

Focal Plane

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Happy Thanksgiving



From the Editor

Your editor returned from an extended vacation. We came back with a whole lot of nice memories a few hundred pictures but also an airplane cold that seems to drag on forever and then of course the jet lag. Slowly but surely we are getting into the groove again. Had all good intentions of finishing the October Focal Plane. The mind was willing but the body didn't agree.



The November issue will have a lot of statistics from the last competitions and also nice article about Sardinia by Nancy Lamb.

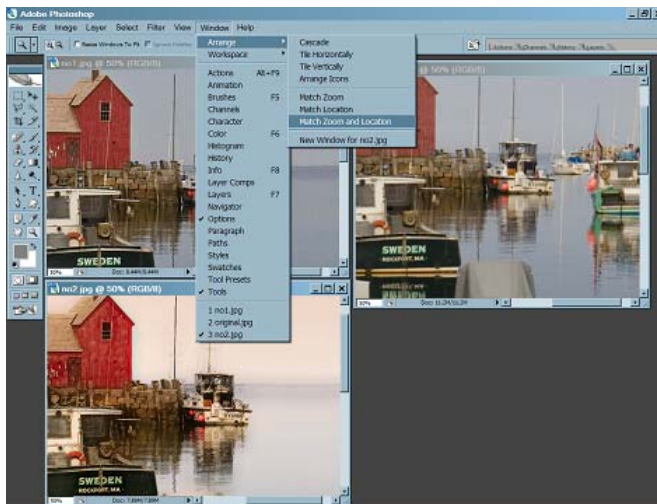
That saved me from the blank page syndrome. Looking ahead to next month. Does anybody have a story to tell???

Don't forget to send in those cards and letters

Dieter

ZOOM ALL SHOTS

If working on a batch of images, it can be laborious to open each and zoom in. Use the arrange menu to see a group of shots at the same time. Find the problem area in a shot with the zoom and the hand tools, then go to Window>Arrange>Match Zoom>Location. All the shots will display the same view



November Calendar

- 1 Executive CommitteeHost : Dieter Steinmeyer
- 8 Nature Competition Judge: Howard Knauer
- 15 Assigned Subject "Patterns" Judge: Klaus Dieter Schleim
- 22 No Meeting..... Happy Thanksgiving
- 29 Print Competition..... Judge: Klaus Dieter Schleim

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Pictorial Competition
September 20 2006
 Thomas Icklan was judging

B Group

Honorable Mentions

Ice on my Nose Sonya Szostak
 Rain from huey's..... Robert Kane
 Red Columbine Karin Kruger

A Group

Honorable Mentions

Frank Crommelin Vietnam War Memorial
 Jerry Fornarotto..... Blackwater Falls
 Jerry Fornarotto..... Maligne Lake Boathouse
 Marjorie Forrest Carry a Big Stick
 Marjorie Forrest Moon Flights
 Rich Gheno One Perfect Heart
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 Peter O'Malley Fancy Lily Detail
 Alyce Parseghian Pepper Trio 2
 Alyce Parseghian Drummers in the Mist
 Toby Spector Point Judith Lighthouse
 Toby Spector Autumn Shack
 Dieter Steinmeyer Crocus

Awards

Frank Crommelin..... Gothic Revival
 Marjorie Forrest..... Silver Fox
 Maggie Molino Prelude to a Wedding
 Peter O'Malley Kayaking over the Falls
 Allen Simpson Pool Predator
 Toby Spector..... Flaming Parrot Tulip

Pictorial Competition
October 25 2006
 Joseph Thomas was judging

B Group

Honorable Mentions

Cinderella's Transformation..Ed Marchese
 Bright Angel Bridge Laurie Spina
 Beacon Hill Alley Karen Kruger
 Leave me alone Laurie Spina
 Narcissus Buds Karen Kruger

Awards

St Mary's Fire Laurie Spina

A Group

Honorable Mentions

Over the top Vinnie Kempf
 Bee Eater..... Maggie Molino
 Brugges Belgium Allen Simpson
 Babcock Grist Mill Della O'Malley
 Colonel Foghorn Maggie Molino
 Come to me ball..... Marie Kane
 Crossing the stream Norman Johnson
 Spooky Frank Crommelin
 Delicate Iris..... Della O'Malley
 Lilly White..... Maggie Molino
 Tulip 5..... Vinnie Kempf
 Fall Sunrise at the Tetons Jerry Fornarotto
 Toby Spector..... Moss Glen Falls

