

# Essex Photo News

# June 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:

**June 5, 2008**

Annual Dinner @Hanover Manor  
(973) 992-7425  
16 Eagle Rock Ave.  
East Hanover, NJ

Cash Bar @6PM Dinner @ 7PM  
Join us for an exciting evening  
including silent and open auctions.  
The cost this year per person is  
\$35.00.

For directions see:  
<http://www.thehanovermanor.com/contactus/>

**June 19, 2008 @ 7:30**

Board of Directors Meeting  
Meet the New Board  
All Members are welcome to attend.  
Bring New Ideas to:  
Caldwell United Methodist Church

## FULL MOON

June 18, 2008 1:31 P.M.  
<http://www.almanac.com/astronomy/moon/full/index.php>

## IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

<http://essexphotoclub.org/>  
<http://essexphotoclub.blogspot.com/>  
<http://nbkaplan.com/Essex/newsletter/>

## HOME SWEET HOME

Hospitality Ongoing at the Essex Photo Club

Here, by the way of a follow-up to announcements made last fall, is information for club members who have asked about the existence of study groups and the possibility of joining them. The groups are not an official part of the club and few other clubs in New Jersey have such groups. There are three groups, all of which meet in private homes. One group, meeting in the home of Nath Kaplan on dates he announces at club meetings, is strictly for sharing information on digital photography and is open to anyone who signs up for individual sessions. Participants in the other two groups, however, are expected to make at least a year-long commitment to attend fresh work of their own on the photos shown on the photos shown discussions about One such group meets the second Thursday of on the fourth Thursday McMurtrie.



Participation in either is limited to ten people and only a few openings are available each year. If you are interested, talk to Joe or Nancy. And if interest warrants, Jill Booth has offered to take the initiative in coordinating an all-new group. Also, if someone new to the club wishes to start a group, it is suggested that a mentor, who has been in the club for several years and who has scored well in competitions, be invited to be a part of the group. Participants would then make up their own ground rules.

## **63rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NEW ENGLAND CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL July 11-13, 2008 (Fri. – Sun.)**

The North Residence Halls have suite-like, air-conditioned apartments. Each apartment includes 4 single bedrooms with desk and dresser, two full bathrooms and a shared living room/kitchen area.

Registration+Room - 2 Nights. & 6 Meals = \$254 - \$290 before 6/22/08  
\$305.00 after 6/22/08

## **For Registration Application**

<https://www.aux.umass.edu/forms/conferenceservices/cameraclub/index.htm>

## **For Information – This will be updated periodically**

[http://www.neccc.org/New\\_Outline\\_13.htm](http://www.neccc.org/New_Outline_13.htm)



## Website of the Month

By Nath Kaplan

<http://www.michaelthementor.com/index.html>

Well summer is here and that can mean only one thing, SUMMER SCHOOL! - well photography Summer School that is. Michael's Photography School is a website that offers free online education in photography. He has four sections: **Beginners, Intermediate, Advance, and Expert.** Each lesson is a video in which Michael explains the topic, and then there is a homework assignment. He also gives links to additional information. He covers topics such as Rule of Thirds, Cleaning the Camera Sensor, Metering Modes, and Depth of Field, just to name a few. He will also be adding more classes to the website. Some future topics include, Studio Lighting, Flash Sync, and more. So get to class and check out: **Michael's Photography School.**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SEPT 2008 – JUNE 2009**

Please remember that a club like ours runs well only if many members step up to the plate and take on a job. The following positions need to be filled:

- Program Chairperson
- Judges Chairperson – Scheduling Etc.
- Competition Chairperson
- Membership Chairperson
- Digital Competition/Website Chairperson
- Weekend Warriors Chairperson
- Banquet Chairperson
- Publicity Chairperson
- Federation Representation
- House Arrangement Chairperson
- Statistician

If you want to volunteer or want to know more about a position, contact: Nath Kaplan @ (973) 239-3663

### **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.

## Focal Point

### **This Summer, Try To Do Something Different**

by joe Thomas



Summer is upon us and consequently a photographic Nirvana is once again at hand with longer days, leisure, good weather, a multitude of picture opportunities, and the promise of being able to shoot in relative comfort. But as we start this happy season let me offer the thought that the photographer who has found contentment in the familiar is a photographer in danger of stagnating. Which is to suggest that the summer is an excellent time to challenge yourself and thereby grow as a photographer. Here are a few ideas:

Choose one very ordinary subject such as chairs or gas stations and take pictures of them at every opportunity, even for a whole year, and then put them in a special portfolio. Pick one lens and use only that lens every day for a week, or once a week for a month. Surely you will grow in your ability to use that lens well. Or choose any color and decide to take the best picture possible every time that color stands out in a scene. Or pick a particular time of day and shoot one subject of your choosing at least twenty times over a specific time period.

You might even try something that is experimental for you. Have you tried panning to create or enhance the feeling of movement? Remember that you can pan up and down as well as side-to-side. How about putting your camera on a tripod and setting a slow shutter speed, and then zooming your lens either in or out during an exposure. Or swing your camera in a circular motion while shooting a scene (fireworks, for instance) that you can also shoot in a normal manner.

How about trying any or all of the following: double or triple exposures, a double exposure of the same subject with one of the exposures out of focus, or a slow shutter speed on a moving subject, such as grass blowing in the wind?

Yes, some of the resulting pictures might be disasters, but weigh that possibility against the more likely possibilities that you will learn something new, that you will grow as a photographer - - - and that you might enjoy it.

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### **CEDARIDGE FARM IN PENNSYLVANIA**

<http://derekfell.net/about.php>

"As the artist, Claude Monet planted his garden to paint, Derek has planted his garden to photograph, to serve as an outdoor studio for photographs that he uses in magazine articles that he writes, also garden books, calendars, greeting cards, and even jigsaw puzzles.

Cedaridge Farm is located in Bucks County and encompasses 24 sloping acres surrounded by parkland. Five acres are cultivated as a display garden, the rest mostly wildflower meadows and woodland. Cedaridge Farm is open for tours on Mother's Day weekend and Father's Day weekend, Friday-Sunday (10.00 am to 4.00 pm) each year, at no charge. During those open days the garden is sign posted from the village of Pipersville, Pennsylvania, at the crossroads of routes 611 and 413." Ask Nancy or Bob McMurtrie for more information. They were there on May 9<sup>th</sup>.



### **GUESTS ARE WELCOME AT ESSEX PHOTO CLUB**

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>