



# CONTACT SHEET

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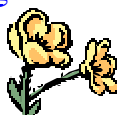
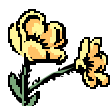
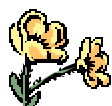
## METRO CAMERA CLUB MEETING

The Metro Camera Club meets the second and fourth Monday of each month (except holidays) at the Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Building Will Rogers Park, 3400 NW 36th Street. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Socializing starts at 7:00 pm.

Meeting starts at 7:30pm

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## APRIL 25 Competition Results

### BLACK & WHITE

<b>A</b>			
1st	11	Darlene Tompkins	Sena 1
2nd	10	Darlene Tompkins	Girl Talk
3rd	8	Darlene Tompkins	Natural Bouquet

<b>AA</b>			
1st	11	Janet Cartwright	Goat Tie Girl
2nd	10	Janet Cartwright	Azaleas

<b>AAA</b>			
1st	11	Joe Spence	Toltec Special
2nd	10	Joe Spence	Pretty Lady
3rd	9	Jack DeLisle	Rail Fence with Dogwood

### COLOR PRINTS

<b>A</b>			
1st	12	Jack DeLisle	Pink Splendor
2nd	11	Jack DeLisle	Busy Buzzer
2nd	11	Jack DeLisle	Just Gorgeous
2nd	11	Mike Fields	Fallen Rose
2nd	11	Paul Hodge	New River Gorge Bridge
2nd	11	Leah Knipp	Reflections at Sunset
2nd	11	David Nutter	Three Blooms
3rd	10	Jack DeLisle	Dogwood
3rd	10	David Nutter	Lord's Prayer in Sign Language
3rd	10	Darlene Tompkins	Boxer Portrait
3ed	10	Darlene Tompkins	Circle of Life
3rd	10	Darlene Tompkins	Nature's Paintbrush

<b>AA</b>			
1st	13	Maxey Pinson	Alfred Hitchcock
1st	13	Janet Steyer	A Thistle Sky
1st	13	Janet Steyer	Hay on a Hill
2nd	12	Maxey Pinson	Help Wanted
2nd	12	Maxey Pinson	Window Light Reflection
2nd	12	Mark Voyles	1st and 10
2nd	12	Mark Voyles	Cat Eyes

## MAY CALENDAR

May 9 -- Viewpoint -- Subject: "UP"  
Judging will be by all members

May 16 -- Board Meeting

May 21 -- Field Trip  
Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge  
( Note: Change of date from May 7)

May 23 -- Competition

### COLOR PRINTS - (Continued)

<b>AAA</b>			
1st	13	Dennis Corbin	Cougar
1st	13	Dennis Corbin	Raccoon in Water
2nd	12	Janet Cartwright	Iris
2nd	12	Janet Cartwright	Tie Him Up
2nd	12	Dennis Corbin	Silver Mine
2nd	12	Dennis Corbin	Taos Pueblo
2nd	12	Joe Spence	Cactus Flower
3rd	10	Joe Spence	Whoa Bull

### COLOR SLIDES

<b>A</b>			
1st	12	Janet Steyer	Candy Dish of Callas
2nd	11	Kathryn Grubbs	Vivid Pink
2nd	11	Janet Steyer	Two Pitchers and a Rose
3rd	10	Kathryn Grubbs	Double Tulip
3rd	10	Randy Poe	Sasha and Miles
3rd	10	Janet Steyer	Bowl of Fruit

<b>AA</b>			
1st	13	Jackie Bartels	Green Lori on Cedar
2nd	10	Jackie Bartels	Feather Art
2nd	10	Charles Grubbs	Golden Boy
3rd	9	Charles Grubbs	Palomino Gold
3rd	9	Charles Grubbs	Springtime in the Park

<b>AAA</b>			
1st	12	June Ranney	Safe Haven - Pool by the Sea
2nd	11	Doug Aitken	Sunset at the Memorial
2nd	11	Joe Spence	Rocky Foundation
3rd	10	Doug Aitken	Peaceful Pond
3rd	10	Joe Spence	Purple Tulip
3rd	10	Bill Webster	An Apple a Day
3rd	10	Bill Webster	Summer Fun
3rd	10	Bill Webster	Yes, We Remember

**Judges:** Bill Berryman, Paula Geisinger, Paula Morris



**VIEWPOINT: Subject "UP"**

Look it UP on your calendar... MAY 9th  
 There's still time to come UP  
 with an idea for VIEWPOINT



UP the stairs, UP on the table, Up at the top,  
 sit UP, ride UP, jump UP, Up and over ... or  
 whatever you think UP.

One entry is allowed in each of the three categories:  
 Black and White, Color Prints, Color Slides.

Come join in the fun, and it will be UP to you to be  
 a part of the all-member judging team to select  
 winners. In order to expedite the entry process,  
 please try to turn in entries as close to 7:00 p.m. as  
 possible.



**FUTURE EVENT**

While checking your calendars, mark **July 4th** for  
 participation in Bethany's Freedom Fest celebration.  
 The city of Bethany has requested that Metro  
 become involved in photographing the event.  
 There will be a parade, carnival activities, booths,  
 food, and music with the special appearance of  
 Kenny Rogers!

