

# *Focal Plane*

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## *Program for February 2008*

**6 Executive Committee Meeting: Host Dieter Steinmeyer**  
**13 Print Competition: Judge: David Mills**  
**20 RCC International Exhibition Show**  
**27 Program Sardinia: Vinnie Kempf**

### *From the Editor*

Dear friends of the Focal Plane.

This is an abbreviated issue of the Focal Plane. We had some difficulty getting the totals for the month and the print scores. As soon as they become available we will issue an amended issue.

Sorry for the inconvenience just don't put your camera away because of it.

Should have put Crocuses on the Cover instead of a snow man.

Dieter

Marie's pick of the month

**RISE**

By Daisy Watson



Connie's pick of the month

**Road to High Mountain**

By Eric Dong



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**Ridgewood Camera Club**

## Upcoming Field Trips:

### Washington, DC -- Cherry Blossom Festival

**Date:**

April 11th - 13th, 2008 (Arrive Friday, depart Sunday)

**Hotel:**

**L'Enfant Plaza Hotel**

[www.lenfantplazahotel.com](http://www.lenfantplazahotel.com)

480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW Washington, D.C.  
20024

Reservations: 800.635.5065

Hotel is centrally located, two blocks from the Smithsonian and the National Mall and near the Tidal Basin. Has its own metro station and on site parking. Highlights include a year-round outdoor, rooftop pool with city views and a dome covering in colder months; a well-equipped fitness center; a seafood restaurant; and wireless Internet access throughout. Guestroom beds feature pillow top mattresses, 310-thread-count linens, down duvets, and down pillows. Marble bathrooms offer Rusk toiletries and curved shower rods for extra room. Cable TV includes HBO. Rated 4 stars on TripAdvisor.com



**Accommodations / Rates:**

Deluxe Room w/ w double beds: \$199 per night; w 2 guests

**THIS IS A SPECIAL RATE. BE SURE TO ASK FOR THE CHERRY BLOSSOM PROMOTION**

Promotion includes Deluxe overnight accommodations, full American breakfast buffet for two adults and two all-day Metro passes per night. Other discounts (AAA, Senior) do not apply.

**BOOK NOW. April is their busy season and rooms fill up fast (rates may go up.)**

**Other Fees:**

Taxes: 14.5%

Parking \$18 per day (Valet Parking is extra)

**Travel Arrangements:**

Make your own arrangements. Carpool suggested

**Useful Links:**

For a list of useful links go to our website at: [http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/field\\_trips.html](http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/field_trips.html)

Tripod usage in Washington DC (pdf), National Cherry Blossom Festival Events: April 11 - 13<sup>th</sup>, Stock Photos of Washington DC, Restaurant Guide (Washington Post), Zagat Restaurant Reviews, and Washington DC Official Tourism Site

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## Nature Competition January 16 2008

### Nature General

Joffe Martin .....Oregon coast driftwood No 1  
LaPlaca-Post Camille.....Birches in Adirondacks  
Szostak Sonya.....lonely plant in sand dunes

### Honorable Mentions

#### Awards

Bob Peltz .....Bubbling Earth  
Kantor Florence .....Blackwater Falls  
Vaccaro Andrew .....UPPER ANTELOPE CANYON

### Nature Botanical

Gunther Alice.....Barrel Cactus Spines #2  
LaPlaca-Post Camille.....Snowy Pragmites

### Honorable Mentions

#### Awards

Kempf Vinnie .....Skunk Cabbage 3  
Simpson Allen .....Climbing Bittersweet

### Nature Zoological

Forrest Marjorie.....No. Male Bobcat  
Kane Marie .....Bugling Elk  
Molino Maggie .....Too Close for Comfort  
O'Malley Della.....Raccoon #2  
Simpson Allen .....Mating Butterflies  
Szostak Sonya.....mountain lion 2

### Honorable Mentions

#### Awards

Hall George .....Wolf Monkey with Baby  
Schilling Joel .....Hummingbird Moth Feeding  
Simpson Allen .....Water Snake with toad

