

Focal Plane

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You are invited
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Merry Christmas



From the Editor

Ho Ho Ho
it's that time again.

Again the Parseghians opening their home for our Holiday Party.

All members and their spouses/significant others are invited.

Time slips by rather quickly at times and this is no exception. Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday Alyce wasn't sure if everybody signed up.

It is therefore important that you call her and let her know if you are planning to attend and if you are what kind of food you will bring to the party.

Please Call Alyce
201-405-1998

Many thanks to Tibor Vari for his article on the Maroon Bells. He saved me again, otherwise we would have had another blank page.

I have a New Years resolution for the RCC. Membership which would be to write an article for the Focal Plane in the New Year. How is that?

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Dieter

A Technical/ Philosophical Note from Jerry

Control Z is use to undo the last step.

Control Z a second time this will redo that deleted step.

Control Alt Z will do multiple undoes.

I wish life would be that simple.



Calendar for December 2006

06 Executive Committee Host: Toby Spector

**08 Digital Imaging for
Beginners workshop**

Host: Dieter Steinmeyer

13 Holiday Party

Host: Alyce Parseghian

20 No Meeting

27 No Meeting

Merry Christmas

Focal Plane

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Ridgewood Camera Club

Congratulations

To Jerry Fornarotto for earning "Best Story Telling Image Citation" from the 1st DIGITAL INSECT SALON E-COMPETITION.

The nature salon was judged November 18th at the Peoria Camera Club, Ill. The winning image title is "Argiope Spider Wrapping a Hornet".

In the same salon Jerry also earned an HM for "Black and Yellow Argiope with Hornet" and an Acceptance for "Argiope on Web".



We wish Jerry continued success in his quest for his first PSA Star.

Assigned Subject Competition Patterns

November 15 2006

Klaus Dieter Schleim was judging

Honorable Mentions

- Rich Gheno Kayak Tie Up
- Rich Gheno Urban Patterns
- George Hall..... Fiddle Head
- Vinnie Kempf..... Chimneys
- Vinnie Kempf..... Glass Blocks
- Camille LaPlaca-Post..... Wedding Chairs
- Alyce Parseghian Glazed by Light
- Toby Spector Fern Patterns
- Sonya Szostak Trunk rot
- Sonya Szostak Antelope Canyon
- Joe Placer Spirals

Awards

- Frank Crommelin..... Three Arches
- Vinnie Kempf Sheep Patterns
- Camille LaPlaca-Post Poles Stripes
- Rich Gheno Reflection of an Architectural Pattern
- Maggie Molino Under the Staircase Looking Up
- Connie Fox Pollen Maze

Please call Alyce Parseghian at 201-405-1998 !!!!

WHY???

You are cordially invited to a *HOLIDAY PARTY*

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2006

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Edward & Alyce Parseghian

231 Old Wagon Road

Franklin Lakes ,NJ 07417

Alyce needs a head count to make preparations

She also needs to know what food you will bring to the party.

Nature Competition

November 8 2006

Howard Knauer was judging

Nature General

Honorable Mentions

Don Phillip Balanced Lines
 Toby Spector Brook at Ringwood
 Andrew Vaccaro Balanced Rock at Sunrise
 Bob Kane April Morning

Awards

Peter O'Malley Roaring Fork Stream

Nature Zoological

Honorable Mentions

Jerry Fornarotto Hamadryan Baboon
 Rich Gheno Grass Spider 3
 George Hall White Tail First Walk
 Alyce Parseghian Buckeye
 Al Simpson Wood Frog Tadpole
 Sonya Szostak Cheetahs

Awards

Marjorie Forrest Three Julias
 Norman Johnson Cougar Leaping
 Norman Johnson Cougar Stalking
 Norman Johnson Lynx and Fall Color
 Marie Kane White Admiral

Nature Botanical

Awards

Alice Gunther Wild Geranium
 Maggie Molino Little Guest

Nature Ornithological

Honorable Mentions

Connie Fox Oh What a Lovely Tail
 Rich Gheno Killdeer on Nest
 Marie Kane Osprey on Nest
 Camille Laplaca-Post Barn Owl
 Peter O'Malley Turkey Vulture Close Up