Paula Geisinger has a sign-in sheet for assignment  
 to activities to be photographed with pictures going  
 to the city of Bethany. Once assignments are  
 adequately covered, you are then on your own to  
 photograph freely. See Paula for additional  
 information.

**METRO CAMERA CLUB T-SHIRTS  
 are on order**

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**The sport shirts with club logo imprinted are of  
 good quality and are available in black & in white.  
 Contact Joe Wilson to order at \$20.00 each.**

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Have you checked  
 Metro's website recently?  
[www.metrocameraclub.org](http://www.metrocameraclub.org)

Along with all the other excellent features  
 you will find New Competition Forms to fill in on  
 line. Thanks to Mark Voyles for developing this  
 new addition to Metro's Competition efficiency.

**Go the Website - click the Competition Button -  
 scroll down to ENTRY FORMS and type in your  
 complete information, then print!**

**(Adobe Reader required - a free download).**

**This will be a quick way to prepare your entries  
 in advance for Competition.**

**Also, it will be a great legibility help and time  
 saver for the Competition Committee.**



*Do take time to browse the website.*

Currently available in the Hints & Tips section is  
 detailed information on Table Top Photography by  
 member Janet Steyer who had presented excellent  
 demonstrations at a recent workshop.

Our Webmaster, Jack DeLisle frequently issues a  
 call for photographs for the Gallery. Check the  
 website, or consult with Jack for details to place  
 your work online.

**Behind the Scene**

Do you ever wonder what goes on behind the  
 scene with the necessary organizational work of  
 Metro Camera Club? Minutes of the Executive  
 Board meetings are prepared by the Secretary,  
 Tommy Evans, and are placed on a table at  
 each Club meeting for members to read.  
 Members are always welcome to attend any  
 Board Meetings which are held at the Garden  
 Center.

**Metro Camera Club - Officers, Directors, Committees - 2005**

|                  |                     |                    |                                                            |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Officers:</u> | <u>Directors:</u>   | <u>Committees:</u> |                                                            |
| President -----  | Linda England James | Competition ---    | Marlene Helsel                                             |
|                  |                     | Hospitality ----   | Carol Hare, Mike Fields<br>Kathryn Grubbs, Chuck Emmerling |
| Vice-President - | Paula Geisinger     | Membership ----    | Wayne Srotyr                                               |
| Secretary-----   | Tommy Evans         | & Publicity        | & Bill Webster                                             |
| Treasurer-----   | Loy Riggs           | Field Trip-----    | Charles Grubbs                                             |
|                  |                     | Contact Sheet ---  | June Ranney                                                |
|                  |                     | Statistician ----- | Mark Voyles                                                |
|                  |                     | Yearbook -----     | Linda Roach<br>& Jack DeLisle                              |
|                  |                     | Webmaster -----    | Jack DeLisle                                               |
|                  |                     | Gulf States Rep.-  | Derrell Dover                                              |

## FIELD TRIP - Saturday MAY 21 Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge

**(Note: this is a change of date from May 7)**

Members can meet at the Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 N.W 36th Street at 6:00 a.m.

--- **or** meet in the parking lot at the Visitor's Center at the Refuge between 7:30 a.m. and 7:45 a.m.

--- **or** meet for lunch at Meers at 11:00 a.m.

### HOW TO GET THERE

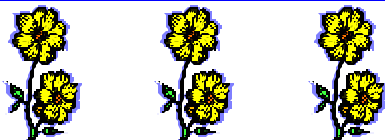
Take I-44 South to Highway 49 (exit 45). Go west 10 miles to the Refuge gate. Driving time to the Refuge is about one and a half hours from OKC. Inside each of the Refuge gates you will find leaflet dispensers that have maps and information. .

This is a favorite Metro Field trip with great photo opportunities along with the comraderie to become better acquainted with members of the Club. Buffalo, elk, and longhorn steer make good subjects as do the antics of the prairie dogs. Lakes, streams, boulders, and wildflowers challenge the photographer. More than 50 mammal, 240 bird, 64 reptile and amphibian, 36 fish, and 806 plant species thrive on this important refuge.

The Refuge has good hiking trails for novices or seasoned hikers. The Dog Run Hollow Trail system has trailheads at French Lake, Boulder, Lost Lake, and the Dog Run Hollow parking area. The Elk Mountain Trail System has two separate trails; one through the Charons Gardens Wilderness area, and other which leads to the top of Elk Mountain. And certainly Mt. Scott affords great views and sunset photo opportunities.

Field Trip Chairman, Charles Grubbs will have information about the trip at the next scheduled meeting. Extensive Refuge information can be found online at:

[www.wichitamountains.fws.gov/](http://www.wichitamountains.fws.gov/)



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jim & Madelyn Allsman Bob Donaldson  
Randy & Dandy Carr Trina Lee  
Randy Poe

We hope that in Metro you will find enjoyment, and the furtherance of your interest in photography along with new friendships.

