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Nature Photography - Oklahoma Style BY Greg Mayberry

Some people have a passion for portrait photography. Others enjoy the challenge of capturing sports or rodeo images. Still others dedicate themselves to producing intriguing tabletop creations. Of all the photographic fields, none offer a greater range of potential subjects than nature photography.



“Snake and Frog “ by Greg Mayberry

Nature photographers have the option of expressing themselves by capturing images of landscapes, celestial bodies, and waterscapes, not to mention the limitless plant, animal and fungi species. For such enthusiasts, Oklahoma offers a wide variety of opportunities.

The cool streams and lakes of the Ouachita Mountain uplift in McCurtain and LeFlore counties allow for excellent opportunities to photograph gorgeous amphibians. One can find such worthy models as the colorful spotter, ringed and marbled salamanders, and numerous colorful, small tree frogs.

Another beautiful area for amphibian photography is the northeastern part of the state along the Illinois River. The forested areas of Cherokee and Adair counties offer a plethora of frog and salamander species as well as some truly colorful fungi.

Landscape and waterscape locations are plentiful across the state. From near-desert areas in the western part of the state to the beautiful fall foliage of the eastern counties, Oklahoma offers canyons, caves, mountains, meadows, rivers, lakes, deserts, and tall grass prairies. All of these can be found within a 2-3 hour drive from Oklahoma City.

March 2007 Competition Results

Digital Creative

Debbie	Devonshire	2nd	
Jan	Lee	3rd	1st
Greg	Mayberry	3rd	HM
Michael	Mayberry	1st	3rd
Tom	McCreary	HM	HM

Digital Nature

John	Key	HM	
Wally	Lee	HM	HM
Jan	Lee	2nd	3rd
Michael	Mayberry	2nd	
Greg	Mayberry	1st	2nd
Tom	McCreary	1st	1st

Digital Open

Danny	Corn	2nd	
Debbie	Devonshire	3rd	
Jazz	Dixon	HM	
Michael	Mayberry	2nd	3rd
Greg	Mayberry	1st	2nd
Peggy	McClanahan	HM	HM
Tom	McCreary	2nd	HM
Brad	Smith	HM	HM

Digital Photojournalism

Danny	Corn	2nd	3rd
John	Key	3rd	3rd
Greg	Mayberry	2nd	2nd
Michael	Mayberry	1st	3rd
Tom	McCreary	HM	1st

Color Prints - A

Pam	Meyers	1st	2nd
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Color Prints - AA

Debbie	Devonshire	1st	2nd
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Color Prints - AAA

Danny	Corn	1st	
Wally	Lee	2nd	2nd
Jan	Lee	2nd	3rd
Joe	Spence	1st	3rd

Mono Prints - A

Pam	Meyers	1st	1st
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Mono Prints - AA

Debbie	Devonshire	1st	2nd
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Mono Prints - AAA

Jan	Lee	1st	1st
Joe	Spence	2nd	3rd

Nature Prints

Jan	Lee	2nd	2nd
Joe	Spence	1st	2nd

Photojournalism Prints

Pam	Meyers	3rd	HM
Joe	Spence	1st	2nd

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If you are new to the state, or are simply looking for new ideas for a day-long photo expedition, you may wish to consider one or more of the following:

Chickasaw National Recreation Area (Platt National Park) – Located about 90 miles south of Oklahoma City, in the town of Sulphur, this park is open year-round. A trip to the park is rewarding any time during the year. Several miles of well-maintained nature trails and some unique stream formations provide ample opportunities for great photographs.

My favorite “secret spot” for nature photography is a Boy Scouts of America camp located in Johnston county, about halfway between Ada and Tishamingo. To be exact, it is between the booming communities of Bromide and Connerville! Camp Simpson is used very little in the fall and winter, my favorite times to go. The secluded 2024 acre camp offers a nice 140 acre lake, running stream which feeds into nearby Blue River, oak & hickory woodlands, and rocky hills with several cactus species. Campsites are available for tents as well as 4 RV slots with electrical hookups. The camp will rent canoes, rowboats, tents, cots and mattresses.

When time or distance do not allow for such excursions, I follow the advise of fellow club member, Darrell McClanahan who will tell you “To get good nature photographs in Oklahoma, go outside and turn over a rock.”