### Nature Ornithological

Forrest Marjorie.....Canvas Back Drake  
O'Malley Peter.....Barn Owl Closeup  
O'Malley Peter.....Tricolor Heron with Snack

### Honorable Mentions

#### Awards

Kane Marie.....Male Painted Bunting

# Pictorial Competition

David Mills was judging

## B- Group

### Honorable Mentions

Dong Jia Han.....	Delayed Opening
Dong Jia Han.....	Morning Exercise
Dong Jia Han.....	Sailing
Levine Gwenn.....	Fishing Pier at Dawn
Szostak Sonya.....	Lord & Taylor Christmas Lights
Watson Daisy.....	Rise

### Awards

Levine Gwenn.....	Lone Sailboat
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## A- Group

### Honorable Mentions

Forrest Marjorie.....	Golden Lily
Forrest Marjorie.....	The Color Red
Fox Connie.....	Ear of the wind, herding sheep
Garbeck George.....	Curious
Garbeck George.....	Study in Lines and Ovals
Gheno Rich.....	A Passion for Purple
Gheno Rich.....	Purple Lily and Reflection
Joffe Martin.....	Heraro Woman at Okahandjo No 1
Kane Marie.....	Dianthus
Kempf Vinnie.....	Blue Iris 2
Steinmeyer Dieter.....	Star Magnolia 4

### Awards

LaPlaca-Post Camille.....	Valley Forge
O'Malley Della.....	Viceroy on Black-Eyed Suzan
O'Malley Peter.....	Colorful Macaw
Steinmeyer Dieter.....	Pink Dogwood
Steinmeyer Dieter.....	Red Hibiscus #3

## OUR NEW MEMBERS

Daisey Watson  
 Charles Prentice  
 Ansi Boudin  
 Sam Ohan

Your Sponsor is  
 Your Sponsor is  
 Your Sponsor is  
 Your Sponsor is

Marie Kane  
 Dieter Steinmeyer  
 Camille LaPlaca-Post  
 Alyce Parseghian

Your Sponsor is there to help you get started and answer any questions you might have about the club or photography. We sometimes have difficulties meeting each other because we can't associate a name with the face. Please try and find each other.

## **RCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: WHO ARE WE?**

by **Camille LaPlaca-Post**

We are just like you, members of a camera club that began in 1937; who, just like you, at one time wondered how RCC started and how we've existed all these years. Our club is being celebrated in the February 2008 issue of the PSA Journal (Photographic Society of America) on pages 14 and 15. On the back cover of their journal they mention that they are celebrating their 75 years. We, **Ridgewood Camera Club**, are celebrating **our 70<sup>th</sup>**! So now that we made the Big Journal and are very proud of it, again, who are we and how did we come so far?

The core of the club, as you may already know, is the **Executive Committee**, which meets once a month, 10 months a year for the past 70 years. Our committee sets up the schedules for each and every year giving you 14 competitions to learn from, programs, field trips, workshops, etc. We have designated members who volunteer their time to accomplish many tasks. These include: setting up the chairs and equipment; running the newest technologies in digital imaging; programming, organizing and orchestrating the International Exhibition (this being our 25<sup>th</sup> year); producing a monthly newsletter (Focal Plane); displaying our work in libraries and galleries for the public to view; welcoming and encouraging new members; and designing and operating a state-of-the art website packed with information, photography resources, digital imaging, photo classes, galleries, etc. I could not possibly fit in all that the committee does to give you this nationally recognized club, **The Ridgewood Camera Club**.

Each year we need new members to help us along the way, some of whom become members of the Executive Committee or volunteer to help us during the year from time to time. Fortunately, we are very lucky to have such dedicated, talented people who do a spectacular job. I learned so much more from becoming involved. My photography keeps improving, but most of all my confidence has increased. By giving, you receive in so many ways. Some of the positions require 2 members, for example, the Equipment Chair is Roberto Giamanco and his partner/assistant is George Campbell. Together they are doing a great service to the club and we are never without, because if one isn't there, the other is. Also, Gisela Schroeder, works as a team with our Member Chair, Toby Spector. Gisela does all the data base inputting, while Toby meets and greets new members, obtains their information and dues. We need more of this team effort in order to keep bringing in new ideas, new programs, new technologies and most of all more beautiful photography.

