

# Focal Plane

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## January 2006 Calendar

- 04 Executive Committee Meeting Host: Alice Gunther
- 11 Print Competition ----- Judge: Howard Knauer
- 18 Pictorial Slide Competition ----- Judge: David Mills
- 25 Program: Vinnie's Travel to Kenya Vinnie Kempf
- 28 Ridgewood International Salon Judging

Happy New Year

## From the Editor

Welcome 2006 and another year of photo fun. In this issue I selected a few images from our "Funny Pix" show, not an easy task because of the limited space. Our very own Camille put in a lot of time and effort to put the show together. It was her idea to start with a kind of iffy project not knowing what kind of response she would get. It turned out to be a success.

Our annual Christmas party was also iffy for a very short time. Ed and Alyce Parseghian planned to opened their home again for our party . They had planned a trip to Arizona and were not to return until the day before the party. Toby Spector and a committee took over all the preparations. Three days before the party Fred got word that Eddie was hospitalized in Arizona. With Fred's organizational skills and the help from our members it all ended well and for more good news Ed is home and doing well with some new hardware in his heart. He needed a stent for one artery.

We didn't have any competitions in December, the score sheet on page 7 is the same as last month.

The major event happening this month is of course the 23rd Ridgewood Camera Club International Exhibition of Photography. For our newer members photographers from all around the world send in their photographs to be judged by a panel of our judges for a fee which makes it a fund raiser for our club. Why don't you join us and match your skills with other photographers, it's a lot of fun.

Dieter

## Letter to the Editor

I just want to write a few words of appreciation about the article "Easter Sierra Fall Foliage" in the current Focal Plane. I really enjoyed reading Tabor's article, which was well organized and written and it provided lots of good information. The photographs are beautiful. It is an excellent travel guide and I often save this type of article for future use. Thanks to Tibor.

Della O'Malley



**Please welcome our new members**

James Capozzi  
Margaret Flannery  
Mike Schwartz  
Frank Wojcicki  
Paul Bifano  
Beverly Tesoriero  
Craig Reding  
Marylynn Reding  
Jean Nicolle  
Andrew Mc Donough  
Harvey Kunz

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## NJFCC Fall Print Competition 2005-06

### **Mono – Class B**

#### **Honorable Mentions**

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Fat Boy       | Joe Placer           |
| Simply Aliyah | Camille LaPlaca-Post |

#### **Merit Award**

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| Seduction | Fernando Lopez |
|-----------|----------------|

#### **Medal**

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| High Contrast Turbine | Christopher Gottlieb |
|-----------------------|----------------------|

### **Color – Class B**

#### **Merit Award**

|                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Blue Louver Door, Sicily | Camille LaPlaca-Post |
|--------------------------|----------------------|

### **Mono – Class A**

#### **Honorable Mentions**

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Hoo Goes There? | Rich Gheno     |
| Adorable Kitten | Della O'Malley |

#### **Merit**

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Barred Owl Portrait | Peter O'Malley |
|---------------------|----------------|

### **Color – Class A**

#### **Honorable Mentions**

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Temple Square Lights          | Marjorie Forrest |
| Open Blue Morpho              | Marjorie Forrest |
| August Morning, Portland Head | Fred Helfst      |
| Jack & His Guardian Angel     | Maggie Molino    |
| Rosie the Water Nymph         | Maggie Molino    |
| Julia on Black-eyed Susan     | Della O'Malley   |
| Barnegat Great Egret          | Peter O'Malley   |

#### **Merit Award**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Still Morning, Quisset Harbor,<br>Cape Cod` | Fred Helfst |
|---|-------------|

### **Trade Prints**

#### **Honorable Mentions**

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| A Wild Rose             | Ara Chakarian    |
| Sunrise at Cape D'Or    | Ara Chakarian    |
| Lobster Boat – Low Tide | Alyce Parseghian |

#### **Merit Award**

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| The Comfort of Friends | Christopher Gottlieb |
|------------------------|----------------------|

#### **Medal**

|                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Metro Stars vs. San Jose | Christopher Gottlieb |
|--------------------------|----------------------|



