

Doña Ana Photography Club



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THANK YOU LISA MANDELKERN!

The DAPC would like to thank Lisa Mandelkern for her five years of service as the Program Coordinator. She was instrumental in finding and providing educational presentations and critical themes for curious photographers. The programs were communicated to Club members in a well-organized format. The quality of the programs has been partially responsible for the growth in Club membership. Lisa, we thank you and wish you well in your future endeavors.

2016 PHOTO OF THE YEAR

BY JULIE SCHMITT

In the November digital Photo of the Year Contest, BEN TYSON took top honors for his black and white photo "Foggy Forest". Ben is a former Las Cruces resident now living in California, and still participates remotely on monthly themes and year-end contest. His photo is an excellent example of using light and photo processing to highlight the surreal nature of the scene.

Others taking top honors in the digital Photo of the Year Contest were: Wayne Suggs, Lisa Mandelkern, Seth Madell, Diana Powell, Debbie Hands. Also in the blue ribbon category are: Jim Rodgers, Michael Chastain, Bob Peticolas, Catherine Lucas, Cathy Day, Tom Devine, Tabatha Rossman and Robert Kitcey. Red ribbon winners include: Gail Molpolder, Dave Brown, Natille Zimmerman, Erik Winter, Frank Pecastaing, Will Keener, Kelly Briarton, Wayne West, Jim Mathews, Marcia Starich. Diana Powell took home 2 blues and a red ribbon! Congratulations to all the winners.



Photo of the Year - *Foggy Forest* by Ben Tyson

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, 01-03-2017 - DAPC
1st Tuesday Meeting - "Social Media in Photography"
- 7:00pm, Southwest Environmental Center.

Tuesday, 01-17-2017 - DAPC
Regular Meeting, Program to be announced - 7:00pm, Southwest Environmental Center.

Saturday, 01-28-2017 -
Photography Bootcamp. See page 3.

Tuesday, 02-07-2017 -
DAPC 1st Tuesday Meeting - 7:00pm, Southwest Environmental Center.

Tuesday, 02-21-2017 - DAPC
Regular Meeting - 7:00pm, Southwest Environmental Center.

Saturday, 02-25-2017 -
Photography Bootcamp. See page 3.

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More than a hundred photos were evaluated by judges Paul Schrantz, Mike Kmetz, Storm Sermay, Frank Gomez and Linda Bernhardt. Photography judge Paul Schrantz commented that the quality of the photos has improved dramatically over the past five years with so many good photos.

The print and digital competitions are an integral part of the club's yearly programs and are designed to foster participation in club activities and encourage old and new members to exchange ideas on photography. Educational programs are held on the first and third Tuesdays at Southwest Environmental Center, as well as photo field trips and beginner Saturday workshops. For current activities and more information see www.daphotoclub.org or Facebook.

See all of the winning photos at the online photo galleries at the Las Cruces Sun-News links:

Blue Ribbon winning photos: <http://www.lcsun-news.com/picture-gallery/life/2016/12/06/doa-ana-photography-club-2016-photos-of-the-year-blue-ribbon/95069524/>

Red Ribbon winning photos: <http://www.lcsun-news.com/picture-gallery/life/2016/12/06/doa-ana-photography-club-2016-photos-of-the-year-red-ribbon/95077406/>



White Sands Sunset by Seth Madell.



Together by Lisa Mandelkern.



Desert Stargazing by Wayne Suggs.

2016 PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

BY JULIE SCHMITT

For the THIRD time in four years, LISA MANDELKERN has been chosen the 2016 Photographer of the Year by the Dona Ana Photography Club. The award is based on the quality and excellence of her photos submitted throughout the year in 3 quarterly print competitions and the digital Photo of the Year contest. Lisa has consistently created outstanding photos with high artistic and technical content. Her

background in art and art history, plus her natural enthusiasm for exploring new digital photographic topics, has made her a master at her craft. She has been the DAPC's Program Chair for the last five years and frequently gives illustrated lectures on how to create better photos. One of Lisa's night sky photographs is currently on the cover of the new NMSU Library 2017 Calendar.

Her photo titled "A Time Before the Latest" won the DAPC Members' Choice Award and was created using HDR by combining 3 photos with different light exposures to capture all of the details perfectly, including the outdoor landscape.



Lisa Mandelkern photo by Dave Brown

Lisa describe the

scene: “This photo was taken in Germany at the Beuren open air museum. There, one can visit about ten or so historic farmers’ houses from the Southwestern region of Germany. The houses come from different counties, and were reassembled stone by stone at the museum site. Each house is slightly different, but most have one thing in common. Everything a family needed was gathered under one roof: living quarters, barn and life stock stable. The photo shows a kitchen in one of the farm houses. This kitchen bears a striking resemblance to a kitchen my family had in the late nineteen-fifties. The sink, faucet, dishes, furniture and tablecloth are the standard of the day. Things were simple, practical and built to last. Our kitchen was well used. Breakfasts, lunches and dinners were prepared by my mom from scratch every day. In the afternoon, we kids would do our homework at the kitchen table. My memories are sketchy at best, but they look a lot like this photo: it is summer and the kitchen is filled with mellow light and with wonderful aromas.”



Members’ Choice Award - *A Time Before the Latest* by Lisa Mandelkern

PHOTOGRAPHY BOOT CAMP WORKSHOPS

Did you recently get a new camera? Do you have a camera sitting on a shelf because you haven’t figured out how to use it? Maybe you’ve got a camera but you want to get more use out of it?

The Doña Ana Photography Club is offering Photography “Boot Camp” Workshops to the community. This 5-part series is aimed at anyone new to photography, anyone wanting to learn how to better use his or her camera, or anyone with questions about photography and how to take better photographs. The Boot Camp series will start with “Learning About Your Camera”, and include a total of five courses covering topics, such as getting your camera off automatic mode, taking better photographs, and editing, and will conclude with a final question and answer session along with an opportunity to have your images critiqued. Courses will be led by a member of the Doña Ana Photography Club with several club members present to help answer questions and assist during hands-on

segments.

The Photography Boot Camp is open to the public. Registration is required and the cost is \$5 per course for non-photography club members. DAPC members may attend for free. Non-photography club members may join for \$15 (which covers your annual membership) then attend the boot camp classes free of charge. Go to DAPC website to register: <http://daphotoclub.org/boot-camp.html>



The Boot Camp courses, which begin Saturday, January 28, will be held at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N Downtown Mall, Las Cruces, NM 88001, from 9 a.m. to noon. They are hands-on classes, so bring your camera.

Boot Camp Classes:

Class 1 Learning your camera: Saturday, January 28

Class 2 Getting camera off auto mode/how ISO, aperture, shutter speed work: Saturday, February 25

Class 3 How to take better photos/Composition: Saturday, March 25

Class 4 Editing: Saturday, April 22

Class 5 Image critique and Q&A: Saturday, May 27

If you have any questions, contact Rob Peinert at education@daphotoclub.org



DAPC is a proud member of the PSA and we encourage you to consider becoming an individual member of PSA for more information please visit their website at www.psa-photo.org and see what they have to offer.



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