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Calendar for January 2009

14 Print Competition	Judge	Howard Knauer
21 Pictorial Competition	Judge	Arik Gorban
28 Program "China"		Doug Goodell
23 Workshop "Have Fun using Layers"		Doug Goodell



Happy New Year

From the Editor

Happy New Year to you all.

There seems to be a gloom and doom outlook for 2009. If we all manage to stay healthy we should be able to deal with it.

Just think we don't have to buy film anymore and pay for processing so let the bits and bytes do whatever they do and enjoy your hobby.

Had some technical difficulties putting this month's Focal Plane together the kind of problem that computers throw at you now and then. Next month should be OK again.

What I really need is some more articles from you to make the Focal Plane more interesting to read.

Anything that's fit to print will do.

Dieter

Marie's Pick of the month for December

Snowy Egret's Mating Dance by Peter O'Malley



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Need for Silence

Vinnie Kempf

There is an old Native American saying that is “you can never judge a man until you walk a mile in his shoes”. While the saying does not fully apply to the situation I am about to describe it is close enough to allow me to use one of my favorite sayings.

I want you to walk a mile in a judge’s shoes. When a judge is evaluating an image and developing the verbalization to describe the strong and weak points of the image he needs his full powers of concentration. That allows him to provide the best evaluation of the maker’s image. You have no idea of how audience comments can break the concentration and rhythm of the judge unless you performed in the role of a judge. Simple whispers of things like “that’s great” when you see an image that you like or a complaining comment like “oh” when you don’t agree with a comment or score are distracting. Impeding the judge’s visual observation and thought process is unfair both to the judge, who is trying very hard to do the best job he can, and to the person who submitted the image for evaluation. Consider also that the judge is generally under a rather severe time constraint and the more you interrupt his process the later you are sitting in your seat.

We, the audience, need to be sensitized to this and to attempt to do our best at controlling our natural inclination to verbally comment on the image or the judge’s verbalization. The judge in an otherwise quiet room can pick up even a whisper. Judges and especially good judges are in short supply and we need to treat them with respect while they are judging if we want them to perform to their best. Most judges are more than willing to accept critical input after the event but not during it so please save your comments until the judging is completed.

RCC EXHIBIT AT THE SUFFERN LIBRARY

Our second annual exhibit will take place at the Suffern Library in Suffern, NY for the month of February. We will be exhibiting 30 photos. Please contact me if you want to put a photo in the exhibit, as it is on a first come basis. There are a few openings left. For those already signed up, please have your photos ready for drop off at either the January 14th or January 21st club meetings. Please have your photo matted, framed (16 x 20) with wire on the back for hanging and wrapped in bubblewrap . Your name, title, price and email should be on the back of the photo. I will make a clear label to place on the front of the photo. Please email me your photo title if you haven’t done so already to cam401@msn.com . We plan on hanging the photos on January 26th so you can see them anytime thereafter until February 27th.

Camille LaPlaca-Post

Nature Competition
December 10
Dr Phil Echo was judging

Nature General

Honorable Mentions

Jill Nanfeldt..... Water Mark Ptown
Sam Ohan..... REFLECT ON THIS
Alyce Parseghian Antelope waves

Awards

Alyce Parseghian The colors of Arches
Andrew Vaccaro DEADHORSE POINT
Tibor Vari..... Tetons in Spring

Nature Botanical

Honorable Mentions

Nancy de Flon Hello Flower!
Camille LaPlaca-Post..... Wild Pink Geranium
Sam Ohan..... HAMPTON FLOWER X

Awards

Jia Han Dong..... Lights and Lines 2
Marie Kane..... Red Columbine
Della O'Malley Wild Purple Iris
Lynn Ronan..... Saguaro Cactus

Nature Zoological

Honorable Mentions

Jerry Fornarotto..... Mountain Lion with Pheasant
Rich Gheno Common Sulphur #3
Alice Gunther..... Butterfly Landed #2
Martin Joffe..... Alaskan Coastal Grizzly No 54
Norman Johnson Grizzly Teeth
Alyce Parseghian Wolf

Awards

Marjorie Forrest	Sea Lion Pup
Sea Lion Pup	Squirrel Portrait Full Length
Della O'Malley	Viceroy Feeding on Flower
Joel Schilling.....	Loon on Wonder Lake
Tibor Vari.....	King of the Rock

Nature Ornithological

Honorable Mentions

Jia Han Dong.....	Dancing High 2
Jia Han Dong.....	Raining Day
Connie Fox.....	Reddish Egret wants breakfast
Rich Gheno	Scoring A Meal
George Hall.....	Mallard Drake Looking Up
Florence Kantor	Ring-necked Duck
Vinnie Kempf.....	Snowy Egret Fishing 2

Awards

Jerry Fornarotto.....	Oystercatcher No. 1
Connie Fox.....	Pair of Cattle Egret
Rich Gheno	Yikes! What did I just catch?!
Martin Joffe.....	Cardinal No 1

Peter O'Malley Great Egret Posing on Gator
Peter O'Malley Green Heron Portrait
Peter O'Malley Snowy Egret's Mating Dance

Class A - Digital Competition through 11/12/08

Member	Pictorial	Assigned Subject	Nature	Total
Eric Dong	46	26	49	121
Della O'Malley	46	26	48	120
Tibor Vari	46	23	51	120
Rich Geno	48	25	47	120
Jerry Fornarotto	45	23	52	120
Peter O'Malley	42	24	51	117
Connie Fox	44	27	43	114
Martin Joffe	47	18	45	110
Marie Kane	45	22	42	109
Stanley Kantor	44	22	41	107
Marjorie Forrest	45	23	39	107
Alyce Parseghian	43	23	40	106
Vinnie Kempf	39	21	43	103
Joe Placer	42	20	39	101
Camille LaPlaca-Post	41	19	40	100
Joyce Levine	37	21	40	98
Florence Kantor	41	20	37	98
Maggie Molino	37	20	39	96
Alice Gunther	41	18	37	96
Allen Simpson	38	18	38	94
George Hall	47	0	43	90
John Fatuzzo	34	18	35	87
Norman Johnson	42	0	41	83
Andrew Vaccaro	21	18	43	82
Sonya Szostak	38	22	7	67
Joel Schilling	44	0	22	66
Kenn Licht	39	0	12	51
George Garbeck	50	0	0	50
Frank Crommelin	29	20	0	49
Dieter Steinmeyer	20	20	0	40
Karen Kruger	20	0	0	20
Nancy Merena	19	0	0	19
Doug Goodell	0	0	19	19
Ara Chakarian	16	0	0	16

Class B - Digital Competition through 11/12/08

Member	Pictoral	Assigned Subject	Nature	Total
Sam Ohan	44	25	43	112
Nancy de Flon	38	20	38	96
Dave Pierson	35	23	37	95
Stephen Mantrom	39	19	19	77
Bob Peltz	22	20	30	72
Cody Min	18	18	15	51
Marc Beerman	13	19	18	50
Peter Brannigan	30	18	0	48
Abbey Beerman	0	18	27	45
Laura Warren	16	12	15	43
Lynn Ronan	0	21	20	41
John Paulyson	21	19	0	40
Don Phillip	0	21	18	39
Daisey Watson	0	19	16	35
George Campbell	14	8	0	22
Jill Nanfeldt	0	0	19	19
Vladimir Bykov	0	0	13	13
Anthony Calandra	0	8	0	8
Jane Kicks	0	0	6	6

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 2008/2009 Season
Waterfalls



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