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**Meetings At 7 PM** 

February 13th Print/Slide Competition

February 27th Speaker

**Will Rogers Park Exhibition Hall** 

3400 NW 36th St.

Oklahoma City, Ok

### METRO CAMERA CLUB

- HANDS ON STILL LIFE/MACRO AND PORTRAIT WORKSHOP
  NEW AND EXPERIENCED PHOTOGRAPHERS INVITED!!!!
- SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2023 • 10:00 AM THRU 3:00 PM
- MAIN MEETING ROOM • WILL ROGERS GARDEN EXHIBITION BLDG
- 3400 NW 36<sup>th</sup> ST. (I-44 AND NW 36<sup>th</sup> ST.) • OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73112
- On February 11, 2023 Metro Camera Club will host a Special Saturday Workshop concentrating on Still life/Macro and Portrait Photography. Sponsored in part by Bedford Camera.
- If you are new to Photography, or are looking for new ideas, you won't want to miss this event. Experienced members of Metro Camera Club familiar with Nikon, Canon, Sony and Fuji and other equipment will be there to share their knowledge and answer any questions you may have with your new camera.

• Club members will display Still life set-ups demonstrating different lighting for small still-life photography with an emphasis on using macro lenses and various Portrait Lighting situations using backdrops and flash. Visitors are encouraged to bring their cameras...this will be a hands on experience!!!

• The Workshop starts at 10:00 AM and continues until 3:00 PM.

- FREE Pizza and drinks will be provided by Bedford Camera, OKC, OK around noon!
- Hands on Photography instruction will promptly start at 10:00 AM.
- Bring your camera to the Workshop. Be sure your camera is able to hook up with the studio sync cords or wireless triggers as provided. Check with your local photo dealer or myself for help in this area. Models will be present, courtesy of Vail Models.
- If you have any questions, please get in touch with Joe Wilson..Cell #405-627-2915

### Field Trip

- February 25<sup>th</sup>
- Crystal Bridge @ The Myriad Gardens
- Tripods Welcome
- No Admission Fees
- Meet at 9:00 AM
- The Crystal Bridge has been renovated.
- There are lots of new things to photograph

•Reminder: 2023 Dues are due

### **February 27<sup>th</sup> Speakers**



#### We are the Wingmates!

We, Pratyay and Sreemala, are a couple originally from India, currently residing in Oklahoma, USA, who love to watch and take pictures of bird and wildlife. Before moving to Oklahoma, we spent 3 years in Denver, where we started birding and photography more seriously. As time went by, we became more fascinated with nature and its beauty. Even a boring day can be an enticing one if you are outdoors. Our interests have taken over every aspect of nature, from birds to wild animals, from flowers to insects, from lakes to oceans and God knows what else. We find so much joy and happiness being outside and everyday feels like an outdoor class!

- Along our journey we have made some wonderful friends and met some awesome people. We have learnt so much, which, of course, is just a miniscule amount of all that we can possibly learn! We would love to share our adventures through our lenses with you all. We hope you will join us in our adventure and appreciate nature as much as we do. A picture can tell you a thousand words and we hope our story reaches you with warmth and hope.
- We try to learn more about our natural world and conservation biology, which is increasingly becoming more important than ever. We would have loved to call ourselves conservation photographers, but we have to be honest that we spend time out there mostly out of selfish reasons, due to the pure joy that we feel, and not with some goal to create awareness among my viewers. Saying that, we sincerely hope that all of you who love our images will try to learn more about nature and do a little bit towards keeping our natural world from getting destroyed by humankind.

## Pratyaydipta Rudra

I am a statistician by profession, but wildlife photography is my passion. I had always loved spending time in nature, but it really became a passion about ten years ago when I got a small digital camera as a gift and started observing the birds and wildlife more closely. Since then, nature has always been healing for me, even at the toughest of the times. I would like to think that I have come a long way in terms of my photographic skills, but I never feel like I can do justice to the abundant beauty around us. Besides actually pressing the shutter, I tend to spend a lot of time trying to understand light and compositions... striving to create something different and artistic.





