



# RIDGEWOOD CAMERA CLUB



## WELCOME TO THE 2010 - 2011 SEASON RIDGEWOOD'S 73<sup>RD</sup> YEAR... AND OUR BEST YET!

Welcome to the 73rd season of the Ridgewood Camera Club. We anticipate this to be our best year ever with so many reasons for members to join in and participate.

### NEW MEETING LOCATION

First, we kick off the new season on Wednesday, September 8 at 8:00 p.m. in our new meeting location in Franklin Lakes. We begin at 8:00 o'clock sharp, so please arrive and be seated by that time.

We'll be meeting at the VFW Post 507 building located at 725 Franklin Avenue, Franklin Lakes, NJ. It is conveniently located at the intersection of Franklin and Pulis Avenues, less than one mile off Route 208. A map linked to the address is on the RCC website.

We moved to the new site because our membership has grown, and we found ourselves running out of space in the Wyckoff facility. The new site has ample, well-lit parking; a meeting room that comfortably seats more than 150 people; nice kitchen facilities, and, best of all, comfortable chairs! Seriously though, we expect the new

facility to allow us to meet current and future needs for our club, both for club meetings as well as workshops and other special events. Which leads me to the next reason for this being our best year ever...

### WORKSHOPS

Martin Joffe, our Workshop Chairman, has lots in store for us this season. We didn't think he could beat last year's workshop line-up, but this coming season may do just that!

With 15 workshops planned, RCC will have the best educated membership around. Here is just a sampling of what is being offered:

- Mat cutting and photo mounting
- Black & White Conversions
- Creating Digital Slideshows
- Lightroom - a two part series
- Photoshop - a two part series
- Techniques for photographing ice & snow
- Plus many more...

Be sure to visit the RCC website for a full description

## DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The RCC membership year began July 1 and runs through June 2011. Please be sure to renew your membership by sending a check for your dues made out to Ridgewood Camera Club. Mail it to Toby Spector, Membership Chair, 222 Carl Place, Paramus, NJ 07652. Annual membership dues are:

**Family — \$60 / Single — \$40 / Student — \$10**

And while you're at it, if you haven't already emailed your "mug shot" for the website membership bios, please do so. Vinnie has put a unflattering "placeholder" image as a way of coercing members to get their photos and bios in. The pictures are an easy way to put faces to names — particularly for the newer members.



of the workshops and to see the dates. Vinnie Kempf, our website guru has created an excellent and easy sign-up system for workshops and field trips. Be sure to sign-up early. Attending just one workshop is worth a lion's share of the annual membership dues. And... many of the workshop presentations and tutorials can be found on the website.

## FIELD TRIPS

Putting that vast knowledge to use in the field is another reason this will be a great season. Martin Joffe is also our Field Trip Leader, and he has so many trips in store, almost every weekend is booked!

He was busy filling our summer weekends with trips to Buttonwood Farms, Montgomery Rodeo, Coney Island, Saugerties and Rhinebeck.

For the fall, we have field trips to Martha's Vineyard, Clownfest, Moodna Viaduct, Steamtown and, by popular demand, a return visit to the Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia. And that just takes us to early December!

Be sure to visit the website to see a complete listing of the upcoming field trips and to sign up for them. The sign-up system allows Marty to give participants timely updates related to the trip.

If you didn't get a chance to join the field trips, you're missing out one of the best reasons to be an active member in RCC. Not only are the field trips a great learning experience, they are lots of fun, and a great way to get to know your fellow RCC members. Be sure to visit the website to see images from some of the trip participants. You can find the field trip images under **Photo Galleries**. There's a gallery for each year going back to 2003.

## MEETING PROGRAMS

RCC meets the second, third and last Wednesday of each month (September — May) at 8 pm sharp. For those members who are not regular attendees, the meeting topics are either competitions or a program relevant to photography. Page 4 of this newsletter is a snapshot calendar for the year. Lou Kalmar, RCC's Programs organizer, is finalizing the programs, so we don't have a final listing at this time. Be sure to check the website for updates to the Programs as the dates approach. Last year we had Programs ranging from Commercial photography to Street photography to what a Photojournalist encounters to Travel photo destinations. Always very interesting and chock full of great images.

