

# *Focal Plane*

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**Do you know where the wild things are?  
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## **May 2006 Calendar**

**4 Executive Committee Meeting  
Host: Joe Placer**

**10 Annual Competition & Election of Officers,  
Judges: Roman K, Peter Lekos & Gordon Emrich**

**17 PSA Photo Travel Slide Competition**

**20 Workshop: Close-up Flower Photography  
Dieter Steinmeyer**

**24 Program: From Photo to Photoshop to Photoart  
H Knauer**

**31 Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony,  
Plus the Best of RCC**

## From the Editor

Thank you again to all of you who contributed to the Focal Plane this season. If your article has not been printed yet not to worry I spend them carefully.

Al Simpson did a great job telling us where to find the Wild Things. Why don't you take him up on it and see if he is right?

The Becker's sure have a knack for finding unusual places on their trips. Who would have thought the London Bridge to be in the middle of the dessert in Arizona. Wasn't there a song that told us London Bridge is falling down?

The BIG EVENT this month is of course the annual dinner. Marylynn Reding spent a lot of time to find a nice place for us. Why don't you come and join us. Travel information is on page 5.

Dieter



Please welcome our new members

Sylvia Taylor-----Mentor, Dieter Steinmeyer  
Robert Gollance, MD-----Mentor, Jerry Fornarotto

## Jerry Fornarotto Writes

The very first paragraph of the Ridgewood Camera Club Competition Rules states: All work except processing of negatives, color slides and trade prints must have been done by the exhibitor.

In recent competitions I have noticed images containing elements that are not possible to be photographed by the maker. It is my opinion that this does not comply with our rules. I know that this is a grey area in this new world of photography. However, I feel it would be in the best interest of a competitive atmosphere that this practice be frowned upon.

Can a competitor download an image of a flower, manipulate it and then call it their own?

To quote PSA; "Images may be altered, either electronically or otherwise, by the maker and artwork or computer graphics created by the entrant....."

The NJFCC clearly states: "Honesty in Images- Images must have a photographic origin & only be those of the maker."

I believe all parts of an image must originate from the photographer. Should the RCC's standard be less than others?

Jerry Fornarotto

## Focal Plane

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## An RV journey by Harry and Joan Becker:

In March 2005 we journeyed to Florida and west to Arizona. Two of the highlights of the journey were Silver City, New Mexico and Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

Silver City is north of Rt. 10 and was once the home of William Bonney, better known as Billy the Kid. While there we visited a log cabin used by Ron Howard in his movie *The Missing*. But the best part of visiting Silver City is 8 miles north in the little mining town of Pinos Altos established in the early 1800's. When the miners left, all that remained were some older homes on dirt roads, a church, and the BUCKHORN SALOON & OPERA HOUSE across the road from a small museum and gift shop.



I think if you drove past the Buckhorn Saloon you would be afraid to stop and enter. But having



read about it in *National Geographic Traveler* we entered the Buckhorn. The first thing you see is the long bar with lots of activity including a wooden Indian sitting on the far left end and a BEAUTIFUL mannequin holding a martini glass on the right. And, of course, opposite the bar were two gorgeous nude female portraits painted for

the miners. We sat next to the fireplace in the dining room and enjoyed a really great meal. When we finished eating we visited the old-fashioned Opera House, now used only on week-ends, and wandered over to the museum and gift house (under a beautiful rainbow) and left some of our good New Jersey dollars there.

After visiting our daughter in Tucson we headed west to Lake Havasu City, a beautiful Arizona town across the Colorado River from California. Here between 1964 and 1971 a rich industrialist, Robert McCulloch purchased the London Bridge for a few million dollars, labeled each stone and reassembled the bridge in Lake Havasu City going from the main city to a man made island in the middle of a man made lake in the middle of the Colorado River. The bridge is an amazing sight. We ate dinner on the island in a famous restaurant overlooking the bridge and watched



as gondoliers rowed romantic couples underneath the bridge. This is a must-see photo op for anyone visiting Arizona.

Harry and Joan



## Where the Wild Things Are

This is a brief guide to three areas in the region which may be of interest to nature photographers.

### 1. Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Fauna: Muskrats, Whitetail Deer, Wood Frogs, Green Frogs, Bullfrogs, Spotted Turtles, Painted Turtles, Water Snakes, Ribbon Snakes, Garter Snakes, Dragonflies, and numerous birds.

Flora: Blue Flag, Trout Lily, Indian Pipe, Joe-Pie-Weed, and many others.

