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Monthly Newsletter – October 2011

October

10-05-11, WED 7:30pm: Presentation Night – Our presenter tonight will Darkroomers member **Michel Lebl**. The theme of his presentation will be “What am I taking pictures of and why?”

Michal Lebl is Czech and it explains everything. He is a scientist, chemical engineer, living in the US for the last 20 years. He has published several hundred scientific papers, several books, holds more than fifty patents, started five companies and presently is a member of seven companies and institutes. From the photography point of view he is a member of Darkroomers, Artists of the Spanish Village, San Diego Art Institute and American Photographic Society. He is trying to have at least one photographic show per year and his pictures are hanging permanently in a mini gallery/coffee shop in Prague. He has had a picture published on the cover of the magazine *Orienteering North America*.

Refreshments – **Mike Bugera**.

10-02-11, SUN: Darkroomers members **Janice Roudebush** and **Dawn Sullivan** will be hosting the Photo Arts Building from 12:00 to 4:00.

10-19-11, WED 7:30pm: Critique Night - Our guest judge tonight will be **Larry Stein**. Larry is a photographer, professional printer and instructor in San Diego, CA. His passion for photography started early. While getting his engineering degree he worked as the lead darkroom guy for a small Los Angeles area newspaper. He currently owns Warp 9 Imaging which specializes in custom drum scanning for film, 4x5 digital photography for art reproduction and fine art printing on various media including photo paper, rag paper and canvas.

Larry has traveled far but has focused most of his photographic adventures to the Southwest. He travels frequently to New Mexico, Utah and Arizona in search of new images. Combining a passion for adventure, storm chasing and photography he brings a unique view to his photo workshops and classes.

With an engineer's eye toward detail and simplicity Larry teaches in a style that sets a firm base of understanding and then builds upon it. Students are able to quickly grasp the concepts and technology and then apply this information toward developing their creative eye.

Larry has served for a number of years as a judge for the Del Mar Fair Exhibition of Photography and is a returning judge to Darkroomers.

Refreshments – **Marietta Baginsky**.

Other News

If your prints have been accepted at our monthly critique meetings, you are also encouraged to submit those images for the SCACC Interclub Competition, which takes place throughout the year. This gives Darkroomers members the chance to compete against the best images from the other SCACC member clubs. All entries must be in digital format, so if you're using film you'll need to scan the image to participate.

Janice Roudebush's images will be displayed in the PAB front room for the month of October. If you would like to sign up to have your own "show" in the PAB, just contact **Wally Owens**. Here is the schedule for 2011:

November 2011: **Open**

December 2011: **Marietta Baginsky**

January 2012: **Oscar Ibarra**

February 2012: **Nancy Varga**

Local Exhibits and Events of Interest

Photo Auction 2011, at the Museum of Photographic Arts. This is a benefit auction with all proceeds going to the museum. Works of over 70 photographers, from vintage to modern, well known photographers to future well known photographers will be auctioned off. Wednesday, October 5, from 6 - 10pm. Admission is \$50. 619-238-8777.
<http://www.mopa.org/auction> .

The MCAS Miramar Air Show happens this weekend - Saturday, October 1 & Sunday, October 2. Great photo opportunities are always plentiful with this yearly event.

Oktoberfest celebrations throughout the county happen this weekend as well. Including: **La Mesa Oktoberfest**, sponsored by The La Mesa Village Merchant's Association: Saturday, October 1 from 11:00am-11:30pm & Sunday, October 2 from Noon-5:00pm.
<http://www.lmvma.com/SeasonalEvents/Oktoberfest.aspx> .

Also, **El Cajon Oktoberfest**, sponsored by the German American Societies of San Diego, Inc.: Saturday, October 1 from Noon-10:00pm (dancing inside until midnight) & Sunday, October 2 from Noon-9:00pm. <http://www.germanclubsandiego.org/events/oktoberfest> .

Rubén Ortiz-Torres, Portrait of an Artist as a Young Man, at the San Diego Museum of Art, showcases the works of Rubén's inspiration through the punk rock scene of Mexico City in the 80's & 90's. His media includes photographs, paintings, drawings and video give the viewer a glimpse into the skill of the artist as well as the level of intimacy he had with his subject as he developed his craft. The San Diego Museum of Art, Balboa Park. Through October 30.

<http://www.sdmart.org/art/exhibit/portrait-artist-young-man-works-rub%C3%A9n-ortiz-torres>

And also at the Museum of Photographic Arts, **Imagine That!** "Imagine That! showcases the historic pursuit of photographers seeking to capture unique perspectives, unknown realms and phenomena inaccessible to their eyes and immediate senses. This exhibition from MoPA's permanent collection examines a desire in photography to create images of the unseeable and asks the viewer to examine photography not as an extension of the human eye, but as a pursuit of discovery, observation and technology driven by the imperceptible." Through January 29, 2012. <http://www.mopa.org/exhibitions/current.htm> .

Thought for this month:

“Nothing happens when you sit at home. I always make it a point to carry a camera with me at all times...I just shoot at what interests me at that moment.”

From Elliott Erwitt. A good reminder that good photo opportunities are only opportunities if you're ready to capture them.

- The Darkroomers Photographic Club meets the 1st and 3rd Wed of each month at 7:30 PM at the Photo Arts Building in Balboa Park – 1780 Village Place, San Diego 92101. One block west of Park Blvd and next to the Spanish Village Art center.