artists about their craft, enjoy children's activities, fashion shows, great food and Lifestyle demonstrations. Stroll the quaint 50th and France Quarter, located where Minneapolis and Edina meet. One visit and you'll know right away why we have a reputation for being dangerously charming and delightfully decadent.
Sun 6/1	10 AM	Old West Extravaganza Weekend	725 Pioneer Park Trail Annandale, MN (state) - \$5	<a href="http://www.pioneerpark.org">http://www.pioneerpark.org</a> We will feature the "Old West Society of Minnesota" and their rendition of "Old World Entertainment!" featuring a Street Theater, Buffalo Hunters Camp, and an Old West Show featuring, Whip Cracking, Rope Twirling, and other surprises. A lot of living history of the Post Civil War period of 1800's throughout the Park. Food and Beverages available.
Thurs 6/5 6/12 6/19 6/26	7 PM	Thursday Night Lights	National Sports Center Blaine, MN (metro) - FREE	<a href="http://www.nscsports.com/sports/cycling/events/races.htm">http://www.nscsports.com/sports/cycling/events/races.htm</a> Track cycling is the most exciting sport on two wheels. From the pure adrenaline of the sprints to the artistry and skill of the Madison, track cyclists provide a show like no other. And there's no better place to witness this spectacle than the National Sports Center Velodrome. Our world-class facility boasts some of the finest racing in the US.
Fri 6/6	10 AM	Como's Blooming Butterflies Opens	Marjorie McNeely Conservatory St Paul, MN (metro) - donation	<a href="http://www.comozooconservatory.org/como_zoo/Blooming%20Butterflies_shtml">http://www.comozooconservatory.org/como_zoo/Blooming%20Butterflies_shtml</a> Como Park Zoo and Conservatory will open, Blooming Butterflies, a new exhibit that features a variety of butterfly species and native plants on June 6, 2008. Butterflies continue to be a regularly performed miracle of nature, with the transformation of a frequently ugly caterpillar into an elegant butterfly.
Sat 6/7	8 AM	Bri Tri	Long Lake Regional Park New Brighton, MN (metro) - FREE	<a href="http://www.active.com/page/Event_Details.htm?event_id=1503755&amp;assetId=43e9fa9a-c350-4fcc-ac2c-d425fb063ec6">http://www.active.com/page/Event_Details.htm?event_id=1503755&amp;assetId=43e9fa9a-c350-4fcc-ac2c-d425fb063ec6</a> Triathlon 1/2 mile swim, 14 mile bike, 3 mile run in beautiful Long Lake Regional Park, one of the most beautiful parks in the metro area!
Sat 6/7	9 AM	MN Zoo Grizzly Coast Opens	Minnesota Zoo Apple Valley, MN (metro) - \$14	<a href="http://www.mnzoo.org/quests/RGC/rgc.asp">http://www.mnzoo.org/quests/RGC/rgc.asp</a> Imagine yourself face-to-face with a grizzly bear. Or laughing at the playful antics of sea otters above and below the water. Or catching a glimpse of rare and beautiful Amur leopards.
Sat 6/7	12 PM	Famous Dave's BBQ & Blues Festival	Peavey Plaza, Minneapolis, MN (metro) - FREE	<a href="http://www.famousdaves.com/home/other-saucy-stuff/minneapolis-bbg-blues-club/bluesfest">http://www.famousdaves.com/home/other-saucy-stuff/minneapolis-bbg-blues-club/bluesfest</a> 4th annual festival on June 7, 2008, admission is free to the public and features outstanding national and Twin Cities-based blues acts on two stages. Two stages - Main and Juke Joint Stage on Nicollet Mall.

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<b>Sat - Sun</b> 6/7 - 6/8	6:30 PM 1:30 PM	MN Fixed Gear Classic	National Sports Center Blaine, MN (metro) - <b>FREE</b>	<a href="http://www.nscsports.com/velo/MN_Fixed_Gear_Classic_08.pdf">http://www.nscsports.com/velo/MN_Fixed_Gear_Classic_08.pdf</a> Track cycling is the most exciting sport on two wheels. From the pure adrenaline of the sprints to the artistry and skill of the Madison, track cyclists provide a show like no other. And there's no better place to witness this spectacle than the National Sports Center Velodrome. Our world-class facility boasts some of the finest racing in the US.