Awards

Connie Fox Black Crowned Night Heron
 Vinnie Kempf Sandhill Crane Calling in Flight
 Peter O'Malley Eurasian Eagle Owl
 Karen Kruger Reddish Egret Under Canopy

Marie's pick for November



Print Competition
November 29 2006
 Klaus Dieter Schleim was judging

Results from the
NJFCC
Print Competition

Class B

Black and White

Honorable Mentions

Eric Dong Stoney Brook

Color

Honorable Mentions

Alice Gunther Chesapeake Sentinel
 Alice Gunther Tulip Rear View
 Laurie Spina Bryce Amphitheater

Awards

Eric Dong Samuli Lake
 Laurie Spina Taking It Easy

Class A

Honorable Mentions

Black and White

P. O'Malley Three Lanterns
 P. O'Malley George Washington Bridge
 R. Gheno Tyger, Tyger Burning Bright

Awards

M. Forrest Silver Fox
 J. Schilling Giuseppe Momo Stairway

Color

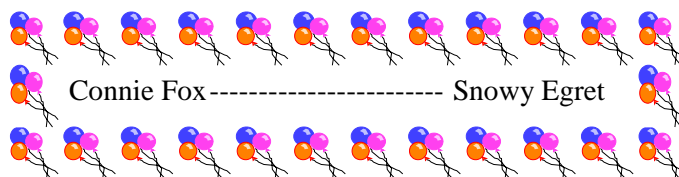
Honorable Mentions

M. Forrest Romba
 C. Fox Scarlet Ibis
 R. Gheno Vernal Impressions
 R. Gheno East Point Light
 R. Gheno Explorer in the
 Winter Garden
 F. Helfst Pigeon Delight
 F. Kantor Columbine
 S. Kantor Ruddy Duck
 S. Kantor Dahlia

Honorable Mentions

Sonya Szostak Bermuda House
 Connie Fox Merrimen Falls
 Florence Kantor Japanese Anemone
 Peter O'Malley Glade Creek Grist Mill
 Marjorie Forrest Zebra
 Connie Fox Anhinga Wingspread
 Connie Fox Dogwood Blossom
 Rich Gheno Golden Eye Aswin
 Peter O'Malley Cable Mill Cade Cove
 Laurie Spina Puffs of Smoke
 Or Puffy Clouds

Merit Awards

 Connie Fox Snowy Egret

Medals

★
 ★ Connie Fox Easter Lilly ★
 ★ Peter O'Malley Dazzling Dahlia ★
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Awards

F. Helfst Storm Over the Aspen
 F. Kantor Calf Creek Falls
 F. Kantor Mandrill Baboon
 S. Kantor A Quiet Moment
 C. LaPlaca- Post Sparrow
 P. O'Malley Krissy in Fur #2

Totals Prints**Totals Slides/Digital****Class B November 2006****Class A November 2006****Black & White:**

Eric Dong	21
A. Gunther	20
Joe Placer	14

COLOR:

L. Spina	48*
J. Placer	30
A. Gunther	23
S. Szostak	23

Class A November 2006

Black&white Prints

R Gheno	46
P O'Malley	47
M Forrest	45
J Schilling	46
F Lopez	39
C Fox	25
C LaPlaca-Post	12

CLASS A PRINTS

	Color	Total
R Gheno	48	94*
P O'Malley	45	92*
M Forrest	45	90*
J Schilling	42	88*
F Lopez	44	83*
C Fox	47	72
C LaPlaca-Post	43	55
S Kantor	49	49
F Helfst	48	48
F Kantor	47	47
A Parseghian	41	41
A Chakarian	39	39
M Molino	24	24
N Johnson	18	18
A Vaccaro	18	18
B Winston	6	6

	P	A	N	totals
P. O'Malley	49	20	46	115*
R. Gheno	43	25	45	113*
V. Kempf	43	25	45	113*
A. Parseghian	46	21	45	112*
M. Molino	48	20	43	111*
M. Forrest	48	17	44	109*
T. Spector	49	20	39	108*
M. Kane	43	19	44	106*
C. Fox	37	21	47	105*
C. LaPlaca-Post	44	22	39	105*
F. Crommelin	46	20	36	102*
D. Steinmeyer	38	17	46	101*
D. O'Malley	45	18	36	99*
A. Gunther	38	16	40	94*
A. Simpson	42	7	39	88
J. Fornarotto	43		42	85
G. Hall	38	20	19	77
F. Helfst	22		44	66
N. Merena	36		29	65
A Vaccaro	21	18	20	59
F. Lopez	36		\19	55
N. Johnson	20		27	47
J. Schilling	17		20	37
K. Licht	17		18	35
C. Redding	16		18	34
D. Phillip			21	21
J. Becker			19	19
A. Chakarian	19			19
J. Levine			18	18