Directions: Take Route 287 to exit 30A (Basking Ridge) onto N. Maple Ave. At the first light make a left onto Madisonville Rd. The road name will eventually change to Lee's Hill Rd. At about 2 miles from N. Maple make a right onto Long Hill Rd. Go about 2 miles and make a right into the Wildlife Observation Center driveway. All trails here are level. For a map and more information check [www.greatswamp.fws.gov](http://www.greatswamp.fws.gov).

### 2. Silas Condict Park, Kinnelon

Fauna: Whitetail Deer (including an occasional white one), Chipmunks, Squirrels, Frogs, Toads, Praying Mantis (Sept.), and Garter Snakes.

Flora: Ladies' Tresses (Sept.), Steeple Bush, Meadowsweet, Moth Mullein, Indian Pipe, Pinesap, (late Aug. – early Sept.), Trout Lily, (April or May), and Canada May Flower.

Fungi: Many species (July-Oct.).

Directions: Going north on route 23 take the Kinnelon Rd. jug handle and cross Route 23. From Route 23 going south take the Kinnelon Rd. exit and make a right onto Kinnelon Rd. After crossing Ricker Rd. you will see a small cemetery on the right. The

Silas Condict driveway is a few feet past the cemetery on the right. If you want to check out the field, park in the first parking area or go up the hill, past the lake to the last parking area to take a trail. The trails here are somewhat hilly.

### 3. Echo Lake, West Milford

Fauna: Whitetail Deer, Mink, Beaver, Bullfrogs, Green Frogs, Wood Frogs, Pickerel Frogs, Water Snakes, Garter Snakes, and Copperheads.

Flora: Coltsfoot, Fringed Polygala, Indian Pipes, Pinesaps (Sept), Shinleaf, White Baneberry, and May Apple.

Fungi: Chicken Mushroom, Turkey Tail, Giant Puffball, Coral Fungi, Golden Pholiota, Bleeding Mycena, Shaggy Mane, Jack-O- Lantern, Split-Gilled Mushroom and others.

Directions: If traveling north on Route 23 look for the water filtration plant on the left shortly after entering West Milford. A short distance farther you will make a right onto Echo Lake Rd. If you are traveling south on Route 23 you will take the jughandle for Echo Lake Rd. shortly after passing the Charlottsburg Reservoir wall on the right. Cross over Route 23 through the traffic light onto Echo Lake Rd. Take Echo Lake Rd. for about 1 mile and then make a left into the Newark Watershed Office driveway.

The office is open 8 - 4 on weekdays all year and 8 – 12:30 on Saturdays from April 8 thru October.

If you are 62 or older a nice person in the office will sell you a hiking permit for \$4.00 which is good thru December. If you are under 62 it costs \$ 8.00. This permit allows you to hike on all the approved trails in the 35,000 acre Newark Watershed. You get a map with the permit. Read and heed the "Rules and Regulations" on the backside of the map. Do not wander around watershed property without a permit. The enforcement people take their jobs seriously.

Look for critters and wild flowers on both sides of the dam as you cross over to the trail on the west side of the lake. Bear right to stay on the Highlands Trail, but don't take the path that leads right back to the lake. After a few hundred feet the trail turns back towards the lake. The trail is 1.7 miles long and mostly level, but there are tricky areas with loose rocks, mud and big puddles. Good hiking boots are mandatory.

There are also many trails in the Clinton Reservoir / Hanks Pond area.

Al Simpson

## Our Annual Dinner

Our dinner this year will be at The Brownstone in West Paterson. Due to the complexity of the directions it was impossible to print them on the back of the tickets. Therefore a copy of the direction from the Brownstone's website is listed below.

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

### Travel Directions To The Brownstone 351 W. Broadway Paterson, NJ 07522

**1. From Fair Lawn**-Route 4 to 208N. Maple Avenue South exit. Keep right & follow sign to Paterson/Hawthorne. Route 507 South (becomes Maple Ave.). At first light turn right onto Wagaraw Road. Bear right at fork (N. 8th Street). Follow to end & turn right onto Haledon Avenue. Proceed to second traffic light. Make first left onto Burhans Ave. At 2nd light turn right. Brownstone entrance is on your left.