### **Will Rogers Garden Center Rotunda Display**

From each month's Competition entries, the judges select for display in the Rotunda, four photographs that were taken in the Oklahoma City area.

The April Photographers are:

|              |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Jack DeLisle | Pink Splendor         |
| Leah Knipp   | Reflections at Sunset |
| Maxey Pinson | Alfred Hitchcock      |
| Mark Voyles  | Determined            |

### **Informal Critique**

Would you like to have an informal evaluation of a print? Bill Berryman, an excellent and experienced photographer has offered to critique and give an opinion regarding the work with possible suggestions for improvement. Avail yourself of this learning opportunity before a meeting begins and during the break.

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### **WORDS TO LIVE BY**

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Ideas are funny little things....  
They won't work unless you do.

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Those who say it can't be done should get out of the way of those who are doing it.

## JOIN THE LUNCH BUNCH AT MEERS RESTAURANT on May 21

*Perhaps we can learn of changes certain to have occurred at Meers since the following news article was written*

**Excerpts from: "Age Before Beauty: Meers Restaurant's Draw is it's Atmosphere" by Joan M. Biskupic**  
Oklahoma Report from the Daily Oklahoman (1991)

Meers --- If you don't have to swerve to miss a yapping black dog that races any car that goes by, or once you have regained your composure, if you don't see a hand-stenciled sign for Billie's House of Beauty, you've taken the wrong road.

The two are landmarks on an otherwise unexceptional four-mile Comanche County road off State Highway 58 that leads to the turn-of-the-century Meers diner. Around here, the rickety eatery is second in age only to the hills.

Under new ownership, (1991) the Meers restaurant reopened its postoffice, began a monthly newspaper featuring pages from the 1903 Mount Sheridan Miner, expanded its menu beyond the half-pound Meers burgers and hired 80 year old Flora Ward to play piano on weekends.

The diner was built during the Wichita Mountains gold rush. Its checkered history attracts visitors as much as the plate-size hamburgers created in the mid-70's by then owner Al Foster. The Meers' burger, served on a seven-inch bun, cost \$3, or \$3.25 with cheese.

The mining town was named for Andrew J. Meers, an early-day mine operator, and was built in what is now the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. Prospectors relocated the town one mile north across Medicine Creek when the federal government established the Wichita forest preserve. Despite claims by the original Mount Sheridan Miner newspaper that "gold and silver in large quantities in the mountains can no longer be doubted", the gold boom was more rumor than reality.

By 1905, the town of Meers had seen its hey-day, boasting a population of about 500. The Meers store, which eventually was moved one-half mile north to its present location, is the only survivor. The building expanded in the 1920's and in 1934, new owner Joe Maranto said in an interview last week. And it looks as though no one has touched the red, yellow and gray exterior since.

"We're afraid to work on it," Maranto said, "that the roof might crumble"... But we're going to have to do something with the exterior...The oldest section is supported by timbers sitting only on piled rocks. A raised wooden walkway is reminiscent of the old West.

The inside, replete with relics of the mining days, also has been renovated recently. A guest book included entries from far and near, including Egypt, but the Meers diner is not for the fastidious or the fast-moving... Patrons say, however, the place is as clean as it has been in years.

Customers have had to wait for a delivery truck to arrive with hamburger buns, and the store newspaper apologized last month for a 20 person line at the one bathroom in the building. The restaurant seats 76 people.

It's not unusual to hear talk at Meers of gold in the Wichitas. After Silar Lee Ison, the last of the Wichita Mountain prospectors died in 1972 and a smelter was found on his land, "A lot of people have been lookin'", Maranto said.

Though the roads are not marked, the Comanche County sheriff's department refers to the road going east of the Meers diner, which meets State Highway 58, as Meers Road. The one heading south is called simply County Highway. A little more than a mile south, that road meets the wildlife refuge's Scenic Highway.

Maranto, 53, first ate at the Meers diner in 1961, when Lee and Gladys Myers owned it. "Something deep inside me said, "you're going to own that business someday," he said. The Myers owned the restaurant for 20 years until the late '60's, and often were noted in local and state newspapers for their hamburgers and homemade pies.

Maranto bought the Meers diner from Foster last June (1991) for \$68,000. He also bought three-fourths of the land on which the building sits from Charles and Merrole Dickens. Maranto bought the one acre site for \$50,000, then incorporated all his holdings into Meers Store, Inc. The land had been Dickens' since 1968, according to Comanche County records.

It was about 1968 when Dickens surveyed the land and people realized the store was on two pieces of property", Maranto said. Until then, everyone thought it was all Rowe's property."

Wayne Rowe, whose family has owned several acres in the area since 1925, leases a small pie shaped piece of land about 40 feet long to Maranto.

In 1978, the building was added to the National Register of Historic Places. The proclamation hangs on a wall beneath a row of old soda pop bottles -- Triple AAA Root Beer, Sun-drop Cola, Virginia Dare, Delaware Punch.

Maranto's daughter, Lisa, 21, helps run the business and began the monthly newspaper, which includes recipes and the editorial statement that it "will print nothing but good news".....

**SEE YOU AT MEERS**

