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Upcoming Competition

As a reminder, NJFCC will be holding three more competitions in the 2005-06 year. These are:

Competition: **Spring Pictorial Slide**

Date: April 19th

Closing Date: April 10th

Transparency or Digital

Host Club: Ridgewood CC

Competition: **Spring-Nature Slide**

Date: April 20th

Closing Date: April 13th

Transparency

Host Club: Camera Naturalists

Competition: **TOPS in NJ**

Date: May 10th

Closing Date: May 3rd

B&W, Color and Trade Prints

Host Club: So. Jersey Photo Society

Competition Chairpersons:

Nature Slide: Marie Kane

Pictorial Slide: Diane Dugan

Print: Klaus-Dieter Schlein

Monmouth County Exhibition Space:

Monmouth Camera Club member Ernie Antholis informs us that Brookdale College has opened a new artistic exhibition space at Western Monmouth Branch Campus, 3680 Route 9 South, Freehold. Prospective exhibitors may call 732-625-7005. For more information regarding the exhibition space, call 732-625-7002.

Wish I Said That!

A photographer's reality is what he or she wants to show.

-Fred Picker

I don't trust words. I trust pictures.

-Gilles Peress

NJFCC Adds Digital

NJFCC approved the projection of digital slides as an equivalent to transparencies, recognizing the burgeoning of digital photography. Following is a personal analysis by Treasurer, Vinnie Kempf:

"The NJFCC Executive Committee has approved a change that will increase participation in the Pictorial and Nature slide interclub competitions for those people using a digital camera. The change will take place starting in September of this year with the start of a new season. No longer will members using digital cameras need to have slides made to compete in NJFCC competitions, reducing their cost and frustrations. Also members who do not want to have slides made from their digital images will now have a venue for competition.

"The competitions will be conducted exactly as they are today with two minor exceptions, digital entries will be projected by a digital projector not an analog film projector and digital entries will be submitted through their camera club chairmen as email attachments rather than physical slides. The intent is to allow film and digital capture to coexist for as long as film lasts or as long as members desire to use and compete with film. The extra venue for competitions should be viewed as an *aid* to photographers and not a *threat* that something is being taken away. A projected image is a projected image independent of whether the projector is film or digital based.

"A club can split their entries between film and digital in any way they desire. If they have some slides and some digital entries they can submit the two media in any mix they choose, we are flexible. A camera club can elect to enter slides exclusively in competitions if they so desire and the converse is also true they can enter all images in digital form. Again this is one competition so the rules and guidelines for club entries remains the same. If today you can submit say 18 entries then come September you can still submit 18 entries but in any mix that you desire. No rules or guidelines have been changed.

"The competitions will be one single competition conducted seamlessly between film and digital. All scoring and awards will be given as if it is one competition.

There is no move afoot to force film photographers out of NJFCC competitions. Just the reverse is true. We are attempting to add to NJFCC services not subtract from them. There is no reason to pit film photographers against digital photographers. If we stop worrying and emotionally arguing about the technology we use and concentrate on the quality of our images we would all have more fun."

PSA International Exhibition

Do you like being successful? Do you like being a part of something successful? Do you like to contribute to the success of a project?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes and even if not how about making the 2006 PSA International Exhibition – Electronic Imaging: Still Images a large success? You can enter up to four images in any or all of four sections in this competition. Color Open, Color Creative, Monochrome Open and Monochrome Creative

For the instructions and submittal form go to <http://www.psaexhibition.com> and look for the Electronic Imaging section. Take a little time out of your busy life and find some of those great images that have either been in competitions digitally this year or not and submit them. It is a good way of getting started in the digital world.

In addition your images could be shown at the PSA Convention in Baltimore this year.

Free Slide Show Software

Monmouth Camera Club member Shubha Murti wants everyone to know about Microsoft's free slide show software, "Photo Story 3". The software requires Windows XP, but it seems to be a pretty robust package. The software can be downloaded, without charge, from

www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/photostory.

