

Essex Photo News

April 2008



Our 58th Season

We are a teaching club and take pride in turning snap-shooters into photographers and amateurs into serious amateurs. This newsletter is an extension of EPC's strong teaching goals.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

April 3, 2008

PHOTO LAB @ 7:30PM:

Joe Thomas:

"Old MacDonald Had a Farm"

PROGRAM @ 8PM

Waterfalls of New Jersey

by Gordon Emrich

April 17, 2008

COMPETITION

Judge: Judy Helderman

FULL MOON

April 20, 2008

<http://www.almanac.com/astrology/moondays.php>

IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

Email: Info@essexphotoclub.org

<http://essexphotoclub.org/>

<http://essexphotoclub.blogspot.com/>

<http://nbkaplan.com/Essex/newsletter/>

GUESTS ARE WELCOME

Meetings are held on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month @ 8PM @ the Caldwell United Methodist Church 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, NJ at the corner of Bloomfield Ave. & Washburn Pl. For directions:

<http://www.caldwellchurch.org/NewWeb/AboutUs/Directions.htm>



Conservancy publications and various calendar publications. Gordon is presently an active member of HUB Camera Club, Denville, NJ, and is the President and founder of "The Essex County Nature Photographers Club" headquartered at the Essex County Environmental Center, Roseland. Gordon is an instructor at the Montclair Adult School teaching a course in "The Art of Travel Photography" and conducts field trips in the region with teaching photography as the main thrust of these outings.

Joe Thomas in April - Photo Lab & Photo Fare

Whether for good or ill (they are his own words, not mine) there will be a double dose of Joe this month as Joe Thomas will be doing both the **Photo Lab** which precedes our regular monthly meeting and the monthly **Photo Fare** session he hosts at his house.

First, there is the **Photo Lab**. On April 3rd at 7:30 Joe will tell you everything you want to know about the three "living history" farms located in New Jersey in a program titled "Old MacDonald Had a Farm." The program was originally scheduled for May with Howard Knauer on deck for April, but Howard will be away so Joe's program is being moved up a month.

The living history farms are located in Morristown, Holmdel, and Titusville (just north of Trenton near the Delaware River). All are within an hour's drive and each has its own special quality, although the pigs, cows, sheep, and horses are more or less the same. <http://www.njskylands.com/fmfstrfld.htm>

http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com/parks/longstreet_revised.asp

<http://www.howellfarm.org/>

As for the **Photo Fare**, the program titled "You Be the Judge" is being repeated on demand. See last month's newsletter for details. That's the good news. The bad news is that the April 8th session is at capacity. If demand warrants, Joe says he is willing to present it again next season.

Judy Helderman on the 17th

Judy Helderman is coming in from the Morris Photo Club to handle the critiques for our last monthly competition of the season. Judy, an accomplished nature photographer with some publishing credits on her resume, will be returning to Essex after an absence of several years.

Please remember that entries in the annual competition in May are restricted. If you are uncertain about the requirements, check with JoAnn or some other member of the competition committee.



SUPPORT EPC AND B&H

If you are ordering anything at B&H, including cameras, electronic gear, or even TVs, it will benefit our club financially by ordering through our Essex Photo Club website at:

<http://www.essexphotoclub.org/>

Enter, scroll down, & click the B&H icon. You will go straight to their website & EPC will get 2-3% on the sale. If you have friends who are not in the club, you can ask them to also order through our webpage. Our club will get the benefit.

Website of the Month

By Nath Kaplan

This month's web site is a local web site, it is: <http://www.essexphotoclub.org/> Yes, that is the club's website. The website has a function called a **News aggregator**. This aggregator pulls stories from other web sites so every day there is new information. Currently our website pulls stories from the following websites:

DPRReview Latest News, Imaging Insider, What the Duck

DPS: digital Photography School, Rob Galbraith: Digital Photography Insights DIYPhotography.net Photography & Studio Lighting

SO GO TO OUR WEBSITE AND IN THE LEFT COLUMN UNDER NAVIGATION, CLICK ON **News aggregator**.

SPRING FIELD TRIP TO CAPE MAY

May 16, 17 18, 2008

If you have made reservations for this field trip, let JoAnn Tucker know where you will be staying so that she can coordinate activities that are planned for the weekend even though members will be staying at various locations. See the March Newsletter for suggested accommodations.

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, June 5th is the Annual Awards Dinner at **The Hanover Manor**

Join us for an exciting evening including silent and open auctions. The cost this year per person is \$35.00. See JoAnn Tucker about reservations.

Photorama 2008 NJFCC

Saturday April 5th

<http://www.njfcc.org/photorama.htm>

Focal Point



Things My Manual Never Told Me

by Joe Thomas

For what they are worth, here are some truths I have absorbed over the years, some bromides I have concocted and a memory aid I have found helpful from time to time.

In photography, nothing ---not the light, not the subject, not the place---is more important than the photographer.

Photography is all about communication. A photograph that has nothing to say is a waste of time, effort, chemistry, and electronics.

There is no such thing as bad light. On the other hand, light is only as good as the use you make of it; bad photographers are everywhere.

Equipment is only a tool. A pencil in the hands of a monkey is a puzzle; in the hands of an artist it is a means of expression.

Composition is to photography as grammar is to language; it helps you to communicate better. You can ignore composition, but you risk sounding like Milton Mayer's lament: "I have never been able to understand why it is that just because I am unintelligible nobody understands me."

In photography, it's not where you are --- the Rockies, the Arctic, the Equator, Main Street, the Pine Barrens, the Grand Canyon---but what you see. Photography is all about vision rather than place; a cornucopia awaits right outside your door.

There's a difference between taking a picture and making a photograph. A toddler can take a picture if shown how to press the shutter; making a photograph requires thought.

You'll be known more for the quality of your photographs than for the number of times you find the strength to press the shutter.

It helps to have an easy-to-remember reminder of photographic essentials. Here is mine:

ISO

Identify the center of interest.

Simplify the composition.

Organize the details (shutter/aperture, perspective, lens, etc.)

FREE! 2008 Pequest Open House and Fishing Flea Market

March 29 & 30, 2008

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily

Beginning in 1984, the Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center has been opening its doors to the public for the annual Open House, which takes place the weekend before Trout Season opens. This event allows the Division of Fish and Wildlife to show off the trout they raise at the state of the art **Pequest Trout Hatchery** and it serves as a reminder that spring is just around the corner. Each year The Division of Fish and Wildlife strives to make this a better event than the one from the year before.

This outing is great for people of all ages and there are so many things to see and do throughout the day. If you are looking for a great photographic opportunity this event may be for you. Kids between the ages of 8 and 16 can try their hands at trout fishing a week before the season opens in the **Fishing Education Pond**. They will be given instruction by the staff, Wildlife Conservation Corps volunteers, and volunteers from Trout Unlimited. Kids under 8 can try catching trout in the "Kiddie Fishing Tank".

And the best part is - they supply all the equipment!

<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/peqoh08.htm>

