Please tell fellow CMC members and hiking partners about the Basics of Nature Photography course this May 18th and 19th. Sign up on the CMC site or by calling the office.

CMC members can look up information about our Photo Section on the Denver Group website under the Special Interests heading. The direct link is: http://www.hikingdenver.net/specialinterests/photography-section

2013 Monthly Meetings
2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
AMC, 710 10th St. #200, Golden, CO
$20 Annual Dues

Next Meeting WEDNESDAY, May 8
May Image Submission: Wildlife and Birds

If you do not have an item in the current category, feel free to submit a recent favorite nature photograph!

Call for trip leaders to schedule photo hikes or snowshoe outings: Don’t forget there are close destinations like Roxborough, Evergreen, Waterton Canyon and Barr Lake.

The presentation portion of the May meeting will be small group discussions on the following photography topics: Landscapes, Macro, Moving Water.

The Colorado Chapter of ASMP, the American Society of Media Photographers, is the best organization for professional (and amateur) photographers hoping to sell their work. Membership information can be found on their website, www.asmpcolorado.org/
Reminder and Call for WILDLIFE AND BIRD IMAGES

The next Photography Section meeting will be on MAY 8th at 7:00 p.m. in Golden. Please provide one image for review and critique, the topic this month will be the general theme of **wildlife and birds**. We have agreed to limit submissions to one per member, and to spend additional time reviewing each image with the goal of improving our photographs by more intently studying the various elements that make for a really great image. Along those lines, if you send more than one file we will use the first file received. As we progress we may increase the number of images.

Please send your image to Janice prior to Sunday, May 5th at: bennettjanice@mac.com with May CMC Image in the subject line. You can also submit an image from a recent CMC outing, such as the Botanic Garden trip, Walker Ranch hike, or Canyonlands National Park.

COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION
THE BASICS OF NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY
MAY 18 & 19, 2013

While this class is aimed at the beginning nature photographer, it is naturally open to anyone who thinks a refresher in the basic rules is always a good thing. We think the selection of issues to cover will improve almost anyone’s outdoor photographs. Indeed, we have learned a lot preparing the lectures because it forced each of us to rethink our approach.

The first day walks you through the fundamentals, with lots of examples of how a simple application of a rule can result in a completely different and more attractive photo. The second day (which is optional) will be a field day in Roxborough State Park where you can apply the concepts learned and see the results for yourself. The course works for all kinds of cameras from point and shoots to more sophisticated digital single lens reflex cameras. At the end of the two days, we think you will be pleased with how much you have learned, or perhaps relearned.

Enrollment is limited to twenty so that everyone gets individual attention. The cost is $40 for both the day of instruction as well as the field day. There is no discount for skipping the field day. You can sign up on the CMC website under the classes heading. Naturally, you must be a CMC member to enroll in this class.

We are recommending the purchase of either of two books. One is an e-book, and the other one is hard copy book.

1. The e-book is *The Landscape Photographer’s Guide: Getting Started in Landscape Photography* by Erik Stensland and can be obtained at [http://imagesofrmnp.com/product/getting-started-ebook/](http://imagesofrmnp.com/product/getting-started-ebook/) and using the promotional code CMC you will get 10% off the purchase price of this or any of his books.

2. The conventional book is by John and Barbara Gerlach and is entitled *Digital Nature Photography: The Art and the Science*. It is available at many bookstores as well as from Amazon.

Questions can be directed to Andy Dolan akd@seanet.com or Frank Burzynski fburzynski@comcast.net.

Please spread the good word to beginning nature photographers in CMC and consider joining us yourself.
Jack Powers

I am not sure that my departure from Colorado, and thereby the Colorado Mountain Club, is noteworthy enough to make this newsletter. However, since Frank was so kind as to mention it, I will take the opportunity to express my thoughts on the Colorado Mountain Club.

I arrived in Colorado in 1997, in my early 50s, grossly overweight, and without an exercise program since my knees objected to jogging eleven years prior. I did bring an interest in photography that had started in my younger sea-faring days. It was photography that caused me to venture out into the foothills. It didn't take too long before I fell in love with hiking itself, with or without the camera. It didn't take too long after that to realize that it should always be with the camera.

You can imagine that it was not easy finding hiking partners at my age and in the above stated physical condition. Fortunately, a colleague at work told me about the CMC. Since joining the CMC, I have logged more miles and seen more beauty than I ever imagined would be possible. Doing these hikes in the company of dedicated leaders and friendly members added another enjoyable dimension to the experience. I will leave this state with fond memories of, and sincere gratitude towards the Colorado Mountain Club.

— Jack Powers