

## October Musings by Mufty

I've just left the SIG Images Zoom meeting. I have to admit to being late, so no socializing first, however as my computer doesn't have a camera in it, no one can see me. Oh well! I can just listen and surely listen is what more of us need to learn to do anyway. Loved hearing all about the SIGs and loved seeing so many wonderful images.

However.....some thoughts. First was the presentation on "Now I Lay me Down to Sleep" which was wonderful. Congratulations to the photographers who are doing it and using skills in photography to help people struggling with different challenges. It is amazing how photography can bring deep meaning into people's lives. We members do have a very special talent and it is great to see those using those talents to help.

One of the things I like to do at meetings, (or used to do at meetings,) is to find the creator of an image that seemed very special to me and at coffee time, speak personally to that person. Tonight I very much wanted to find Roger Kerisham, (don't think I got that name right) to ask him about his image of a dragon fly with enormous blue eyes. I loved it and am really curious to know how he did it.....however, as there is no coffee time, I couldn't go find him. I miss that. I miss being able to say to Gerry Wirun that I loved his shots of the ducks. I wanted to talk to Nora about the Man with the birds and Ruth Ball about some of her amazing work.....but I can't.

However, there is this great invention called the telephone. I could pick up the phone and call Roger or Gerry or Nora or Ruth and ask them about the image that perked my interest. The only catch is their phone

numbers. Must I phone Membership and ask if I might have their phone numbers? or email them at their contact emails. I don't know how others feel. Can we have a copy of our members phone numbers??? Any reason why not??? All of today's privacy rules have me baffled. It seems to drive much of the dos and don'ts of all clubs nowadays. If we can't meet each other face to face, how do we develop our photography friendships?

Maybe it is something for an agenda item for the next board meeting. Which makes me think of the many years I spent being part of various Images execs over the years and how much time it takes to run the club smoothly. That, in turn, makes me want to thank the present executive for their dedication to the Club. Especially now with things so very new and very different. Big Challenges. Well done exec. Keep up the good work.