## COMPETITIONS

RCC competitions are yet another element of what RCC is about. For the well-seasoned photographer, club competitions are a way to get feedback about their standing in the club, and also to have their work regularly evaluated by a judge. For those photographers who just want to get critical feedback from judges who provide comments that can help improve their work, competitions are a great way to achieve that goal. All RCC members are eligible to compete. It costs nothing to enter, and it's all upside.

The categories are fully explained on the RCC website though here's the brief listing:

- Pictorial (almost anything goes)
- Nature (four defined subcategories)
- Print (color and b/w)
- Assigned Subject (see article below)

Complete information for entering images into competition (both projected and print) are on the RCC website. To make it user-friendly for newer members and those veteran members who have never entered images into competition, we're having a workshop on this subject on Friday, September 17. Check the website for complete information and to sign-up for this much requested workshop.

## ASSIGNED SUBJECTS

This season RCC will have two assigned subject competitions. The first one — **Photojournalism** — will take place on February 9, 2011. It's not too early to begin thinking about and shooting for this exciting and important category of photography. Here's an excerpt of PSA's definition of the category:

*"Photojournalism images shall consist of pictures or sequences with informative content and emotional impact, including human interest, documentary and spot news. The journalistic value of the photograph shall be considered over pictorial quality. In the interest of credibility, photographs which misrepresent the truth, such as manipulation to alter the subject matter, or situations which are set up for the purpose of photography, are unacceptable in Photojournalism."*

The second assigned subject competition is on April 20, 2011 and the topic is **People at Work**. We're sure to have a lot of interesting and fun images for this competition.

Don't procrastinate. February 9th will be here before we know it.

## THE RCC SPONSOR PROGRAM

The Sponsor Program is alive and well and is a great resource for newer members. For those of you not familiar with it, here's a brief recap of it.

When you joined RCC, you were assigned a Sponsor. That person is your resource within RCC — a club mentor of sorts. He or she can help you with questions about competitions, workshops, programs RCC offers, what resources are available, etc. Sponsors are assigned to you for the year in which you joined. The Member Orientation tab on the home page of the RCC website is kind of a “quick start” for new members and will link you to the list of assigned sponsors. Take the time to check it out — there's lots of great info there.

Of course the best way to learn about RCC is to come to the Wednesday meetings or ask any of the Executive Committee Members. A listing of the EC members and their position is posted below. Their contact information is on the website.

## RCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2010-2011

RCC is run by volunteer members who meet the first Wednesday of each month. Executive Committee meetings are open to membership, and the minutes from every meeting are posted to the website each month. The Executive Committee is always looking for new members to get involved. We encourage you to contact any one of us to see how you can help out.

- Alice Gunther — Pictorial Competitions
- Alyce Parseghian — Annual Dinner; Fund-raising
- Chick Chakarian — Co-President, RCC International
- Connie Fox — Print Competitions
- Jia Han (Eric) Dong — PSA Interclub Competitions
- Joe Placer — Treasurer
- John Paulyson — Vice President; Competitions Chair
- John St. John — Equipment
- Kathie Meyers — Hospitality
- Laura Warren — Co-President; Digital Competitions
- Louis Kalmar — Programs
- Lynn Ronan — Recording Secretary
- Marie Kane — Co-President; NJFCC Competitions; RCC International
- Martin Joffe — Workshop and Field Trip Chair
- Sonya Szostak — Publicity
- Stanley Kantor—Nature Competitions
- Toby Spector—Membership
- Vinnie Kempf—Webmaster

## NANCY LAMB MEMORIAL PHOTOGRAPHY LIBRARY



RCC has been gifted an extensive photography book library from Nancy Lamb, a long-time member of the Ridgewood Camera Club. Sadly, she passed away several months ago after fighting a long illness.