Awards

Smokey Mountain Sunset..... Peter O'Malley
 Fascination..... Frank Crommelin
 Annisquam Light Peter O'Malley
 Sparrow..... Camille LaPlaca-Post
 Red Tail M Forrest
 Nequst..... Camille LaPlaca-Post
 Alyce Parseghian Berry Jubilee
 Toby Spector Question Mark Butterfly#2
 Andrew Vaccaro..... Juniper Tree

Nature Competition
September 27 2006
 Dr Peter Lekos was judging

Nature General

Honorable Mentions

Merriman FallsCamille LaPlaca-Post
 Monterey BayFrank Crommelin
 King of the Hill.....Alice Gunther
 Mountain AvensAlyce Parseghian
 Spring Beech.....George Hall

Awards

Stream DetailAlyce Parseghian

Nature Zoological

Honorable Mentions

Resting DragonflyRich Gheno
 Moose Cow and CalfConnie Fox
 Bull Elk.....Marie Kane
 Dragonfly.....Sonya Szostak

Awards

Acrobatic BeeJoel Schilling
 Tundra Wolf Raised
 HacklesMarjorie Forrest

Nature Botanical

Awards

BellwortDieter Steinmeyer
 Trillium.....Dieter Steinmeyer
 Turks CapDieter Steinmeyer

Nature Ornithological

Honorable Mentions

Male Wood Duck.....Rich Gheno
 American Coot.....Marie Kane
 Barrd OwlConnie Fox
 Coming in for a
 LandingPeter O'Malley
 Duckling in the
 Brush.....Sonya Szostak
 Swan and ReflectionMaggee Molino
 Tri Color HeronJoe Placer
 Anhinga Habitat.....Connie Fox
 Tri Colored HeronFred Helfst

Awards

Sandhill Crane
 Flying.....Vinnie Kempf
 Roseate Spoonbill
 With Wings openJerry Fornarotto
 Grackle.....Fred Helfst
 White Ibis
 with Breakfast.....Karen Kruger
 Sandhill Crane
 Formation.....Vinnie Kempf

Marie's pick for September



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Print Competition

October 11 2006

Frank Wagner was judging

Totals Slides/Digital

Class B October 2006

Class B

Black and White

Honorable Mentions

Joe Placer Sad Face Clown

Color

Honorable Mentions

Alice Gunther Tulip Trio
 Joe Placer A Street in Provence
 Laurie Spina Leave Me Alone
 Laurie Spina Montana Rainbow

Awards

Joe Placer Florence Reflected
 Laurie Spina Puffs of Smoke or
 Puffy Clouds ?
 Sonya Szostak Bermuda House

Class A prints will be updated as soon as they become available.

Dieter

	Pictorial	Nature	Total
K Kruger	42	21	63*
S Szostak	40	22	62*
J Placer	40	18	58*
R Kane	21	17	38*
L Spina	25		25
E Marchese	20		20
J Bookman	16		16

Class A October 2006

	<u>P</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
M. Forrest	48		21	69*
P. O'Malley	49		20	69*
A. Parseghian	46		23	69*
M. Molino	48		20	68*
V. Kempf	43		24	67*
T. Spector	49		18	67*
R. Gheno	43		22	65*
D. Steinmeyer	38		27	65*
F. Crommelin	46		18	64*
J. Fornarotto	43		21	64*
M. Kane	43		21	64*
C. LaPlaca-Post	44		19	63*
D. O'Malley	45		17	62*
C. Fox	37		24	61*
A. Simpson	42		18	60*
A. Gunther	38		19	57*
G. Hall	38		19	57*
F. Lopez	36		19	55
N. Merena	36		17	53*
F. Helfst	22		23	45
J. Schilling	17		20	37
A. Vaccaro	21			21
N. Johnson	20			20
A. Chakarian	19			19
K. Licht	17			17
C. Reding	16			16
M. Reding	12			12

Totals Prints

Class B October 2006

CLASS B SLIDE TOTALS

	Pictorial	Nature	Total
K Kruger	42	21	63*
S Szostak	40	22	62*
J Placer	40	18	58*
R Kane	21	17	38*
L Spina	25		25
E Marchese	20		20
J Bookman	16		16

