President’s Welcome Message

As the nation prepares itself for the first anniversary of the WTC disaster and its aftermath on a note of sadness, RCC will be forging ahead in celebrating its 65th anniversary of operation. The RCC through its evolutionary process has taken on a leadership role in the areas of both digital and film photography. I urge the membership to take full advantage of the excellent diversity that this club has to offer whether it be programs, workshops, serving on a committee, entering competitions or just learning something new. Get involved you'll never know what might develop.

Have a great year.

John Fatuzzo

A Note from the (new) editor.

This is my first attempt at being an editor, it will not be easy to fill Maggie’s shoes, but I'll try. I am open to any constructive criticism and willing to print almost anything that has to do with photography or other art forms. One thing I have learned is that it is much more cost efficient if we distribute the Focal Plane via E-mail, if your are willing and able to receive the focal plane electronically please notify Paul Minnich it will save the club money.

Dieter

From the mailbag

"The Ridgewood Camera Club has from the first day I joined the club, been courteous to presenters and judges. Our meetings are quiet, too. It has been brought to my attention that there was conversation throughout the Annual Dinner show by two members up front. They were heard at the head table and others nearby. I heard them a few times too. Please respect our clubs demeanor. Remember, during judging, lectures, and yes, during the meeting, members should be courteous....Chick"
Workshops:-

Fellow members, welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Summer.

The first workshop for this season is "Cropping & Mounting Slides," which will be taught by Chick Chakarian. This season, we are going to have three new programs. One is "Web Design for Photographers," which will be taught by Joel Schilling. The second is "Landscape Photography" and the instructor is Tibor Vari. Both workshops have limited seating and for the "Web Design" workshop, a basic computer knowledge is needed. Early registration is important to secure a seat for both workshops. The third is "PortraitPhotography," which is new to many recent members and will be taught by Chick Chakarian.

Many thanks goes to all of our skilled, talented instructors and their willingness to share their knowledge with other members. Anyone who has special knowledge and skills in the photographic area, please contact me. We are always looking for new and interesting workshop programs.

Della O'Malley
Workshop Chairperson

RCC/Bader Picnic

Thanks to the generous hospitality of Jean and Bob Bader the RCC picnic was a success this year. The Baders opened their home and beautiful gardens to club members allowing them to socialize with one another during the summer lull. Everyone brought food and desserts to share. Jean and Bob provided cool drinks and snacks and the cold drinks were more than welcome in the heat. A number of members had a dip in the pool to cool off as the temperature soared. The Bader’s backyard, more of a nature preserve, provided welcome shade from the soaring sun that day. If you have never been to the Bader’s Nature Preserve you have missed something very special. It is a tranquil respite from the outside world where you can commune with nature and let the stress dissipate. Bob also took us on a tour of his studio where he paints, writes and does his photography. It is a large studio on the upper floor of their house providing great light and space to create literary and visual works of art.

Photo Show

Peter and Della O'Malley are having a photo exhibit at Pro-Set Imaging Center from August 10 to September 30. The theme of the exhibit is "The Beauty Around Us." The photographs are some of their more recent work and mainly are close-up photography emphasizing beautiful things in nature, such as flowers and butterflies.

Pro-Set is located at: 1231 McBride Ave., West Paterson, New Jersey 07424. (Directions: one block North of Route 46 on McBride Avenue in West Paterson, NJ; or take Route 80 West to exit 55A - Union Blvd., Little Falls. Once on Union Blvd., get into the most left lane immediately. At the first traffic light, turn left at Lackawanna Ave. Go ½ mile to the next traffic light and turn left onto McBride Ave. Pro-Set is the second building on the right.) Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Thursdays open until 8:00 p.m.