This is who we are and without a strong and dedicated **Executive Committee**, we would not still be here with 100+ members asking, "where is the next field trip?" or "is there any more room at the next workshop?" We have a few vacant spots on the committee for this season, and in the new season ahead, we feel it will be more productive to have 2 members work together on certain positions. In that way, when the curtain goes up and the lights go down, the show, as well as the fun, will proceed smoothly.

Please email me at [cam401@msn.com](mailto:cam401@msn.com) or give me a call if you are interested in becoming more involved and I can help you get started. New ideas are always welcome; camaraderie is what makes this club work.

The following are the results of recent NJFCC Projected Image competitions.

## **Fall Nature**

### **Merit Awards:**

Marjorie Forrest ..... “Ebony Mom Cuddling Baby”  
 Martin Joffe..... “Painted Bunting #1”

### **HM’s:**

Della O’Malley ..... “Monarch #2”  
 Rich Gheno ..... “Egret and Catch”  
 Rich Gheno ..... “Mating Julias”  
 Vinnie Kempf ..... “Burrowing Owl”  
 Alyce Parseghian ..... “Sand Ripples to Mittens”  
 Andrew Vaccaro ..... “The 3 Gossips”  
 Andrew Vaccaro ..... “The Priest and Nuns”

## **Fall Color**

### **Merit Awards:**

Marjorie Forrest ..... “Chrysler with Friends”  
 George Hall..... “Young Eagle Owl 2”

### **HM’s:**

Rich Gheno ..... “The Angels of Attack”  
 Marjorie Forrest ..... “Lavender Columbine”  
 Marie Kane ..... “Dewy Rose”  
 Joyce Levine ..... “Butterfly on Yellow Flower”  
 Joseph Placer..... “Not Alone”  
 George Hall..... “Rose Center with Fly”  
 Ed Marchese ..... “A Little More to the Left Please”  
 Dieter Steinmeyer ..... “Cactus 07”  
 Della O’Malley ..... “Pink Calla Lily”  
 Della O’Malley ..... “Annisquam Light and Reflection”

## **Tops in NJ – Color**

### **Runner – Up Medal:**

Marie Kane ..... “Yellow Day Lily”

### **Merit Awards:**

Martin Joffe..... “Crowded Skies over Albuquerque #1”  
 Allen Simpson..... “Orange Mock Oyster Mushrooms”

### **HM’s:**

Joseph Placer..... “Sunrise through Mesa Arch”  
 Stanley Kantor ..... “White and Pink Iris”  
 Eric Dong..... “Bay Lighthouse”  
 Alyce Parseghian ..... “Drummers Marching in the Mist”  
 Sonya Szostak ..... “Monmouth Race Track”  
 Joyce Levine ..... “Pensive Monkey”  
 Della O’Malley ..... “Portrait of a Clown”  
 Florence Kantor ..... “Puffin with Wings Spread”  
 Dieter Steinmeyer ..... “Staymen and Pistil”

# Print competition

January

Phil Echo was judging

## Class A Black & White: Honorable Mentions

Marjorie Forrest ----- Lorikeets Billing  
Marjorie Forrest ----- Graphic Fish  
Rich Gheno ----- Columbine  
Bob Kane ----- Swan Portrait  
Della O'Malley ----- Pigeon Cove Harbor  
Peter O'Malley ----- Flying Laughing Gull

## AWARDS

### Class A Black & White:

Connie Fox ----- Elegant Egret  
Rich Gheno ----- Autumn Stream #4  
Fernando Lopez ----- Smile  
Della O'Malley ----- Portland Lighthouse  
Peter O'Malley ----- Krissy's Portrait

### Class A Color: Honorable Mentions

Connie Fox ----- Soaring Egret  
Martin Joffe ----- Asian Abstraction #3  
Fernando Lopez ----- New Rims  
Bob Kane ----- Morning Virgin river  
Peter O'Malley ----- Wyckoff Flapping Goose  
Andrew Vaccaro ----- Blue Domes

