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The President's Farewell

As another season comes to a close at RCC, I must say that it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your president. I could not have done it without the help and support of the executive board and many other club members who have stepped in when needed. The year has gone by quickly, but not uneventfully. We have successfully overcome some challenges whether it was bad weather, presenter cancellations or a Vice President in India. We have had a very good year and added many new members.

I want to thank you all for your participation in the competitions, workshops and field trips. The club has a lot to offer and I'm looking forward to what will be on the calendar for next year. I also want to encourage the newer members to fully participate not only in the workshops and field trips, but also in the competitions next year. I want to emphasize to them that my wife, Della, and I have been members for less than four years. We tried to take advantage of all the opportunities to learn from other more experienced members, who were always very willing to share their knowledge. We tried to learn from our mistakes while we honed our skills. We entered every competition and it forced us to improve not only for our own satisfaction, but also to graduate from Class B to Class A. So, please do not let anything intimidate you from competing or from learning to be the best photographer that you can be.

Reflecting back on this year, I am proud of what we have accomplished. I have helped to equalize the print and slide competitions. We implemented separate Class A and Class B groups for Prints and a new Merit Award for the Annual Competitions. We offered a variety of workshops, some new ones such as Doug Goodell's "Bird Photography" and a reprise of last year's very popular "Landscape Photography" by Tibor Vari. We hosted the NJFCC Spring Nature Slide Competition. We held another very successful International Salon, with many thanks to all of you that helped and especially to Chick Chakarian as the chairman. We also had a wonderful Holiday Party graciously hosted by Alyce & Ed Parseghian.

Unfortunately, we lost the Tri-Club Trophy after so many years, but to a well deserved Teaneck Club which had a long dry spell. Congratulations to Teaneck, but wait 'til next year. I must also say that I have been gratified by how well our club has done in recent years in the print competitions. Since I will be continuing as the Print Chairman, I hope to see even more participation in the future with more members entering prints by maker and experimenting with digital. Keep up the good work and get out there this Summer to collect more great photos for next year's print and slide competitions. Have a great Summer.

Peter O'Malley

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

From the Editor

This is the end of the second year as the editor of the Focal Plane and it appears to be a secure job.

As you have noticed there are changes in the wind. The digital evolution is expanding at a fast pace. We at the camera club must also make changes to stay current. Not an easy task considering that we have been working with slides for many, many years. Those of us used to slides must be tolerant of the digital world and those who are anxious to get into digital must be patient. The changes will happen with time. There will be a transition stage for a while but it will happen.

Just think two years ago when I took on this job it was hardly feasible to have color photographs in a newsletter like ours. Today we take it for granted.

This is like a cultural change for our club, to be successful we need all the help we can get. We are open to any suggestions from our members to help us make the transition.

On a lighter note, I added a lot of pictures from the last workshop and the fieldtrip to the Philadelphia Zoo.

One of the Zoo pictures shows a hooded photographer. Does anybody know who he is? Homeland security was interested in that picture.

Until September enjoy the summer and stay healthy.

Dieter

Annual Dinner

We had 55 members and friends at the dinner. The highlight of the evening was a slide show presented by Chick Chakarian "The Best of Ridgewood" all the winners from last season.

WE ARE GOOD

Changing of the guard



Alyce and Ed Parseghian were honored with a certificate of appreciation for their continued support of our club by hosting the annual Christmas party and opening their home to host numerous workshops.

Thank you Alyce and Ed



We are having a picnic

Jean and Bob Bader once again invited all of us to their backyard for a picnic. We can swim or play horseshoes or just socialize.

The Bader's will supply the drinks and dessert if we all bring something to share it should make a pleasant event.

The Date Saturday July 24 at 10 am. Rain date Sunday July 25. Rain date for the rain date Saturday August 7. The fourth Rain date Sunday August 8. What could possibly go wrong?

Come join us

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Fieldtrip May 22nd to the Philadelphia Zoo

RCC Ladies



Lunch Time



The Art Director



Who is the Mystery Photographer



Workshop Close-up Flower Photography



Rich Gheno demonstrating
Wet Belly photography



Assistant for the Assistant



Can't photograph with an empty
stomach



AWARDS for the 2003—2004 Season

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AWARDS:

Based on a grand total of scores of members entering all competitions:

CLASS A:

		MEDAL	POINTS
V. Kempf	JOHN DREDGER AWARD	GOLD	282
T. Vari	ARA M. CHAKARIAN AWARD	SILVER	272
J. Fornarotto	Third place award	Gold Ribbon	271
S. Kantor	4th " "	Blue Ribbon	269
P. O'Malley	5th " "	" "	260
R. Gheno	6th " "	" "	254
A. Parseghian	7th " "	" "	248
A. Gunther	8th " "	" "	Tie 239
D. O'Malley	8th " "	" "	Tie 239
A. Simpson	8th " "	" "	Tie 239
M. Kelleher	9th " "	" "	226
R. Bader	10th " "	" "	216