A GREAT WEEKEND AT AMHERST

In July, nineteen representatives of the Ridgewood Camera Club, including members, ex-members, family members and friends, spent an exciting photography weekend at the New England Camera Club Council in Amherst, Massachusetts. We enjoyed stimulating photography programs, great weather, and good friendship. On Saturday, most of us wore our club shirts, which drew complements from many of the other eleven hundred participants. Vinnie Kempf brought prestige to the club by winning two honorable mentions in the slide competitions: for SAX TRIO in the pictorial competition, and for SKY POINTING GENTOO in the nature competition. Peter O'Malley also received a ribbon for the popular vote on a B&W print entitled “DELICATE ROSE”.

Della O'Malley
Workshop Chairperson
# 2002-2003 Calendar

| September     | 4  | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG. - Host: Florence and Stan Kantor |
|              | 11 | Program (P-1) “Beautiful Birds” Douglas Goodell refreshments |
|              | 18 | Pictorial Competition (Pic-1) Judge: Robert Parker |
|              | 25 | Nature Competition (N-1) Judge: Dr. Peter Lekos |
| October      | 2  | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG. - Host: Paul Minnich |
|              | 9  | Print Competition (Pr-1) Judge: Keli Dougherty |
|              | 16 | Pictorial Competition (Pic-2) Judge: Dr. Phil Echo |
|              | 23 | Website Presentation - Vinnie Kempf |
|              | 30 | Program (P-2) “Communicating through Photographs” by Bill Foley refreshments |
| November     | 6  | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG. - Host: Eileen Eastham |
|              | 13 | Assigned Subjects 1 & 2 :Creative, & Flowers Judge: Ralph Krubner |
|              | 20 | Nature Competition (N-2) Judge: William Griffin, FPSA, NJFC |
|              | 27 | NO MEETING- Holiday |
| December     | 4  | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG. - Host: Vinnie Kempf |
|              | 11 | Print Competition (Pr-2) Judge: Joseph Thomas |
|              | 18 | NO MEETING |
|              | 25 | NO MEETING- Holiday |
| January      | 1  | NO MEETING- Holiday |
|              | 8  | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG. - Host: Alice Gunther |
|              | 15 | Nature Competition (N-3) Judge: Dr. Phil Echo |
|              | 22 | Pictorial Competition (Pic-3) Judge: Simon Leventhal |
|              | 25 | RCC INTERNATIONAL SALON JUDGING |
|              | 29 | Photographer’s Showcase |
| February     | 5  | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG. - Host: Marianne Badala |
|              | 12 | Print Competition (Pr-3) Judge: Heinz Otto, FPSA |
|              | 19 | RIDGEWOOD INTERNATIONAL SALON SHOWING |
|              | 26 | Pictorial Competition (Pic-4) Judge: Ralph Krubner |
| March        | 5  | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG. - Host: Marie Kane |
|              | 12 | Nature Comp. (N-4) Judge: Gil Lopez-Espina, NJFC, FMC |
|              | 19 | Print Competition (Pr-4) Judge: Stanley Jacobson, APSA, NJFC |
|              | 26 | Program (P-3): “African Journal” Nancy Lamb refreshments |
| April        | 2  | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG. - Host: Helen & Chick Chakarian |
|              | 9  | Program (P-4) “Prints and Printing” Eric Perrilloux refreshments |
|              | 16 | Program (P-5) “Silent Ten” Judge: Ara Chakarian, APSA |
|              | 23 | Assigned Subjects 3 & 4- Sunrise/Sunset, & Red White & Blue, Judge: Joseph Thomas |
|              | 30 | RCC hosts NJFCC Print Competition: Tops in NJ , Judges: Stanley Jacobson, APSA, NJFC; Heinz Otto, FPSA; Joseph Thomas |
| May          | 7  | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG. - Host: John Fatuzzo |
|              | 14 | Annual Competition and Election of Officers , Judges: Ben Venezio; Gil Lopez-Espina, NJFC, FMC; John Brokos, FPSA, FPFLI |
|              | 21 | Program (P-6) “Digital Imaging” Katrin Eismann refreshments |
|              | 28 | Annual Dinner |
| June         | 4  | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG. - Host: Della & Peter O’Malley |