### Class A Color Awards

Bob Kane ----- Rabbitbrush, Mono Lake  
Fernando Lopez ----- Is Miller Time  
Della O'Malley ----- Monarch on Flower  
Peter O'Malley ----- Flower Teapot  
Laurie Spina ----- Jets Action

### Class B Black & White: Honorable Mentions

Eric Dong ----- Natural Calligraphy

### Class B Black & White: Awards

Eric Dong ----- Wood Cabin & Daisy  
Eric Dong ----- Beach

### Class B Color: Honorable Mentions

Dave Pierson ----- Miller's Machinery  
Sonya Szostak ----- Ear of the Wind Sheep

### Class B Color: Awards

Marc Beerman ----- Digital Photography  
Eric Dong ----- Road on High Mts.

## JANUARY Print COMPETITION TOTALS

### CLASS A PRINTS

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>BLACK &amp; WHITE</u>	<u>COLOR</u>
Connie Fox	45	46
Della O'Malley	47	45
Martin Joffe	38	45
Peter O'Malley	45	44
Fernando Lopez	43	44
Marjorie Forrest	41	43
Alyce Parseghian		41
Rich Gheno	43	40
Laurie Spina		40
Andrew Vaccaro	12	39
Bob Kane	20	23
Camille La Placa-Post		23
Karen Kruger		20
Norm Johnson		19
Dieter Steinmeyer		6

### CLASS B PRINTS

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>BLACK &amp; WHITE</u>	<u>COLOR</u>
Alice Gunther		41
Dave Pierson	17	41
Sonya Szostak		23
Jia Han (Eric) Dong	26	22
Marc Berman		21



# JANUARY COMPETITION TOTALS

## CLASS B PROJECTED IMAGES

MEMBER	PICTORIAL	ASSIGNED	NATURE	TOTALS
Jia Han (Eric) Dong	71	21	56	158
Dave Pierson	58	18	54	130
Sonya Szostak	65	54		119
Bob Peltz	39	18	41	98
Gwenn Levine	64	19		83
Ed Marchese	42			42
Daisy Watson	22	15		37
Louis Kalma	17	19		36
Marc Berman	7	6	20	33
Joe Cuomo	19	19		
Stephen Mantrom	13		5	18
Nancy deFlan	17			17
Nancy Merena	17			17

# JANUARY COMPETITION TOTALS

## CLASS A PROJECTED IMAGES

MEMBER	PICTORIAL	ASSIGNED	NATURE	TOTAL
George Hall	75	25	71	171
Marjorie Forrest	67	25	75	167
Peter O'Malley	67	23	71	161
Rich Gheno	73	21	65	159
Marie Kane	69	20	70	159
Vinnie Kempf	63	23	69	155
Martin Joffe	66	22	66	154
Della O'Malley	67	17	68	152
Allen Simpson	57	21	73	151
Camille LaPlaca-Post	64	21	64	149
Alyce Parseghian	67	20	61	148
Alice Gunther	66	21	57	144
Florence Kantor	63	21	60	144
Andrew Vaccaro	55	18	68	141
Joe Placer	61	19	58	138
Joyce Levine	58	19	58	135
Stanley Kantor	69	21	43	133
Connie Fox	63		56	119
Norm Johnson	59		57	116
Dieter Steinmeyer	74		42	116
Maggie Molino	18	15	61	94
George Garbeck	66	27		93
Joel Schilling	20	21	44	85
Frank Crommelin	41		37	78
Ken Licht	55	7	5	67
Karen Kruger	44		20	64
Laurie Spina	20		38	58
Ara Chickarian	16		19	35
Fernando Lopez	22			22
Bob Kane	21		19	40
Doug Goodell			18	18
Bun Chan	17			17

We meet on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 8:00 pm  
The Woman's Club of Wyckoff, 176 Wyckoff Ave. Wyckoff. NJ  
**Guests are always welcome at regular meetings**

## **Assigned subjects for the 2007/2008 season**

### **When Strangers Meet**



**Ridgewood Camera Club**

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