CLASS B:

C. Laplaca-Post	JOHN DREDGER AWARD	GOLD	225
M. Badala	2nd Place Award	SILVER	216

PICTORIAL COMPETITIONS - CLASS A:

T. Vari	HALE WILLIAMSON AWARD	GOLD	94
V. Kempf	2nd Place Award	SILVER	93
S. Kantor	3rd " "	Gold Ribbon	90

PICTORIAL COMPETITIONS - CLASS B:

C. Laplaca-Post	ED HANSBURY AWARD	GOLD	79
N. Merena	2nd Place Award	SILVER	76
M. Badala	3rd " "	Gold Ribbon	74

NATURE COMPETITION:

J. Fornarotto	KENNETH MCDOWELL AWARD	GOLD	101
V. Kempf	2nd Place Award	SILVER	TIE 97
T. Vari	2nd Place Award	SILVER	TIE 97
S. Kantor	3rd " "	Gold Ribbon	93

NATURE - TOP CLASS B:

C. Laplaca-Post		Gold Ribbon	71
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ASSIGNED SUBJECTS;

V. Kempf	LEE MEYER AWARD	GOLD	92
P. O'Malley	2nd Place Award	SILVER	87
S. Kantor	3rd " "	Gold Ribbon	86

ASSIGNED SUBJECTS - TOP CLASS B:

C. Laplaca-Post		Gold Ribbon	75
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PRINTS:**BLACK & WHITE - BY MAKER:**

D. O'Malley	FRED FRANKLE AWARD
R. Gheno	2nd Place Award
G. Garbeck	3rd " "
P. O'Malley	4th " "

CLASS A:

GOLD	91
Gold Ribbon	88
Blue Ribbon	87
" "	86

COLOR BY MAKER:**CLASS A:**

P. O'Malley	FIRST PLACE AWARD	GOLD	96
G. Garbeck	2nd Place Award	Gold Ribbon	91
R. Gheno	3rd " "	Blue Ribbon	Tie 89
V. Kempf	3rd " "	" "	Tie 89
D. O'Malley	3rd " "	" "	Tie 89

BLACK AND WHITE - BY MAKER - CLASS B:

K. Licht	FIRST PLACE AWARD	GOLD	88
B. Ullmann	2nd Place Award	Gold Ribbon	82
J. Levine	3rd " "	Blue Ribbon	78

COLOR BY MAKER - CLASS B:

F. Helfst	FIRST PLACE AWARD	GOLD	98
K. LICHT	2nd Place Award	Gold Ribbon	90
B. Ullmann	3rd " "	Blue Ribbon	81
J. Levine	4th " "	Blue Ribbon	79

TRADE:

Ara M. Chakarian, APSA, NJFC, 1st Place Award		GOLD	94
D. O'Malley	2nd Place Award	Gold Ribbon	90
A. Parseghian	3rd " "	Blue Ribbon	85
A. Gunther	4th " "	" "	Tie 77
Marie Kelleher	4th " "	" "	Tie 77

Results of the Annual Competition

Pictorial Slides

Honorable Mentions

Striking Dahlia	D. O'Malley
Peacock Feather	J. Fornarotto
Lamppost Reflection	V. Kempf
Tropical Butterflies	A. Simpson
View through the Window	L. Lembo
Green Tree Frog on Leaf.....	J. Fornarotto
Swooping in for a Meal.....	D. O'Malley
Slot Canyon Sandstone Curves	T. Vari
Anemones	D. Steinmeyer
Aztec Lily.....	D. Steinmeyer

The Winner

N.Y. Stock Exchange	V. Kempf
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Nature Slides

Honorable Mentions

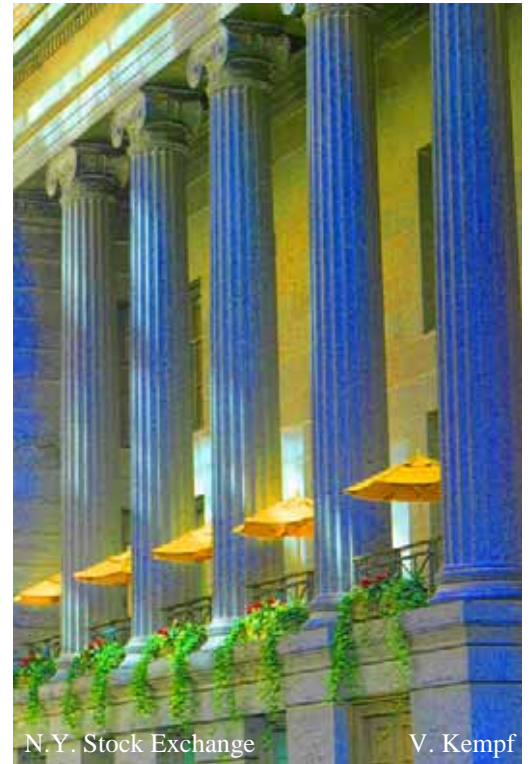
Black Crowned Night Heron Flying	S. Kantor
Snow Goose	S. Kantor
Northern Water Snake with a Mouthful	A. Simpson
Stony Brook #1	P. O'Malley
Mono Lake Tranquility	T. Vari
Graceful Pronghorn.....	V. Kempf
Osprey at Nest.....	J. Fornarotto
Wondrous Light-Bryce Canyon.....	T. Vari
Get Back with the Rest of the Harem	V. Kempf
Mallard.....	V. Kempf

