

Essex Photo News

October 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:

October 4, 2007

PHOTO LAB@ 7:30PM:

What Am I Going to Do with All These Pictures? (presented by Nath Kaplan)

PROGRAM: @ 8PM

Weather Wise (presented Joe Thomas)

October 18, 2007

COMPETITION

Judge: Tom Icklan

Ocean County Photographer on 18th

Now that veterans and newcomers alike have gotten their competitive feet wet, we're set to move into the heart of the competition season on October 18th when the judge will be Tom Icklan from the Ocean Camera Club. A veteran New Jersey Federation judge, Tom is an outstanding nature photographer and was one of the first to venture into the digital field. Keep in mind that, while each month's contest stands on its own in the various categories, the scores awarded are tabulated on a running basis and help determine promotions and year-end awards.

PHOTO FARE: NEW YORK

On Wednesday November 7th, Joe will launch Photo Fare at his home at 7:45. The topic is "Picturing New York". Attendance is limited to nine people. There is a \$1.00 refreshment fee and a signup sheet will be available at both October meetings.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Weather and Digital Pix

"Weather Wise" is the topic for our October 4th **program** to be presented by club member Joe Thomas who is starting his 16th year as an instructor at the Montclair Adult School where his course is titled "Making Better Photographs". Joe has been a club member for 35 years and arranged the merger of the old Montclair Camera Guild and the West Essex Camera Club that resulted in the club as we now know it. Currently he is our judge chairman and a member of the Board of Directors. His program will deal with photography under all sorts of conditions: stormy, wintery, hot and dry, sunrise/sunset, and in bitter cold. Joe is also the man behind our Photo Lab schedule and is host to the Photo Fare series, now in its third year.

The year's first **Photo Lab** will be given by Vice President, Nath Kaplan on October 4th starting at 7:30 sharp just before the above program. Nath's topic will be "Now What Are You Going to Do With All Those Pictures?" It refers to the tendency of digital photographers to take a large number of photos because digital images are so inexpensive. Nath heads our digital study group.

CALDWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tuesday, September 4, 2007 through September 29, 2007

"CONDEMNED: THE LAST DAYS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY PENITENTIARY" -

The Caldwell Public Library invites you to view compelling photographs of the decommissioned Essex County Prison in North Caldwell, by photographer Leslie Granda-Hill. The prison was built in the latter half of the 1800's, the period described in Edith Wharton's The Age of Innocence, our NEA Big Read work of fiction, which makes this exhibit of architecture, built during the period in which Wharton's characters come to life, all the more relevant.
<http://www.caldwellpl.org/>



Website of the Month

By Nath Kaplan
Photoshop Video TraininG

How would you like to have Free Photoshop training that you can do in the comfort of your home? Well your wish has been granted by Wikivid. They have two web sites for Photoshop training. The web sites offer free video on both Photoshop and Photoshop Elements. The training is geared to Photoshop CS3 and Photoshop Elements 5, but many of the videos also apply to earlier versions of Photoshop. So sit back and watch and learn Photoshop.

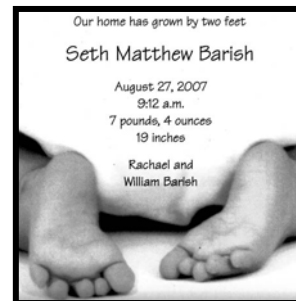
Photoshop CS3:

<http://wikivid.com/index.php/Photoshop>

Photoshop Elements 5:

http://wikivid.com/index.php/Photoshop_Elements

ANNOUNCEMENT
Rachel
Our Club Secretary
Sends This Today



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.



STREET FAIR IN OCTOBER

Essex Photo Club will have a table at the Rotary/Kiwanis Street Fair on Sunday, October 7, 12:00 to 5:00 PM on Bloomfield Avenue in Caldwell.

This is an opportunity to promote the club and for club members to sell their prints. The prints can be 5x7, 8x10 or 11x14, framed or unframed. Members will decide the price for the prints. The board voted at the June meeting that a 10% concession fee will apply for our digital projector fund. Volunteers will be needed to set up, take down and man the booth. With enough people to help, no one should have to give more than an hour. Any questions, please call JoAnn.

FULL MOONS

September 26th October 26th

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

IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

Email: Info@essexphotoclub.org

www.essexphotoclub.org

www.essexphotoclub.blogspot.com

<http://nbkaplan.com/digital>

<http://www.nbkaplan.com/blog/>

GUESTS ARE WELCOME

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

MONTCLAIR ADULT SCHOOL

If you are just beginning in photography, take a look at the course offerings featured in the newest catalogue of the Montclair Adult School. There is still time to register for one or two of them if they are not already filled. There are five photography courses in all and two of the instructors are members of our club. One is Joe Thomas who will be teaching photographic essentials entitled "Making Better Photographs". Gordon Emrich will be teaching "Travel Photography".

Focal Point

Got Questions? We've Got the Answers

by joe thomas

In the last issue of this illustrious journal, Nancy McMurtrie asked a pivotal question, "Why Join a Photo Club?" Answering on the basis of her own experience, she cited (among other things) the educational benefits of membership. I would like to elaborate on that because the Essex Photo Club is one of the two truly great teaching clubs in New Jersey, the other being Ridgewood.

Nancy cited our monthly programs, the quality of the outside judges we bring in, the member-conducted Photo Lab instructionals (not offered by any other club), and the expertise available through seasoned veterans about which more in a moment.

To that let me add the decision of the Board of Directors to offer every other year a public workshop such as last October's pioneering session on digital photography and the existence of three --- meets at Nancy's home). That long as 15 years ago and since despite our success. One of the groups is concerned with making digital photography information available; the others permit participants to show their latest work and obtain critical evaluations in a friendly, give-and-take atmosphere. Each group meets monthly at the home of a member. If you are interested in one of them, seek out Nancy, Nath Kaplan or myself, but be aware that they demand commitment to showing new work and that openings may not be immediately available. Of course, a new group can be launched if there's enough interest.



yes, three study groups (one of which was another idea pioneered here as adopted by only one other club

Additionally, there are the Photo Fare programs (also unique) held at my home five times a year. Advance signups are necessary once a date and topic are announced.

As for the expertise that's available, consider this: three of our members have taught (two are still teaching) at the Montclair Adult School and elsewhere, four lecture extensively, at least 10 others have put together informational programs, and untold numbers of others have exhibited their work publicly. All are willing to share their knowledge. In short, nobody does education like Essex Photo Club.

WHO'S IN CHARGE?



Assigned Subjects Howard Knauer
Banquet Chairperson JoAnn Tucker
Exhibits..... Michael Pagliuca
Field Trips Volunteer Needed
Graphic Artist Joan MacGilvray
Historian.....Ruth Hager
House Chairperson Bart Costello
Judge SelectionJoe Thomas & Ruth Hager
MembershipIra Rosen
NewsletterNancy McMurtrie
NJFCC Print CompetitionsGordon Emrich
NJFCC & PSA Slide Entries... Jill Booth

NJFCC & PSA Digital Entries... Volunteer Needed

Photo Fare Joe Thomas

Photo Lab Joe Thomas

Print Competition Facilitators Caroline Ades & JoAnn Tucker

Programs Chairperson Howard Knauer

Publicity..... Doreen Liebhauser & Lucia Myers

RefreshmentsKati Deniflee & Jennifer Markham

Slide Competition Rules Ruth Hager

Slide Projector Operator Scott Smith

Statistician.....Lucia Myers

WebsiteG. Lee Clark

Weekend WarriorsVolunteer Needed