Class A October 2006

CLASS A PRINTS

	B&W	Color	Total
C Fox	25	25	50*
R Gheno	25	24	49*
P O'Malley	25	23	48*
M Forrest	24	24	48*
J Schilling	24	23	47*
F Lopez	21	25	46*
C LaPlaca-Post	6	22	28*
F Helfst		25	25
S Kantor		24	24
M Molino		24	24
A Parseghian		22	22
F Kantor		21	21
A Chakarian		20	20

Marie's pick for October



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Sardinia Encounters

Karen Kruger, Nancy Lamb and Vinnie Kempf had the opportunity to spend some time on the Isle of Sardinia. The following was documented by Nancy Lamb.

We all agreed. Our encounters with the lighthearted Sardinian folks were some of the most rewarding experiences of our trip. The following are a few of the many delightful individuals we met.

"Cow Guy" was a wonder of enthusiastic gesticulation.



After spotting us with cameras trained on his cows, he tore down the pasture on his tractor to invite us behind the rock wall boundary for a closer look. Excited by our interest, he motioned with full arm and body gestures that his bull had gored him and only a miracle

had saved his life. By way of proof, he dropped his pants so we could have a look and like all dedicated photographers that we were, we grabbed our cameras to record the event.

A rainy day was brightened by a memorable adventure



with "Wine bar Guy". Proud of his car and flattered that we were photographing his small Citroen, he invited us into his bar to sample his homemade wine...a Muscadet and a Cannonau, a ruby-red Sardinian favorite. Our designated driver for that day was a bit disgruntled that he could not participate but the rest of us had a grand old time sampling his earthy wines.

"Bed and Breakfast Couple" had a brand new 15 day old baby but that did not deter them from providing superb hospitality. As our stay lengthened to 6 days, the breakfast portion of the B&B got more elaborate with each sunrise. After "Mother-in-law Gal" arrived to help with "B&B Baby", Mauritzio, a variety of homemade coffee cakes appeared each morning along with an Italian TV newscast on the side. Now, more confident of

our Italian language skills, we were exhilarated to find that world peace had been attained when we heard "pace, pace, pace". Surfing to BBC for further information in English, we were disillusioned, not only by our lack of Italian fluency but by the absence of world peace.

"B&B Couple" also saved us from disaster due to a brake deficient car by communicating at length in Italian with the car rental folks regarding our predicament. One night while dining at a local restaurant, a hot



Italian racing machine (NOT) arrived courtesy of a huffy, rain soaked, in-a-hurry-he-had-a-date "Car Rental Delivery Guy". While not exactly roomy enough for us as well as our voluminous gear, it did save us from potential disaster on the multitude of switch-backs in the Sardinian Supramonte.

"Grape Guy" appeared like a phantom from a ghost village which had been devastated by torrential rains, and was in danger of slipping down the mountain-side. He had stayed on in his deserted hamlet to care for his treasured grape vines. Pleased by our attentiveness to him and his 3 wheeled mini truck, he climbed into his vineyard enclosure to secure more bunches of grapes than we could possibly consume.



My favorite happening, I confess, was tagged "Bakery Family Escapade". The kinsfolk included "Bakery Dad" whom we found exiting said bakery with a dozen wedding cakes, "Bakery Mom", all hustle-



bustle, toting more cakes and "Bakery Kid", aka Mauro, happily assisting. Recalling his English instructor's words, a light bulb went off in the head of "Bakery Boy", and out came "How old are you". We responded with a few simple words hoping he wouldn't notice that we were not exactly 40 years old. He was adorable ("sweet" had been banned from the trip vocabulary due to a macho directive) and thrilled that he could actually converse with us. "Bakery Mom" reciprocated with a gift of fruit cake and as we left, "Bakery Boy" gave us the thumbs up.

Addresses were exchanged all around and photos of all these spirited folks were duly mailed to Sardinia along with letters of thanks for all gifts received.... grapes, coffee cakes, wine and fruit cakes. These were magical moments, treasured impressions from an outstanding trip that will long be remembered for those special encounters with the Sardinian people.

To see a slide show of the Sardinian encounters go to the RCC website Photo Gallery Slide Show page and select the Sardinian Encounters show.



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 2005/2006 Season

Creative
Patterns



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