

Essex Photo News

November 2007



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:

November 1, 2007

PHOTO LAB@ 7:30PM:

Home Cookin' (presented by Bob McMurtrie) (Indoor Macro Ideas)

PROGRAM: @ 8PM

The Camera As A Journal (presented by Todd Boressoff)

November 15, 2007

COMPETITION

Judge: Sal Tozzi

Ocean County Photographer on 15th

For the second month in a row, our competition judge will be coming to us from the Ocean County Camera Club. Sal Tozzi, a former Ocean County president, will be making his first appearance here, but he comes with an extensive background as both a local and PSA judge. He will be substituting for Chuck Moore who had to cancel for personal reasons. Sal and his wife Carol are both widely known for their printing skills.

PHOTO FARE: NEW YORK

On Wednesday November 7th, Joe Thomas will launch Photo Fare at his home at 7:45. The topic is "Picturing New York". As this newsletter goes to press, there are still places available. Call Joe at 973-239-5192 if you are interested. Attendance is limited to nine people. There is a \$1.00 refreshment fee.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

The Camera As a Journal

"Photography as Personal Journal" is the topic for our November 1st **Program** which will be presented by Todd Boressoff, a club member for the past four years. Like many of us Todd has been taking pictures since childhood. Looking through past photographs of his son while preparing to speak at his wedding, Todd realized that they were in effect a diary, touching on the many aspects and stages of his life. The program on the 1st consists of a slide show, discussion, and examination of photo albums. We will explore what photography means in our personal lives.



Home Cookin'

The year's second **Photo Lab** will be given by Bob McMurtrie on November 1st starting at 7:30 sharp just before the above program. This session will be in the main room since the smaller room is not available for that evening. Please avoid conversations as you arrive for the main program so that participating members can enjoy the presentation. Bob's topic will be "Home Cookin'". It offers hints on how to do macro photography when the weather outside is bleak and a warm and cozy inside has everything you need.

CALDWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Photos by EPC Members

The Caldwell Public Library invites you to view a display in its glass case which includes photos of flowers by several members of the Essex Photo Club. Also, while you are there you may want to see an interesting exhibition entitled "Caldwell's Age of Innocence: Early Photographs From The Gene Collerd Archive." It is located in The Gene and Kathryn Collerd Local History Resource Room and is a photographic display of "Caldwell's Age of Innocence" derived from the late Gene Collerd's Archive. This exhibit will be on display through early November 2007. <http://www.caldwellpl.org/>



Website of the Month

By Nath Kaplan

Calling All Nature Photographers

<http://naturescapes.net/home> is a web site dedicated to Nature Photography. It is packed full of information and items for the Nature Photographer. The website has an archive of articles that are free to download. It also has forums on all aspects of Nature Photography and there is even a store in which you can buy various items to help you with your next Nature Photo Shoot. Anyone new to Nature Photography might want to check out the article The Basics of Nature Photography.



SUPPORT EPC AND B&H

If you are ordering anything at 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. 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.

RIDGEWOOD INTERNATIONAL ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE

Entry forms for the Ridgewood International Salon, one of the most prestigious PSA-sanctioned salons in the U.S., are currently being distributed to slide and digital shooters in Essex Photo Club by our contact person, Joe Thomas. In the past members have done exceptionally well except for the last year when our club entries fell off. The exhibition, now in its 25th year, is sponsored by the Ridgewood Camera Club, which shows the results in a multi-media presentation at our club every February.

This year there are three sections to the exhibition. The general, or open, section (no restrictions on subject matter or manner or presentation) will accept either slide or digital images. The two other sections are both nature-oriented, with one restricted to wildlife and the other open to nature subjects of all sorts. However, only digital images may be entered in these two sections.

Ridgewood is again according us a reductions rate of \$6 for one section, \$12 for two and \$16 for three. Four images can be submitted in each category, with acceptances being awarded to approximately 20% of all entries. It is from these acceptances that the multi-media show is put together. That program will be presented to our club on Feb 21, following the Feb 1st and 2nd judging dates at Ridgewood.

If you have not received an entry form, you can obtain one, along with additional information, from Joe Thomas (973-239-5192). If you wish to enter slides, Joe will hand-deliver them for you.



Focal Point

It's in the Nature of Rules: They Change

by joe thomas

Each year the New Jersey Federation of Camera Clubs (NJFCC) publishes a compendium of rules and regulations governing state interclub competitions (print and slide/digital) and dates for same. Copies are to filter down to the club level. Sometimes they do and sometimes, for whatever reason, they don't. In September, when judging in Plainfield, I came across the 2007-08 Competition Flyer and noticed three major changes, to wit:

Print rules have been changed to eliminate the trade-print category. So if someone else has been making your prints or if you have been making them at a kiosk, you will now have to compete against those who are doing their own printing whether you compete in Class B (basically a beginner class) or Class A. The change holds true in both the monochrome (generally black-and-white) and color categories, but only on the state level. The nature color slide rules (this would include digital entries) have been changed to state: "Any live plant is acceptable as long as it is photographed in a natural setting." Unfortunately, "natural setting" hasn't been defined, but the change means that at least on some occasions (my emphasis) some cultivated plants can be entered in nature in Federation competitions.



Note two things, however: (1) this is a major deviation from the PSA standard which is still in place for PSA judgments and (2) the change does not apply to competition on the club level where club rules take precedence. Here in Essex Photo Club, in the nature class, the PSA standard applies and that standard can only be changed with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Finally, the new Federation nature criteria states: "Images shall be judged on pictorial quality first. If all elements are judged to be the same, then the story-telling aspect shall take precedence." Again, this is a deviation from the PSA standard which holds that, in nature, the story-telling aspect of the photograph takes precedence over pictorial elements, which is the standard still in effect in our club.

One other thing: Still in effect everywhere as a nature standard is this dictum: "human elements shall not be present, except on the rare occasion where those human elements enhance the nature story."

NJFCC COMPETITION FLYER:

<http://www.njfcc.org/pdf%27s/FLY-CMP-75.pdf>

FOR SALE

NIKON D200 body only for \$1,100.00

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1-802-272-0339.

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>

FULL MOON

November 24, 2007

<http://www.almanac.com/astronomy/mondays.php>

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