

GOVERNMENT CENTER PHOTOS

7 club members have contributed about two dozen photos so far. There is a lot of space still available, and we'll be making another delivery next week. **Photos need to be framed if they are not on canvas or metal. Photos need to be at least 8 x 10, but generally larger sizes will work better. Photos need to be taken in Minnesota or at least be a generic shot that could come from here. They are making up cards with name, title, and availability for sale to go with the photos. So simply attach that information on the back of each photo.**

Again, this is a great opportunity for members to display their photographs. I can meet you in Lindstrom next week to pick up your photos so simply let me know. Once the photos are all hung, we'll have a showing for club members. In addition, there will be a story in the local paper about this project.

PHOTO CONTEST FOR KIDS

We will be running the Photo Contest for Kids at the library again from about December 20 through January 10. **You may enter one 8 x 10 photo. Kids through 5th grade will be able to vote on their favorite photo** so your photo should appeal to that age. Last year's co-champions, the feline and the canine, are not eligible this year. Incidentally, I actually found the tally sheet from last year at the bottom of a bin and the winning total was 7 votes, and we had a total of 47 votes.

Drop off your photo at the library by Friday, Dec. 16. We will mat them so they are uniform. People had fun with this last year and hopefully will again this year.

QUESTION & ANSWER MEETING

There is no regular meeting scheduled for December and January, but we will have a special meeting in January **if there is the interest.** People can get instructions and answers on a variety of topics. Choosing a

camera and lens, filters, processing RAW, resizing, naming files, Dropbox, and, of course, getting off auto mode are all possible topics. You're encouraged to bring your camera (and manual) and/or your laptop or tablet. We will have a station where the relationship between aperture, shutter speed, and ISO will be covered and you can practice. Give us an indication if you're interested and in what topic (s), and we will set the date for this meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee had a productive meeting Friday, Dec 2.

*Programs, photo themes, and activities were decided upon for 2017. A schedule hasn't been set but more information to come.

*There will no longer be a club secretary pending a required vote by the club. Ken Noyes has resigned as secretary due to plans to travel. The membership registration will be handled by the treasurer. We thank Ken for what he has done for the club. He authored the club by-laws, and set up the name tag system. It's easy to take that for granted, but the by-laws were essential in us being able to get a sponsoring non-profit.

***Dues were again set at \$15.** We do have a balance presently of \$385. We would like to build that up for future events, possible fees, miscellaneous costs, or giving a stipend to outside speakers. A registration form will be made available that you may print and turn in at the first meeting of next year you attend.

*There will not be a club calendar project. It's very tempting, but the initial expense, marketing, and bookkeeping are all issues the committee didn't want to take on. Also, the selection of photos was discussed. The consensus was judging would be needed to select photos, and this would lead to a feeling of competition and possible issues of fairness.

Our club Facebook page continues to be a prime source of information.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCVCC/>