

2015 Scavenger Hunt

The St. Vrain Photographic Society features an annual competitive scavenger hunt with photo interpretations instead of found objects. There is a limited time period in which to take the pictures and a deadline to submit them. The winner gets...wait for it; the honor of designing the following year's hunt! With that in mind I'll introduce the topic for 2015. Understand something about my choice. I was an English major who never used her degree so this will be the VOCABULARY YEAR. The hunts of the past few years have been very cleverly designed to highlight photography rules. This year; no rules. I'll give you 12 words or groups of words. You must render the definitions you choose in an artistic way through photography

Instructions:

This year's hunt begins April 1 and ends September 30. All entries must be taken during that time period and turned in by the October meeting at the latest. Choose 6 of the 12 word categories listed below. There are no rules as to how you choose to depict the words. The winner will be chosen on how well the word is represented. Photos should meet the following criteria:

1. Format as jpg.
2. No larger than 2048 pixels on the longer side.
3. Identify with the following format; separate each item by a dash.

Photo category- 02 (use 2 digits)

Photographer ID - use last 4 digits of drivers license

Photo title

Example: 09-1234-What is it; an ambiguity

Three judges outside of the club membership will judge photos based on quality and relevance to the chosen word. Submissions can be sent any time directly to me, Leslie Larson (LL.CVC1@gmail.com), or downloaded on a CD labeled with Scavenger Hunt 2015 plus your name and ID #, and delivered at the October meeting.

Okay, ready, set, GO!!

Vocabulary:

01. anomaly/anachronism: nouns -

Anomaly- abnormality, deviating from the norm, out of place.

Anachronism- something out of its proper historical time frame. ex. a cell phone on Abe Lincoln's desk.

02. crepuscular/nocturnal: adjectives-

Crepuscular: at dusk, pre-dawn, or twilight; a low light situation.

Nocturnal: at night, a no light situation

03. riparian: adj.- of, on or near a river, stream, pond or small lake.

04. chiaroscuro (pronounced with hard c): n. - an artistic technique using light and shadow for dramatic effect or to enhance character in a portrait.

05. saprophyte/parasite: nouns-

Saprophyte - in biology, a plant living on dead or decaying organic matter. ex. fungi

In a saprophytic relationship the host neither benefits nor is harmed by the saprophyte.

Parasite - an organism that grows on, feeds on, and is sheltered by another organism usually to its detriment and sometimes, death. ex. mistletoe, e-coli, or unwanted dinner guests.

06. diaphanous/gossamer: adjectives

Diaphanous - transparent or translucent, delicate; frequently used with fabrics

Gossamer - delicate, unsubstantial, sheer; frequently used with cobwebs.

07. roseate/rufous: adjectives denoting color

Roseate - rosy, pink, rose color / Rufous - orangey red color

08. avian/apian: adjectives denoting the birds and the bees.

Avian - pertains to birds, Apian pertains to bees

09. ambiguous: adj. -having many possible interpretations, uncertain, confusing

10. Infestation: n - overrun in large numbers so as to be harmful or unpleasant.

ex. aphids and insects like termites, terrorists, or Canada Geese at times.

11. symbiosis: n - a relationship of 2 or more organisms living in close proximity that either benefit each other or at least do no harm. ex. lichens are composed of fungi and algae working to each other's benefit, good marriages.

12. ephemeral: adj. - very short lived, transitory. ex. fruit flies, water drops