CLASS B SLIDE TOTALS

	Pictorial	Assigned	Nature	Total
S Szostak	40	21	42	103*
J Placer	40	19	36	95*
K Kruger	42		44	86
R Kane	21		37	58
L Spina	25		18	43
E Marchese	20	6		26
G Hawthorne			18	18
B Pelt			18	18
J Bookman	16			16

Maroon Bells, CO

By
Tibor Vari
10/2006

During the last week of September through the first week in October is typically the peak fall foliage for colors in Colorado. So on September 29th, I headed out with fellow travelers (Fred H., Jeff N., and Dave M.), to Aspen CO which would be our base of operations for the next two days out of a 9 day trip throughout the state.

Surrounding Aspen are wonderful mountains with lots of Aspen groves and it's easy to see how the town got its name. The first morning we headed west out of town on Route 82 to the first circle where we picked up Route 13 (Maroon Creek Rd). After a short 20 minute ride you reach the end of the road where there is a large parking lot. A very short walk (about 150 yards), and you reach the shoreline of Maroon Lake (altitude 9,580 feet). Towering above us at 14,014 feet is Maroon Bells and one heck of a fantastic view! Since this is a popular location, there must have been another 30-40 photographers all setup along the lake shore.



At this point, we picked out spots along the shoreline and waited for the sunrise to hit the top of the mountains to signal the beginning of the shooting frenzy. The beautiful red glow on the top of Maroon Bells did not last long but it did bring warm light down on the mountain slopes. After taking the classic shot, I began to move around looking for foreground objects that I can line the mountain up with. Fortunately, there were plenty of rocks and debris from trees to provide a multitude of different shots.

One challenge was to use graduated neutral density filters since the brightest part of the image was typically 3 or more stops brighter than the darkest portion (the dark trees on the left). On a digital camera this is easily seen on the histogram (pixels pinned to the right of the chart), or you can use the "blinkies" screen and see if parts of the image are flashing. If this happens, the range from dark to bright is too much for the digital sensor (or film), to handle so you have to make adjustments. I ended up metering the scene in Manual mode and then using either a 2 or 3 stop ND filter. The other option was to take two images, one metering for the highlights and the second metered for the shadows. You then merge the two images in Photoshop. I prefer using the filters to minimize my time at the computer.

Before the sun light came down to the shore line we left to go to the abandoned town of Ashcroft while the light was still warm. We did return the next morning and stayed this time waiting for the light to reach the shoreline. We of course took the obligatory group photo! All in all, a great photo location!



We meet on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm
The Woman's Club of Wyckoff, 176 Wyckoff Ave. Wyckoff. NJ
Guests are always welcome at regular meetings

Assigned Subject for the 2005/2006 Season Creative



Ridgewood Camera Club

"Hear ye, hear ye" (sound familiar?) - well I need your help again folks. Since this year they have made my job more taskful (which, of course, I don't mind) and added, once again, **Vice President's Night**, I am asking for your help on my project. What I'd like to do is another, sort of funny show, but it will be very interesting to discover who we were and who we've become through our photo hobby and, photos, in general. So I'm asking that you send me, through the gmail website, 3 to 4 photos of yourself, starting as a baby, or little boy or girl, then school days, and young adult days, and middle age (if a few of you are there yet). What you would have to do is scan the pictures so I can work on them in Proshow Gold, or have them put on a CD. If you don't have a scanner, or don't know anyone of your friends that can help you do this, you can give me the pictures and I'll scan them and return them to you. I'd like the photos by January 15th the very latest so that I have time to put them all together for February. Just think no one will know who's who, but then again, maybe they will guess from a dimple or two - maybe that smile has never changed and we really are who we were meant to be.

Thanks for helping me do my RCC tasks.

Camille LaPlaca-Post
Vice President