<b>Wed - Sun</b> 6/11 - 6/15	4 PM	Great River Energy Bicycle Festival	Saint Paul, Cannon Falls, Minneapolis, Mankato, Stillwater - <b>FREE</b>	<a href="http://www.minnbikefestival.com/">http://www.minnbikefestival.com/</a> One of the top three stage races in North America, the Nature Valley GP attracts top teams from around the globe, including World and Olympic Champions. You'll also find stunt riding shows, kids' races, fitness expos, great food and live music in some of Minnesota's most bicycle-friendly cities.
<b>Wed</b> 6/11	6:30 PM	Como Camera & Artist Event	Marjorie McNeely Conservatory St Paul, MN (metro) - <b>\$5</b>	Marjorie McNeely Conservatory is opened before public hours to allow artists and photographers a chance to bring in tripods and easels, which normally are not allowed.
<b>Fri</b> 6/13 6/27	6:45 PM	Jordan Supercross	Scott County Fairgrounds Jordan, MN (metro) - <b>\$10</b>	<a href="http://www.motokazie.com">http://www.motokazie.com</a> Supercross/dirtbike races.
<b>Sat</b> 6/14	9 AM	MN Zoo Aveda Butterfly Garden Opens	Minnesota Zoo Apple Valley, MN (metro) - <b>\$14 (zoo entry)</b> <b>\$10 (garden entry)</b>	<a href="http://www.mnzoo.org/index.asp">http://www.mnzoo.org/index.asp</a>
<b>Sat - Sun</b> 6/14 - 6/15	10 AM	Stone Arch Festival	Historic Main St. and Father Hennepin Park Minneapolis, MN (metro) - <b>FREE</b>	<a href="http://www.stonearchfestival.com/">http://www.stonearchfestival.com/</a> 250+ juried artists' booths Five performance stages for music, dance, and performing arts Culinary Arts Quarter presented by Whole Food Market Art of the Car Display Youth Arts Quarter presented by Kiddywampus
<b>Sat - Sun</b> 6/14 - 6/15	10 AM	Old Worlde Renaissance Faire	Twig, MN (state) - <b>\$9</b>	<a href="http://www.owrenaissancefaire.com/">http://www.owrenaissancefaire.com/</a> The Faire is a family oriented event where the modern world can see, feel, and connect with the past and artisans of today. Here, you can step back in time and sense the years recede as you explore the artisan's products, and partake in an atmosphere of smells, sights, and sounds that encompass an Olde World aura. Now in the tradition of a medieval celebration amongst festive tents, flowing banners, and beautiful clothing, the Olde World Renaissance Faire presents bits of history and lore from the year 1200 - 1700 in Europe. Our resident dragon and mystical unicorn, trade merchants, medieval music and entertainment, historic education, games of skill, and delicious foods are all nestled in a secluded enchanted meadow. You are invited to come, experience, and enjoy history within our gates.
<b>Thurs - Sat</b> 6/19 - 6/21	7:30 PM	Buffalo Championship Rodeo	Buffalo Rodeo Arena Buffalo, MN (metro) - <b>\$14</b>	<a href="http://www.buffalorodeo.com/">http://www.buffalorodeo.com/</a> From Chuckwagon breakfasts to high flying rodeo action we have it all. We are proud to feature award winning stock from the Barnes PRCA Rodeo Company. Don't forget the rodeo dance Friday and Saturday after the rodeo in the BIG TENT.
<b>Thurs - Sun</b> 6/19 - 6/22	6 PM	Western Fest Stampede Rodeo	Lee Mar Ranch Granite Falls, MN (state) - <b>\$12</b>	<a href="http://www.granitefallsprcarodeo.com/">http://www.granitefallsprcarodeo.com/</a> Bareback Riding - Saddle Bronc Riding - Tie-Down Roping - Steer Wrestling - Bull Riding - Barrel Racing. All this rodeo action plus other great entertainment will make you want to come back for more.

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<b>Sat</b> 6/28	9 AM	Tri-Loppet	Lake Calhoun to Wirth Park (metro) – <b>FREE</b>	<a href="http://www.active.com/page/Event_Details.htm?event_id=1526952&amp;assetId=a2042013-b94d-4952-98ff-410224577223">http://www.active.com/page/Event_Details.htm?event_id=1526952&amp;assetId=a2042013-b94d-4952-98ff-410224577223</a> Triathlon 8 km paddle, 5 km trail run, 11 km mountain bike.