Merit Award

Willet Puffed Up.....	J. Fornarotto
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The Winner

House Wren with Spider.....	J. Fornarotto
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N.Y. Stock Exchange

V. Kempf



House Wren with Spider

J. Fornarotto

Annual Print Competition

Black & White Prints

Honorable Mentions

- Mid Morning Mooring K. Licht
- Garden Rose R. Gheno
- Pelican Close-up..... D. O'Malley
- Sandhill Crane P. O'Malley
- The Artist Stuart Kaylan G. Garbeck



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The Winner

- Three White Tulips G. Garbeck

Color by Maker

Honorable Mentions

- Aztec LilyD. Steinmeyer
- Late AutumnG. Garbeck
- Ice DaggersR. Gheno
- Rain in VeniceG. Garbeck
- High RiseV. Kemp
- Green Heron.....P. O'Malley
- Stony Brook Harriman State ParkF. Helfst



Multi Colored Dahlia

Peter O'Malley

The Winner

- Multi Colored Dahlia P. O'Malley

Trade Prints

Honorable Mentions

- Stargazer Lily D. O'Malley
- Tulip F. Alam
- Fall Colors at Stony Brook D. O'Malley

Merit Award

- Madonna Church Spire Reflected..... A. Gunther

The Winner

- Sunrise in Death ValleyJ. Mann



Sunrise in Death Valley

Jacob Mann

Assigned Subjects for 2004-2005

1. **Night shots:** Photographs taken after sunset or before sunrise.
2. **Patterns:** Repetitive patterns, designs.
3. **Pairs:** Two of the same kind. Set of two.
4. **Creative:** Is defined as a departure from reality created by the use of filters, digital manipulations, reflections, montages, multiple exposures, or any technique that results in a picture that would not normally be seen with the human eye

Below are some scores from this seasons PSA Competitions

January 15th Creative Competition

Black Light	Peter O'Malley.....	9
Carnival Fantasy	Rich Gheno.....	8
Fantasy Ride	Maggie Molino.....	12HM
Flowers in Black Light	Della O'Malley.....	10
Fishing For Sharks.....	Robert Bader.....	13HM
Black Light Contrast.....	John Fatuzzo.....	10

February 15th Nature Competition

Great Blue Heron.....	Peter O'Malley.....	11
Grizzly on Rock.....	Alyce Parseghian.....	10
Looking for Food.....	Joan Becker.....	11
Double Arch.....	Florence Kantor.....	9
Scaly Pholiata Fungus.....	Al Simpson.....	9
Red Fox	Vinnie Kempf.....	11

April 15th Creative Competition

Still Life in Black Light.....	Della O'Malley	10
Ghost Train.....	Florence Kantor	11
Color Spiral	Alyce Parseghian	12
Flower in Red, White & Blue	Florence Kantor	9
Patriotic Birdhouse	Peter O'Malley	11
In the World of their Own.....	Maggie Molino	15

February 1st Pictorial Competition

Nubble Light.....	Vinnie Kempf... ..	11
Safe Harbor Sundown.....	Rich Gheno.....	11
Deptford Pink	Dieter Steinmeyer ..	15HM
Fireworks over the Hudson.....	Vinnie Kempf.....	12
Enchanted Stream.....	Alyce Parseghian ..	15HM
Reaching for the Sky	Dieter Steinmeyer ..	10

April 1st Pictorial Competition

GW Bridge at Night	Della O'Malley.....	10
Lake Superior Bank Sunset	Alice Gunther.....	10
Pasque Flower.....	Dieter Steinmeyer....	14
Autumn at the Pond.....	Harry Becker.....	8
Blue-Black Butterfly #1	Peter O'Malley.....	7
A Peaceful Pond.....	Joan Becker.....	9

May 15th Nature Competition

Caught.....	Alyce Parseghian	10
Sandhill Crane Landing.....	Vinnie Kempf	10
Wasp on Button Bush.....	Florence Kantor	10
Atlas Moth	Alice Gunther	12
Great White Egret.....	Della O'Malley	10
Arachne Awaiting her Prey	Rich Gheno	10



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