#### Sreemala Das Majumder

I am currently pursuing a Doctorate degree in Civil Engineering at the College of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology at Oklahoma State University. My research is focused on treatment wetlands and greenhouse gas emissions. When I am not working in the lab, I enjoy being outside, photographing and learning about birds. Unlike Pratyay, I hate editing my photos, which has led to thousands of unedited photos on my hard disk! I hope this blog will help me getting motivated to share more of the photos that I have captured!

#### 2023-01 Alternative Reality Competition

| Class | Score Rank |   | Photo_Name                          | Member    |
|-------|------------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| А     | 14         | 1 | THE DANCE                           | SAM HYDEN |
| А     | 14         | 1 | OUT OF THIS WORLD                   | SAM HYDEN |
| А     | 12         | 2 | THE ROCK & ROLL SHOW INSIDE MY HEAD | DON RISI  |
| А     | 12         | 2 | MACKS QUICK DELIVERY                | SAM HYDEN |

#### 2023-01 BW PDI Competition

| Class | Score | Rank | Photo_Name                | Member           |
|-------|-------|------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Α     | 12    |      | OLUET CEDENITY            | CANALINGEN       |
|       | 13    | 1    | QUIET SERENITY            | SAM HYDEN        |
|       | 12    | 2    | STORM BREWING             | SAM HYDEN        |
|       | 12    | 2    | ON THE LOOKOUT            | CHARLES WAGGONER |
|       | 11    | 3    | DARN FLEAS                | CHARLES WAGGONER |
|       | 11    | 3    | A FAMILIES MONUMENT       | SAM HYDEN        |
|       | 11    | 3    | I'M IN CHARGE             | NANCY WAGGONER   |
|       | 11    | 3    | WANT MY STICK             | CHARLES WAGGONER |
|       | 9     |      | Beacons on Reno           | TERRAN TIDWELL   |
| AA    |       |      |                           |                  |
|       | 10    | 1    | DISAPERING FENCE          | BILL WEBSTER     |
| AAA   |       |      |                           |                  |
|       | 14    | 1    | Blossom                   | ELAINE BOYD      |
|       | 12    | 2    | TALINN-ESTONIA            | BRYAN HAPKE      |
|       | 12    | 2    | LEGACY PARK               | BRYAN HAPKE      |
|       | 12    | 2    | SUN STRIPES               | JOE WILSON       |
|       | 12    | 2    | EVENING SHADE             | JOE WILSON       |
|       | 11    | 3    | ST PETERSBURG PALACE      | BRYAN HAPKE      |
|       | 11    | 3    | WHERE'S WALDO             | JOE WILSON       |
|       | 10    |      | Stairway to the Castle    | ELAINE BOYD      |
|       | 10    |      | CHOLE                     | TAMMY HERZOG     |
|       | 10    |      | Waiting for dinner        | ELAINE BOYD      |
|       | 9     |      | FUNGI ON A LOG            | TAMMY HERZOG     |
|       | 9     |      | FALLS                     | TAMMY HERZOG     |
| AAAA  |       | !    |                           |                  |
|       | 13    | 1    | Hanging On #5             | Derrell Dover    |
|       | 13    | 1    | Dismount 04               | Derrell Dover    |
|       | 12    | 2    | LEAVE ME ALONE            | DON RISI         |
|       | 11    | 3    | WHITE ORCHIDS             | PAUL JOHNSON     |
|       | 11    | 3    | Mountain Church 04        | Derrell Dover    |
|       | 11    | 3    | ORCHID & RAINDROP         | PAUL JOHNSON     |
|       | 10    |      | NO SMOKING                | DON RISI         |
|       | 10    |      | SANTA IN HIDING           | PAUL JOHNSON     |
|       | 10    |      | CLOUDS AND MOUNTAINS #653 | DON RISI         |
|       | 10    |      | END OF SUMMER             | JACK DELISLE     |

