

# Essex Photo News

## June 2007



## Our 57th 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 our teaching goals.

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### June 7th:

#### ESSEX PHOTO CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

Hanover Manor (973) 992-7425  
16 Eagle Rock Ave., East Hanover, NJ  
Cash Bar @6PM  
Dinner @ 7PM

Remember to bring: "Your Worst Photo", "Your Funniest Photo", and "Before and After" in slides or prints. **Give titles at May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.** See directions for dinner on page 2.

### June 21st:

#### ESSEX PHOTO CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

It is @ 7:30 in the smaller room.  
All club members are encouraged to attend. Rule changes, new ideas, better ways to improve meetings and more will be discussed.

### GUESTS ARE WELCOME

Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month @ 8PM  
@ the Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell

### IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

Email: [Info@essexphotoclub.org](mailto:Info@essexphotoclub.org)  
[www.essexphotoclub.org](http://www.essexphotoclub.org)  
[www.essexphotoclub.blogspot.com](http://www.essexphotoclub.blogspot.com)  
<http://nbkaplan.com/digital>  
<http://www.nbkaplan.com/blog/>

### ENJOY THE SUMMER and take plenty of photos !!!

#### SKYLANDS, THE NEW JERSEY STATE BOTANICAL GARDEN

From the delicate shades of a tiny wildflower to the vibrant colors of massed annual plantings, Skylands is a place of beauty in any season. Here you can wander amid the elegance of formal gardens, or along gentle paths winding through the woods. Skylands is also a safe haven for unusual plant species from around the world. The garden protects and preserves these plants as their natural habitats are changed forever by progress.

#### Hours & Admissions

The New Jersey State Botanical Garden is open every day of the year from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Garden closes only in extreme weather conditions, for example, during and immediately after a heavy snowfall. Admission to the Botanical Garden is always free. There is a \$5.00 per car State Park parking fee on summer Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. At all other times, parking is free

Enjoy a visit to Skylands, the New Jersey State Botanical Garden! <http://www.njbg.org/>



#### MANOR HOUSE AT SKYLANDS

Forty-five minute guided tours of the Skylands Manor first floor are conducted by New Jersey State Botanical Garden tour guides, or docents. They are given on the following Sundays, from 12 noon to 4 pm:

**2007 Schedule:** June 3, July 1, August 5, September 9, October 14, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
**General admission is \$5.00.** Seniors (62+) \$3.00, □ Youth (6-18) \$1.00, □ Children under 6, free.

For directions go to:  
<http://www.njbg.org/tours.shtml#manorhouse>



#### SUPPORT EPC AND B&H

If you are ordering anything from B&H including cameras, electronic gear, or even TV's, 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.



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## FULL MOONS

May 31<sup>st</sup> June 30<sup>th</sup> July 29<sup>th</sup> Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>  
<http://www.almanac.com/astronomy/moondays.php>

## July 13-15:

### NECCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

at The University of  
Massachusetts-Amherst  
**Conference Highlights**

- Expanded Digital Programs
  - Borrow Equipment from Canon and Nikon
  - Pre-Conference Photoshop Elements Workshop
  - Photo-Opportunities with:
  - Birds of Prey Nature Set-Ups
  - Models
  - Campus Architecture
  - Nature and Digital Mini-Seminar Series
  - Vendors
  - Conference Competitions: Slide, Digital, and Print
  - Door Prizes
  - New campus dorm - the North Residence Halls have suite-like, air-conditioned apartments
- <http://www.neccc.org/NECCC%202007%20Conference.pdf> (includes application)

### CLEANING THE SENSOR by Thom Hogan

If you are searching for information on cleaning the sensor of your digital camera, try this website:  
<http://www.bythom.com/cleaning.htm>  
It is about four pages long with photos included. "This article applies to all Nikon-based digital SLR bodies. It probably also applies to other DSLRs as well, but since I don't test them I won't speak to applicability of this information for them." Thom Hogan

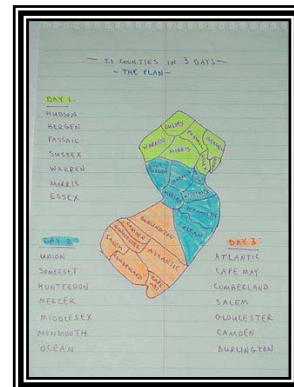
### LEARNING CENTER

Kodak has a website with a great slideshow concerning **Guidelines for Better Photographic Composition** and includes the following subjects:  
Simplicity  
Lines  
Framing  
Rule of thirds  
Balance  
Avoiding Mergers  
<http://asp.photo.free.fr/Composition/photoProgramCompMainClass.shtml>