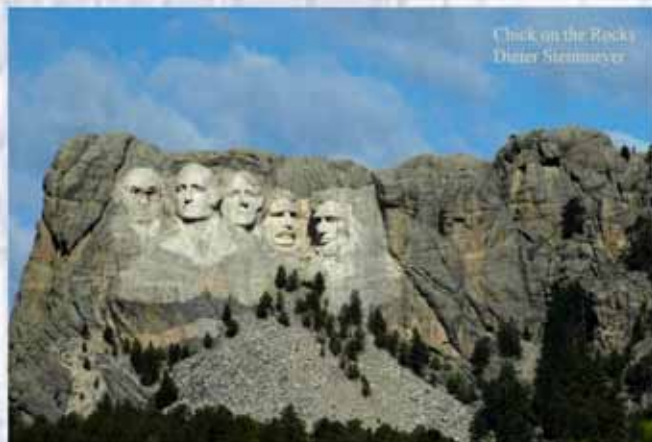
A selection of images from our November 30 Show.

Produced by Camille PaPlaca Post





"I'M EATING BERRIES 'CAUSE MY NUTS ARE FROZEN"



Check on the Rocks  
Dietrich Stemmeier



By Monica Mena - Molina

## The Vinnie Collection



"Vinnie, Carol, Bob & Alice"



I got thee nines



"Running with the Bull"

## Hiking The Zion Narrows

### By Tibor Vari

If you can visit Zion NP towards the end of October through early November, you'll be well rewarded with some breath taking beauty along with the added bonus of fall colors. Within Zion NP is the Narrows which was carved by the Virgin River over millions of years to form walls almost 1500 feet in height and only 22 feet wide in some areas like Wall Street! Since I was in Las Vegas the third week in October of 2005 for a business convention, I decided to stay the weekend (10/27), and do some photography. On this trip, I was joined by my fellow traveler Jeff Norton.

After shooting South Coyote Buttes on Friday, we did some research Friday night and found that the river was moving at close to 110 cubic feet per second whereas the normal flow over the past 78 years is closer to 50 cfps. So despite all the rain recently and some hand wringing about the conditions, we decide to go for it!



Saturday morning we got up very early so that we can drive from Kanab to Zion NP and were rewarded with a really beautiful sunrise behind the Museum. Afterwards, we head back towards Springdale and find the Zion Adventure Company ([www.zionadventures.com](http://www.zionadventures.com)), which is just off the main road on Lion Boulevard. Their website is a great resource filled with everything you need to know about the Narrows and what equipment to bring. We used these folks during our first hike of the Narrows back in November of 2003 and were quite pleased with them and the training they gave us. With the water at a brisk 45 degrees, we get outfitted in the cold weather wet suits (footwear, dry pants, long underwear fleece pants, and waterproof back-pack for about \$50 dollars). We quickly get our photo gear ready (camera, wide angle lens, and tripod), and head for the car. Because the Zion Shuttle Bus service is operating from April through October, we drive over to the visitor center and pick up one of the tour buses which takes us to the last stop along the route (Temple of Sinawava).



Next, we hike about a mile on a paved sidewalk to where the hike in the Narrows begins. Because of all the rain, a big difference from two years ago is that we are in the water about 80% of the time (verses maybe 20-30% the last time). With the water moving at the rate it was, we had to be careful at the many crossings. One lesson we learned the first time is to shoot as you are going with our goal being the confluence of the Virgin River and Orderville Canyon (2 hrs distance). So we stop often to shoot and generally put our gear back into the backpacks.

With all of the stops we made to photograph and the speed of the water, we were quite tired by the time we reached the confluence (as well as it was getting late). So we turned around and headed back. About the last half we had to stop shooting because the light was fading and we pushed our last energy reserves to get back to the paved path before it got too dark. Though we were early for the peak fall colors, the Narrows were still very rewarding and I would encourage anyone to take the hike! Had the water level been normal like it was back in 2003, we would not have been anywhere near as tired. So if you have the chance, rent the gear, pack some food and have one heck of a photographic experience!