#### 2023-01 Color PDI Competition

| Class | Score | Rank | Photo_Name                          | Member           |
|-------|-------|------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Α     |       |      |                                     |                  |
|       | 14    | 1    | DIGGER WASP                         | ELTON WILLIAMS   |
|       | 14    | 1    | SEEING DOUBLE                       | NANCY WAGGONER   |
|       | 14    | 1    | I TOLD YOU TO STOP                  | NANCY WAGGONER   |
|       | 14    | 1    | BUMBLEBEE IN FAIRY LAND             | ELTON WILLIAMS   |
|       | 14    | 1    | ELEGANT BRIDE                       | SAM HYDEN        |
|       | 13    | 2    | LONG FORGOTTEN                      | SAM HYDEN        |
|       | 13    | 2    | TREAD LIGHTLY                       | ELTON WILLIAMS   |
|       | 13    | 2    | ESCAPE FROM THE STORM               | SAM HYDEN        |
|       | 12    | 3    | PLUMB TUCKERED OUT                  | CHARLES WAGGONER |
|       | 12    | 3    | STREET DANCERS                      | CHARLES WAGGONER |
|       | 12    | 3    | LADIES OF THE PRIDE                 | NANCY WAGGONER   |
|       | 11    |      | Fence me In                         | TERRAN TIDWELL   |
|       | 10    |      | DIDN'T LEAVE ME MUCH                | CHARLES WAGGONER |
| AAA   |       |      |                                     |                  |
|       | 15    | 1    | Drinking my Fill                    | ELAINE BOYD      |
|       | 13    | 2    | Christmas Tidings                   | ELAINE BOYD      |
|       | 13    | 2    | RED WHITE AND BULBS                 | TAMMY HERZOG     |
|       | 13    | 2    | BONNIE AND CLYDE                    | TAMMY HERZOG     |
|       | 11    | 3    | IT'S A GRAND OLD FLAG               | BRYAN HAPKE      |
|       | 11    | 3    | Nudging baby along                  | ELAINE BOYD      |
|       | 10    |      | APPLE IN THE LEAVES                 | TAMMY HERZOG     |
|       | 10    |      | STREET PERFORMER                    | BRYAN HAPKE      |
|       | 10    |      | OU SKYLINE                          | BRYAN HAPKE      |
| AAAA  |       |      |                                     |                  |
|       | 14    | 1    | MORNING DEW                         | DON RISI         |
|       | 14    | 1    | I'D LIKE TO ANNOUNCE MY CANDIDACY   | DON RISI         |
|       | 13    | 2    | LAST BLOOMS OF SUMMER               | JACK DELISLE     |
|       | 13    | 2    | LAYERS OF PINK                      | JOE WILSON       |
|       | 13    | 2    | APRIL IRIS                          | JACK DELISLE     |
|       | 12    | 3    | GREATER YELLOWLEGS                  | DON RISI         |
|       | 12    | 3    | CLOSE ENCOUNTER                     | BILL WEBSTER     |
|       | 12    | 3    | Chelsea M 302                       | Derrell Dover    |
|       | 12    | 3    | JANUARY 6 SUNSET                    | PAUL JOHNSON     |
|       | 12    | 3    | OFF WE GO INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER | JOE WILSON       |
|       | 11    |      | BEAR TO THE LEFT                    | PAUL JOHNSON     |
|       | 11    |      | HEARTBREAK HOTEL                    | PAUL JOHNSON     |
|       | 11    |      | DECORATING THE BUS REFLECTIONS      | BILL WEBSTER     |
|       | 11    |      | In the Surf 08                      | Derrell Dover    |
|       | 11    |      | Ameka 024                           | Derrell Dover    |
|       | 11    |      | BUBBLES AND FLOWERS                 | JOE WILSON       |
|       | 10    |      | WINTER ARRIVED                      | BILL WEBSTER     |



Elain Boyd 15 Point winner



January Judges









































