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<td>Sep. 20</td>
<td>Cropping &amp; Mounting Slides</td>
<td>Chick Chakarian</td>
<td>7:45 PM</td>
<td>Chick &amp; Helen Chakarian 42 Bisset Dr, West Milford NJ, 973-697-1266</td>
<td>Cropping and remounting slides adds the extra touch to your photos. Learn the &quot;tricks of the trade.&quot;</td>
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<td>Oct. 11</td>
<td>Exposure</td>
<td>Vinnie Kempf</td>
<td>7:45 PM</td>
<td>Vinnie Kempf, 11 Refy Ave., Ramsey, NJ (201-825-3634)</td>
<td>Learn how to get the exposure right - what is 18% gray? incident or reflective light reading? how to shoot black or white objects and more - explained</td>
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<td>Oct. 25</td>
<td>Web Design for Photographers</td>
<td>Joel Schilling</td>
<td>7:45 PM</td>
<td>Joel Schilling, 16 Sturms Place, Park Ridge, NJ 07656 (201-573-9697)</td>
<td>A beginner's guide to making a Web page to display your photos on the Internet for all to see.</td>
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<td>Nov. 22</td>
<td>Close-up Nature Photography</td>
<td>Stanley Kantor</td>
<td>7:45 PM</td>
<td>Florence &amp; Stanley Kantor, 152 Riverdale St., Hillsdale, NJ 07642 (201-666-0200)</td>
<td>Learn how to get close to nature - use of close-up or macro lenses - learn the techniques and equipment selection.</td>
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<td>Dec. 6</td>
<td>Using Digital Imaging - Beginner Class</td>
<td>Dieter Steinmeyer</td>
<td>7:45 PM</td>
<td>Dieter &amp; Wally Steinmeyer, 19 Smithfield Rd., Waldwick, NJ (201-652-3031)</td>
<td>For beginners to learn the basics of digital image manipulations with a computer.</td>
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<td>Jan. 10</td>
<td>Using filters and understanding filter effects</td>
<td>Richard Gheno</td>
<td>7:45 PM</td>
<td>Alyce Parseghian, 231 Old Wagon Rd., Franklin Lakes, NJ (201-405-1998)</td>
<td>Using various filters to enhance your photographs - polarizing, color correction, graduated neutral density, etc.</td>
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<td>Jan. 31</td>
<td>Landscape Photography</td>
<td>Tibor Vari</td>
<td>7:45 PM</td>
<td>Tibor Vari, 65 Peach Hill Court, Ramsey, NJ (201-236-1814)</td>
<td>A beginner class - to learn the basics: research, equipment, techniques, etc. View good sample slides also.</td>
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<td>Apr. 11</td>
<td>Portrait Photography</td>
<td>Chick Chakarian</td>
<td>7:45 PM</td>
<td>Alyce Parseghian, 231 Old Wagon Rd., Franklin Lakes, NJ (201-405-1998)</td>
<td>To use simple and inexpensive setup to get professional portrait photos indoors or out.</td>
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<td>Apr. 27</td>
<td>Blinds &amp; Set-ups for Wildlife Photography</td>
<td>Scott Perry</td>
<td>10 AM</td>
<td>To be announced</td>
<td>Learn how to photograph wildlife without spooking them.</td>
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<td>May 10</td>
<td>Close-up Flower Photography - Hands on&quot;</td>
<td>Dieter Steinmeyer</td>
<td>10 AM</td>
<td>Dieter &amp; Wally Steinmeyer, 19 Smithfield Rd., Waldwick, NJ (201-652-3031)</td>
<td>Bring your camera, lenses &amp; tripod for this backyard workshop - a bundle of flowers fresh from his lovely garden.</td>
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Please notify the host when you cannot make it to the workshop.

Please coordinate with host for a “pot luck” contribution to share with others
Have Fun!! Learn and share!!

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ASSIGNED SUBJECTS
2002-2003

1. SUNRISE/SUNSET
2. FLOWERS
3. RED, WHITE AND BLUE
4. CREATIVE

The Silent Ten are coming!!!
read the Focal Plane next month

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