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Goldfinch
Cris Hamilton
Bird Photos Presentation 9/08



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September Meeting Was For The Birds

Everyone who missed the September meeting missed the opportunity to see Cris Hamilton's birds and nature photography. There was universal agreement among those of us present. Cris does a magnificent job. Whether they are the birds in her backyard or the ones on a field venture to Lake Erie, her ability to nail those terrific shots is remarkable.

Although Cris had a problem with her iMac communicating with our projection equipment, it mattered little because she saved the evening having brought her own large screen monitor. As she showed those wonderful images, she gave us some very useful pointers on file management and the use of *Adobe LightRoom*. Cris uses *LightRoom* both as her principle photo enhancement program and as her file management tool. Hopefully, she will come back to further teach us about each of those tasks as separate programs for future meeting.

Donna Whipkey treated us to her portfolio. Donna's albums gave a look into her photo eye; and she surely has that, whether she is photographing people or the horses she cares for, loves, and rides. It is always amazing to see the excellent photographs our fellow members are producing. When asked to present, we almost always hear something like, "Oh, my pictures aren't good enough." Then when we see those "not good enough" pictures, we find ourselves entranced by super shots. We are all proud of what our club members are doing, and every member can be proud of what you have accomplished.

With that all said, there was one letdown at the September meeting. Whether it was the topic or bad memory (or bad experiences from childhood), no one brought any photos for *The Start of School*. However, even that was not all bad because it gave me the opportunity to include three of Cris Hamilton's bird photos in this newsletter. We can always appreciate seeing Cris' National Geographic quality birds!



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Ruby Throated Hummingbird

Cris Hamilton

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Something to Think About

At the September meeting, we discussed and decided to join The Photographic Society of America. This bigger than national organization should be a tremendous resource for any member of our club. It is our understanding that once the GCPC is a member club that any individual member of the GCPC who wants to use any of The Photographic Society Of America's materials or information can do so.

Bridge Fieldtrip Follow Up

Jerry and Fran would like to thank those of you who showed up to accompany the Taylor County Photo Club on their photo tour of the Greene County Covered Bridges. The Taylor County people seemed very grateful for the chance to visit our county's bridges, and we're sure they got some great photographs. Of course, it did not hurt to add the Lippencott Alpaca Farm to that field trip. Also, everyone on the fieldtrip had a great discussion about Larry Douglas jumping out at each bridge stop, grabbing his fishing rod, and running down to the water to try his luck! He did not catch any fish.

October Meeting:

(Don't forget the location!)

The Greene County Photography Club's October meeting will be held on at **7 pm on Tuesday, October 28th** at **The Waynesburg Bible Chapel**. Thanks to Pastor Douglas who has volunteered his sanctuary again for our October meeting. We really thank him for his generosity. The Chapel is just before King's Car Wash as you leave Waynesburg going east on Greene Street. Don't forget to bring three of your best 4x6 *Wildlife* photos for the monthly contest.

Thanks for Your Sources

Last month folks at a photo exhibit recommended that we check out this valuable site. www.digital-photography-school.com At the September meeting, several of you verified that the site was a good resource. Just this week, Jerry was asked to do the monthly presentation at the Taylor County Photo Club meeting. Can you guess what he used as one of the primary sources for his presentation? Yes, he did and he appreciated you for encouraging him to visit and then use that site. Keep those good sources coming!

Programs and Meetings

It is getting old to keep asking, but we have exhausted our Program Presenters and our Portfolio Presenters. Fortunately, Kathy Douglas and Larry Calvert have volunteered to do October, and November should be covered; but we really must plan further ahead than that. Please volunteer and/or find presenters so that we can continue to have the valuable meetings like we've been so fortunate to have until now.

We desperately need to fill all of those future months. Please help us!

Fieldtrip Suggestions for GCPC

Just to the left you see an article about the Taylor County Club coming to Greene County for a photo fieldtrip. Bring your suggestions to the October meeting for fieldtrips our club could make. It would be a great photo op and the trips make for good idea sharing, fellowship, and camaraderie.