The McLean County Arts Center presents the exhibition *Film Noir*, a black & white photography exhibition by members of the KodaRoamers Camera Club of Bloomington Normal, from August 1 – 30, 2014. An Opening Reception, free and open to the public, will be on First Friday, August 1 from 5 to 7 pm in the Armstrong Gallery.

Jim Finch, Denise LeCount-O’Brien, Michael Lux, Michael O’Brien, Sandy Richardson, Madison Roberts, Ed Sams, and Nancy Saul, members of the KodaRoamers Camera Club of Bloomington Normal, exhibit photographs inspired by the movie genre, film noir. These post World War II crime mystery and murder thriller films were based on dark themes of lost innocence, doomed and desperate love, cynical realism, and impulsive animal behavior. The KodaRoamers’ photographs pay homage to these haunting narrative themes using local settings and each other as subjects. The intriguing images of darkened tunnels, shadowed figures, and foggy streets invite thoughts of danger and desire.

This year the KodaRoamers Camera Club of Bloomington Normal celebrates their 70th anniversary of founding by Lorena Medbery in 1944. Photography has evolved tremendously in the past 70 years, and the KodaRoamers have moved with those changes. The club members compete in various challenges, Photographic Society of America competitions, and the clubs’ Annual Salon. Presenters share various photography techniques, editing processes, and images from around the world. The club organizes outings and hands-on experiences for beginners, as well as, the experienced. On August 5th, the KodaRoamers start their new season with a picnic at David Davis Lodge at Lake Bloomington. More information on KodaRoamers’ meeting locations, programs, and times can be found in the Pantagraph Club Notices and online at www.kodaroamers.com.

*The exhibition is generously sponsored by Barbara & Bill Taft.*

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http://www.mcac.wildapricot.org/Resources/Documents/Audio/08-25KodaroamersFilmNoirQA.mp3