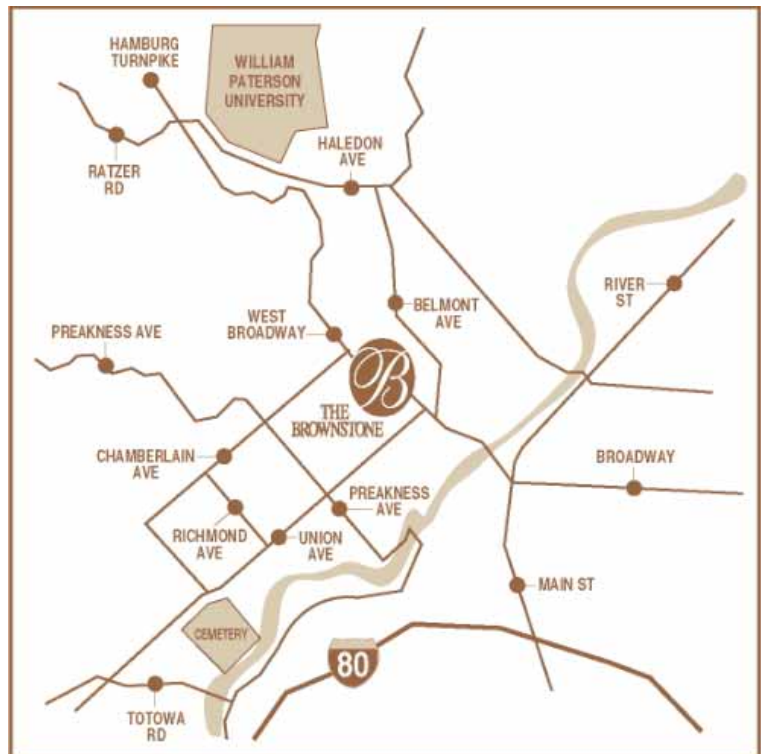
**2. From Route 46**, Totowa Area-Take Route 46 East or West to Union Blvd., Totowa, Paterson exit. \*\*Take Union Blvd. North 7 traffic lights and turn left onto Richmond Avenue. Proceed 2 traffic lights and turn right onto Chamberlain Avenue. Proceed to end and turn right. The Brownstone House is 1 block on your right.

**3. From Southern New Jersey** (Garden State Parkway)-Take exit 153B, Route 3/46. Follow Route 3 West to Route 46 West. Continue on Route 46 West to Union Blvd., Totowa exit and proceed as in 2 above.\*\*

**4. From Lincoln Tunnel**-Take Route 3 West to Route 46 West. Continue on Route 46 West to Union Blvd., Totowa exit and proceed as in 2 above.\*\*

**5. From Route 80** (George Washington Bridge)-Take Route 80 West to exit 55B (Union Blvd., Totowa, Paterson) onto Union Blvd. Proceed 5 traffic lights and turn left onto Richmond Avenue. Proceed 2 traffic lights and turn right onto Chamberlain Avenue. Proceed to end and turn right. The Brownstone House is 1 block on your right.

**6. From Route 80** (Del. Water Gap Area)-Take Route 80 East to exit 53 onto Route 46 East to Union Blvd., Totowa, Paterson exit. Proceed as in 2 above.  
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**7. From Ridgewood**-Take Godwin Avenue to Goffle Road. Turn left and proceed approximately 3 miles. Bear right onto No. 8th Street. Proceed to end and turn right onto Haledon Avenue 2 traffic lights and turn left onto Burhans Avenue. Proceed 2 lights - turn right. The Brownstone House is on your left.

# Totals Prints

## Class B March 2006

### BLACK & WHITE

F. Lopez	88*
J. Placer	80*
C. Gottlieb	41
C. LaPlaca-Post	17
S. Szostak	13
J. Capozzi	6
L. Spina	6
F. Wojcicki	6

### COLOR BY MAKER

F. Lopez	96*
C. LaPlaca-Post	90*
J. Placer	85*
A. Gunther	80*
J. Fatuzzo	78*
L. Spina	45
C. Gottlieb	44
S. Szostak	42
C. Reding	41
F. Wojcicki	40
M. Reding	32
H. Kunz	19
J. Nicolle	19

## Trade Prints

### TRADE PRINT TOTALS FOR April 2006

D. O'Malley	91*
A. Chakarian	86*
F. Lopez	81*
A. Parseghian	80*
V. Nazzaro	76*
C. Gottlieb	50
D. Salamone	12
F. Alam	6
R. Hales	6