**Totals Slides****Class B November 2005**

|             | <b>PICTORIAL</b> | <b>NATURE</b> | <b>TOTALS</b> |
|-------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| S. Szostak  | 46               | 44            | 90*           |
| L. Spina    | 45               | 39            | 84*           |
| J. Placer   | 41               | 42            | 83*           |
| C. Gottlieb | 46               | 31            | 77            |
| M. Badala   | 36               | 21            | 57            |
| K. Kruger   | 17               | 23            | 40            |
| L. Lembo    | 21               | 19            | 40            |
| F. Lopez    | 38               |               | 38            |
| D. Salamone | 19               |               | 17            |

**Class A November 2005**

|                  | <b>P</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>N</b> | <b>T</b> |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| J. Fornarotto    | 48       |          | 47       | 95*      |
| V. Kempf         | 45       |          | 50       | 95*      |
| R. Gheno         | 42       |          | 49       | 91*      |
| G. Hall          | 46       |          | 45       | 91*      |
| A. Parseghian    | 45       |          | 46       | 91*      |
| F. Kantor        | 42       |          | 48       | 90*      |
| T. Vari          | 44       |          | 46       | 90*      |
| D. O'Malley      | 41       |          | 46       | 87*      |
| P. O'Malley      | 40       |          | 47       | 87*      |
| M. Kane          | 40       |          | 45       | 85*      |
| M. Molino        | 38       |          | 47       | 85*      |
| D. Steinmeyer    | 40       |          | 45       | 85*      |
| M. Forrest       | 40       |          | 43       | 83*      |
| R. Allen Simpson | 39       |          | 44       | 83*      |
| C, LaPlaca-Post  | 41       |          | 41       | 82*      |
| S. Kantor        | 39       |          | 42       | 81*      |
| N. Merena        | 39       |          | 42       | 81*      |
| B. Bain          | 35       |          | 41       | 76*      |
| J. Levine        | 33       |          | 36       | 69*      |
| A. Gunther       | 43       |          | 24       | 67       |
| C. Fox           | 22       |          | 43       | 65       |
| A. Chakarian     | 37       |          | 17       | 54       |
| F. Alam          | 22       |          | 18       | 40       |
| F. Helfst        | 40       |          |          | 40       |
| J. Schilling     | 20       |          | 20       | 40       |
| M. Schwartz      | 17       |          | 23       | 40       |
| D. Goodell       |          |          | 27       | 27       |
| D. Phillip       |          |          | 21       | 21       |
| K. Licht         |          |          | 18       | 18       |

**Totals Prints****Class B November 2005****BLACK & WHITE**

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| F. Lopez         | 45* |
| C. Gottlieb      | 41* |
| J. Placer        | 39* |
| C. La Placa-Post | 9   |
| J. Capozzi       | 6   |
| L. Spina         | 6   |
| S. Szostak       | 6   |

**COLOR BY MAKER**

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| F. Lopez         | 45* |
| C. Gottlieb      | 44* |
| C. La Placa-Post | 44* |
| J. Placer        | 43* |
| J. Fatuzzo       | 40* |
| A. Gunther       | 40* |
| S. Szostak       | 23  |
| L. Spina         | 6   |

**Class A November 2005****BLACK & WHITE**

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| R. Gheno      | 49* |
| P. O'Malley   | 49* |
| D. O'Malley   | 45* |
| J. Levine     | 41* |
| J. Schilling  | 18  |
| J. Fornarotto | 6   |

**COLOR BY MAKER**

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| D. O'Malley   | 51* |
| M. Forrest    | 49* |
| R. Gheno      | 49* |
| P. O'Malley   | 48* |
| J. Fornarotto | 47* |
| F. Helfst     | 47* |
| M. Molino     | 44* |
| J. Levine     | 41* |
| B. Bain       | 40* |
| A. Parseghian | 38* |
| C. Fox        | 23  |
| F. Alam       | 21  |
| K. Licht      | 21  |
| J. Schilling  | 20  |
| S. Szostak    | 18  |
| D. Steinmeyer | 7   |

**Trade Prints**

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| C. Gottlieb   | 50* |
| A. Chakarian  | 45* |
| D. O'Malley   | 44* |
| A. Parseghian | 41* |
| F. Lopez      | 40* |
| V. Nazzaro    | 36* |
| D. Salamone   | 12  |
| F. Alam       | 6   |
| R. Hales      | 6   |

## Assigned Subjects for the 2005/2006 Season.

This time we only have two in order to keep the meetings from getting too long. We eliminated the normal creative subject because they seem to appear during the course of the regular pictorial competitions.

1. Fruit *and or* vegetables.

That means you can take a picture of a broccoli and an apple together or one at a time.

2. Fog

Like a foggy day in London Town, or a foggy day in Maine.

Or any other foggy place.

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**



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