



4low—Alice Gipson



Maine Fixa Uppa—Michele Oliver

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Greetings CCC members. I'll start on a different note and ask, "what do you see in the header images?" In Alice's image, I see my brain firing in 10,000 directions as I attempt to write a newsletter from diminishing news. Yep, as I said last month the news is "slim pickens". My header image library is getting pretty thin also, as I attempt to create a theme in the header. Quite frankly, I believe all of us are feeling like Michele's "fixa uppa" as we have high aspirations of a total remodel in these crazy times. These next 2 images remind me of a 90's rocker named Lenny Kravitz who had a hit entitled, "Fly Away". I am sure many of you share that feeling.



iPhoto—Judy Schutz



Swallow tail kite—Debbie LeCrone



Casements Riverfest
Skip Lowery

And Skip's image says it all as we persevere to battle the vertical climb and reach the top. We have a lot to be thankful for, so take a minute and reflect on those blessings!!!! On to the news.

RECAP—Despite the low member presence, the October Zoom Meeting went very well. The board was unanimously re-elected and Donna Armstrong was approved to join the board. All of the staff volunteer positions were retained as each agreed to serve another year. After the election, Ans gave a slideshow presentation of the last 4 days of the 2019 Netherlands trip, followed by images from the Texture and Portrait Challenges. Unfortunately the Portrait Challenge yielded a poor member participation, but all in all, there were some excellent images in all of the presentations.

The **Zoom Meeting** this month is set for **Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 pm**. Julie Lee will give a presentation on Flower Photography. Julie Lee is a Fine Art Nature Photographer in Orlando FL. She agreed to a Zoom interview with Ans for the June meeting in lieu of her presentation being canceled due to quarantine. I enjoyed her interview and look forward to a very rewarding presentation. You may visit her website and view her work: www.julieleephoto.com

HOLIDAY PARTY 2020 CANCELLED---In the board meeting earlier this month, the board voted unanimously to cancel the Holiday Party this year in consideration of our member's safety in this current pandemic. An extra Zoom meeting will be held with some additional slideshow challenges and the date will be sent in a future email.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS—The Casements has asked the CCC to display a club decorated Christmas tree again this year. Gloria Lotzner has donated her tree again this year and is helping with the decorating. THANK YOU Gloria. The tree will be decorated in the Ballroom on Monday, November 30 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Members are asked to make a decoration for the Christmas Tree. Decorations are photography related and feel free to contact Ans if you have any questions. Here's an image of the 2018 Christmas Tree (see how the decorations were made).



2018 CCC Christmas Tree-Vicki Payne

ARE YOU INSTAGRAM SAVY????---The board is considering opening a CCC Instagram account. If you are Instagram proficient or have some thoughts or ideas about this, please contact Ans. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Editor's note—We have all felt the impact of COVID on our lives, some more so than others. We are all dealing with personal and family frustrations. As photographers we feel the impact of not being able to get out and explore the places we have become so accustomed to in the past. Travel is limited but many opportunities still arise as we open our eyes to new quests and a different type of adventure. The CCC has felt the impact of this pandemic, yet Ans strives to keep the club alive with many new ideas: zoom meetings, monthly challenges, webinars and "stuck at home" challenges. Unfortunately, the COVID impact has yielded

some member apathy. I am not pointing fingers or condemning, just pointing out observations from meetings and challenges. Once again, Skip's image speaks as the CCC is vigorously climbing a very steep upward wall and strives to reach the top. Your support as we strive to look down at the worst and see the light at the top is greatly needed and will be greatly appreciated. With the Thanksgiving Holiday is just around the corner, let us all stop and count our blessings and give thanks for all that we have. And on that note: **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!**



Donna Armstrong

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