In addition to being a very talented photographer, Nancy also amassed a library of over 300 photography books. Nancy wanted RCC to have them, and her son Charles brought the collection down to us from Massachusetts.

The collection is still being cataloged and will be available as a lending library through the club. Vinnie Kempf, Karen Kruger and George Garbeck will be our resident “librarians”, and the website will be the means of browsing and borrowing the collection.

Stay tuned for more details once the library is cataloged and made available to the membership. It surely will be another tremendous resource for the club's membership thanks to Nancy's wonderful generosity.

## NJFCC PHOTORAMA SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2010

NJFCC with co-sponsors Hunt's Photo and Nikon are hosting the second Photorama in 2010. This one-day event will be held at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, NJ from 9:00 am. to 4:30 p.m. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door.

The featured guest speaker for the event is the great nature photographer, Frans Lanting ([www.lanting.com](http://www.lanting.com)).

For more information about Photorama, visit the NJFCC website at [www.njfcc.org/photorama.htm](http://www.njfcc.org/photorama.htm)



## RIDGEWOOD CAMERA CLUB CALENDAR – 2010/2011

September	3	<b>PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!</b> Executive Committee - Host: Helen & Ara Chakarian
September	8	Program #1 - Steve Greer - What does a photographer do before pressing the shutter? Pray, of course!
September	15	Pictorial #1 - Judge: Tom Icklan, APSA
September	22	Nature #1 – Judge: Dr. Phil Echo, NJFC
September	29	Print #1 – Judge: David Mills, NJFC
October	6	Executive Committee – Host: Laura Warren
October	13	Pictorial #2 - Judge: Arik Gorban
October	20	Nature #2 – Judge: David Des Rochers
October	27	Program #2 – Aaron Pepis - TBA
November	3	Executive Committee - Host: Florence & Stan Kantor
November	10	Print #2 – Judge: Ben Venezia, NJFC
November	17	Program #3 – Leon Hertzson – Photo Journalism
November	24	No Meeting - Happy Thanksgiving
December	1	Executive Committee - Host: Toby Spector
December	8	Pictorial #3 – Judge: Judy Helderman
December	15	Holiday Party
December	22	No Meeting - Happy Holidays
December	29	No Meeting - Happy Holidays
January	5	Executive Committee - Host: Alice Gunther
January	12	Print #3 – Judge: Roman Kurywczak, NJFC
January	19	Nature #3 – Judge: Ben Venezia, NJFC
January	26	Program #4 – Unique Photo – How to make a video with a DSLR
January	29	Ridgewood International Judging
February	2	Executive Committee - Host: John Paulyson
February	9	Assigned Subject #1 – Photojournalism – Judge: Joseph Thomas
February	16	Program #5 – Elinor Stecker-Orel – Composition in the Digital Age
February	23	Ridgewood International Showing
March	2	Executive Committee - Host: Marie Kane
March	9	Pictorial #4 – Judge: David Mills
March	16	Print #4 – Judge: Judy Helderman
March	23	Nature #4 – Judge: Dr. Peter Lekos
March	30	Program #6 – Joe Rossback - TBA
April	6	Executive Committee - Host: Louis Kalmar
April	13	Program #7 - Eric Dong - How juries pick winners in the Smithsonian Magazine photo contests
April	20	Assigned Subject #2 - People at Work – Judge: Klaus-Dieter Schleim
April	27	Tri-Club Competition at RCC. Judges: Joseph Thomas, NJFC, Howard Knauer, David Mills
May	4	Executive Committee - Host: Joe Placer
May	11	Election of Officers and Annual Competition – Judges: Howard Knauer, Klaus-Dieter Schleim, Dr. Phil Echo, NJFC
May	18	VP Night/Make-up
May	25	Annual Dinner
June	1	Executive Committee - Host: Alyce Parseghian