This is Peter's selection of the month for March

### INSEPARABLES

By Fernando Lopez-Diaz

## Class A March 2006

### BLACK & WHITE

P. O'Malley	97*
D. O'Malley	94*
R. Gheno	91*
J. Levine	80*
J. Schilling	39
B. Bain	12
J. Fornarotto	6
C. Fox	6

### COLOR BY MAKER

M. Forrest	99*
D. O'Malley	99*
P. O'Malley	94*
F. Helfst	92*
R. Gheno	88*
B. Bain	79*
J. Levine	78*
A. Parseghian	76*
M. Molino	74
C. Fox	68
J. Fornarotto-Diaz	47
J. Schilling	45
F. Alam	39
K. Licht	21
G. Hall	19
S. Szostak	18
D. Goodell	15
A. McDonough	14
D. Steinmeyer	7



# Assigned Subject Competition

April 12 2006

Klaus Dieter Schleim was judging

## Honorable Mentions

Chittenden-----	G. Garbeck
Rolling Fog -----	T. Vari
Foggy Morning on the Rocks -----	P. O'Malley
Fog at Jenny Farm -----	C. LaPlaca-Post
Misty Morning at Skylands -----	R. Gheno
Early Morning in Yellowstone 2 -----	S. Szostak
Lonesome Tree -----	M. Molino
Misty Morning on Sand Beach -----	P. O'Malley
Pinklady in Fog -----	J. Placer
Lupines in the Mist -----	A. Parseghian
Boathouse View -----	A. Parseghian
Foggy Irish Field -----	A. Gunther
Winter Early Morning -----	F. Alam

## Awards

Empire State Building -----	S. Szostak
A Jog in the Fog -----	R. Gheno
Sun River Bridge -----	G. Garbeck
Hydrangeas in Mist -----	R. Kane
Pemaquid light in Fog -----	V. Kempf
Rising from the Mist -----	T. Vari
Bare Tree in Fog -----	F. Alam

Marie's Pick of the Month

**Chittenden**

By George Garbeck



# Totals Slides/Digital

## Class B April 2006

	P	A	N	T
J. Placer	62	79	38	179*
S. Szostak	64	63	30	157
M. Badala	54	60	13	127
L. Spina	67	57		124
C. Gottlieb	46	31		77
K. Kruger	38	23		61
L. Lembo	21	19		40
F. Lopez	38			38
D. Salamone	19			19

## Class A April 2006

	P	A	N	T
R. Gheno	88	48	97	233*
T. Vari	86	48	96	230*
V. Kempf	86	40	102	228*
P. O'Malley	89	45	93	227*
A. Parseghian	87	42	92	221*
F. Kantor	85	37	95	217*
M. Kane	82	37	93	212*
D. O'Malley	88	29	93	210*
J. Fornarotto	91	18	95	204*
D. Steinmeyer	82	32	87	201*
S. Kantor	80	33	87	200*
M. Molino	78	33	89	200*
Gunther	79	35	84	198*
N. Merena	80	35	81	196*
C. La Placa-Post	82	39	73	194*
B. Bain	72	37	81	190*
J. Levine	71	35	79	185*
C. Fox	65	32	85	182
G. Hall	89		87	176
M. Forrest	86		88	174
K. Licht	38	17	56	111
R. Allen Simpson	59		44	103
F. Alam	40	39	18	97
A. Chakarian	78		17	95
D. Phillip	35	16	42	93
A. McDonough	36	18	18	72
F. Helfst	62			62
J. Schilling	20		20	40
M. Schwartz	17		23	40
D. Goodell		12	27	39
G. Garbeck		22		22

The Tri-Club competition was held on April 25<sup>th</sup> and hosted by the Teaneck Camera Club. This was the first time that entries were both digital and slides. Tibor Vari created an excellent spreadsheet that made the scorekeeping effortless. Many thanks to Tibor for his efforts.

Results are as follows:

**Second Place Plaque:**

George Hall ..... Red & Gold on Blue

**HM:**

Doug Goodell ..... Acrobat II

**Club Standings:**

Ridgewood – 436      Teaneck – 431      Tri-County 399

Ridgewood gets to keep the trophy for another year! I would like to give thanks to my assistants, Marjorie Forrest and Marian Coe for their help in selecting the images.

The NJFCC held its Spring Nature Competition on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Camera Naturalists Club. Results are as follows:

**HM's:**

Della O'Malley ..... Bumble Bee on Coneflower

Peter O'Malley ..... Snowy Owl Wings Spread

Alyce Parseghian ..... Katmai Bear with Salmon

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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