OKLA CC MEMBER PASSES

Raymond Mirtz, a lifetime Camera Club member passed away on March 17th..

TOP WINNERS OF 45th Oklahoma
International Exhibition of Photography

CPA - PSA Gold BOS - Shoulders to Shoulders - Tan
Nguyen - Houston, TX

CPB - PSA Gold BOS - Building the Nest - Chuck
Langjahr - Boynton Beach, FL

CS - PSA Gold BOS - Billa - Valentyn Mariman -
Belgium

CS - PSA Gold Creative BOS - No. 116 - Jerry
Fornarotti - Nutley, NJ

MPA - PSA Gold BOS - Broken Heart - Peng Tjin Ghoo -
Singapore

MPB - PSA Gold BOS - Under the Trees - Stuart Bacon -
Burlingame, CA

NP - PSA Gold BOS - Climbing Up - Wolfgang
Schweden - Germany

NP - PSA Gold BAW - Lion Carrying Warthog - Graeme
Guy - Singapore

NS - PSA Gold BOS - Crocos Miflora - Dre Van Mensel
- Belgium

NS - PSA Gold BAW - The Feast - Gautam Biswas -
Switzerland

PJP - PSA Gold BOS - Splash - Luc Dequick - Belgium

PJP - PSA Silver BHI - Keeping Warm - Linda Hollinger
- Philadelphia, PA

PJS - PSA Gold BOS - Picture of a Picture - Louis
Romain - Scottsdale, AZ

PJS - PSA Silver BHI - Chicken and Daisies - Jane Kriete
- Downers Grove, IL

Basic "Photoshop / Elements" Class

The class will include four hours of basic Photoshop /
Elements instruction. A step-by-step booklet and CD
with before and after images will be given to each
student. There will be two 2 hour classes - one on May
5th and one on May 19th at the **World Organization of
China Painters 2641 NW 10th.**

To register go to the club website

www.oklahomacameraclub.com

The fee is \$ 20 and the instructor is Mrs. Carol
McCreary

NEW MEMBERS

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Photography Seminar Presented By
Don & Nancy Emmerich

May 5, 2007

9 am - 3:00 pm

Worley Seminar Center - Bldg. 300
Great Plains Technology Center
Lawton, OK

To register: call 580-250-5500

Advance Registration - \$ 35

Registration at door - \$ 45

Register by April 27 - includes lunch

DIGITAL ENTRY DEADLINE - APRIL 22, 2007

EMAIL TO tcmccreary@cox.net

Naming for digital entries

occ-tmccreary-a1-Water Fall must use dashes and occ

occ-jlee-d2-Pretty Woman NAME - first name letter (1 char)+ last name (8 char)

occ (-) name (9 characters max) **(-) category letter** **entry #** (1 or 2) **(-) Title** (36 characters max)

category letter: A-Nature, B-PJ, C-Creative, D-Open

only two entries per category



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Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
7:30 p.m.
Central Presbyterian Church
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April 10, 2007

Print Competition

Nature, Photojournalism,
Color and Monochrome

**“ Oklahoma Camera Club
Youth Photo Contest
Awards “**

Carol and Tom McCreary, PPSA

**Judges: Charles Taylor, Charlotte Mansfield,
& Darrell McClanahan**

Refreshments: Jaci and Doug Finch

April 24, 2007

**Slide & Digital
Projected Competition**

Nature, Photojournalism,
Open and Creative

**“ Medieval Fairs “
Carl Bell**

**Judges: Brad Smith, Ed Lamb,
& Dave Simms**

Refreshments: Carol and Tom McCreary

Workshops & Field Trips

PHOTOSHOP WORKSHOP - Friday, April 27rd, at the home of **Carol & Tom McCreary** at 7:30 pm. **PHOTOSHOP BASICS FOR BEGINNERS** -- The next subject to be covered is “ **selection and moving** “. There will be a short time at the end for creative show and tell by anyone. Everyone is welcome - For info call **Carol or Tom** - **634-1817 - 425 S.W. 53rd St.**

PHOTOGRAPHY 101 WORKSHOP - Workshop will not meet in April due to conflict with Gulf States Convention. Call **Ed Lamb 721-4714** for info.

NATURE WORKSHOP - No information on a meeting this month.

BOARD MEETING - Meeting will be **Wednesday, April 18th** at 7:30 pm at the home of **Jan & Wally Lee.**