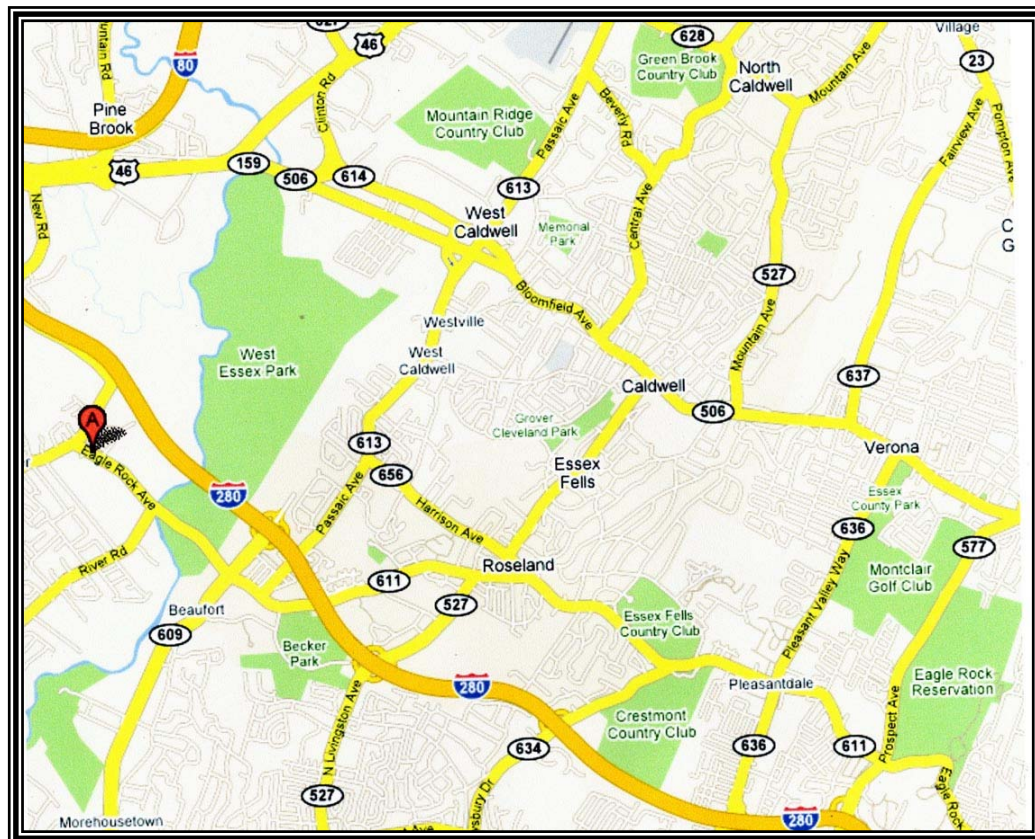
**WEB SITE OF THE MONTH** by Nancy McMurtrie  
While searching on Google for websites about New Jersey and things to do in the summer, I found a lovely website by Carol Van Houten. She publishes something called the Constant Reader and in the October 18, 2004, issue she prepared for all of us "21 Counties in 3 days: the Jersey Tour"

I enjoyed reading over her website to get ideas for day trips or even overnight trips. Be sure to click : Excursion 3 on Day 3 for a tour of Ocean Grove, NJ.

<http://www.constantreader.org/2004/21counties.html>



### DIRECTIONS TO EPC ANNUAL DINNER



### DEPTH OF FIELD

If you find any extra time during the "lazy days of summer", you may want to read over several instructional websites concerning depth of field which is invariably brought up by judges in their monthly critiques.

#### DEPTH OF FIELD WEBSITES

- <http://www.cs.mtu.edu/~shene/DigiCam/User-Guide/950/depth-of-field.html>
- <http://www.cambridgeincolour.com/tutorials/depth-of-field.htm>
- <http://www.mir.com.my/rb/photography/fototech/htmls/depth.html>
- <http://www.outsight.com/hyperfocal.html>
- <http://www.spartacameraclub.org/documents/dof/dof.html>

**Michael Pagliuca** is looking to purchase a **used individual slide viewer** so that he can share slides with other family members. Please call him at **973-748-8232** if you have such an item.