National Geographic Images

Monmouth Camera Club member Walt Cushman wants to alert everybody to the many photographic images posted regularly on the National Geographic website. The site features a photo of the day, a number of galleries, photographer biographies, news answers to frequently asked questions and more. You can access the site at www.nationalgeographic.com/media/photography.

From the Editor

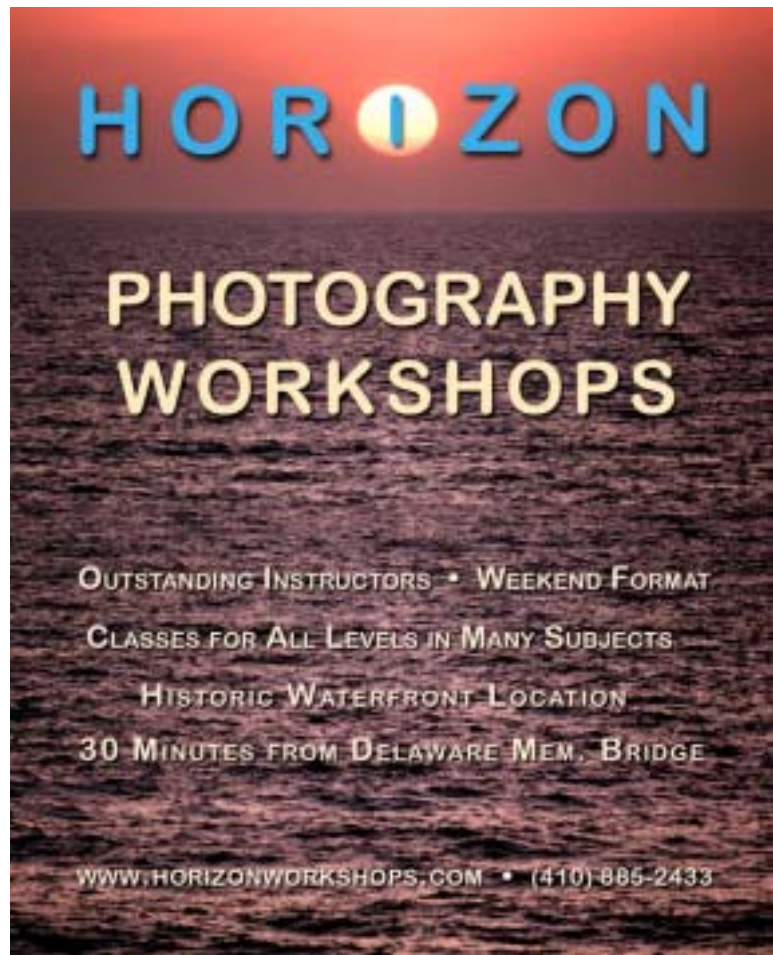
At the March Delegates Meeting, your editor reported on the difficulty of filling Cable Release primarily because information was not available from member clubs.

We had requested clubs to submit information about themselves; in fact, only about five of the twenty-six clubs provided copy. All submissions received have been published.

In this issue, we've included a number of "blurbs" and articles provided by Monmouth [Bill Imhof,] Ridgewood [Vinnie Kempf] and Livingston [Jean Davidson.] We thank these folks and their clubs profusely.

If you have a newsletter that includes items of interest, without images, to other member clubs, please send them so we can make this terrific information available to our broad audience.

Remember, however, the size of a Cable Release file is critical. Some recipients of Cable Release have slow ISP service and/or very small inboxes. So, please try to provide concise information and articles.



Free Software

Tech Columnist Kim Komando [www.komando.com], in her column of December 26, 2005, highlighted four **free** software applications for photographers. An extract of her column giving her high level comments is as follows:

Photo organizer. Google's Picasa2 can be a big help in managing your images. When you start Picasa2 [<http://picasa.google.com>; **Windows only**,] it will search your hard drive or just designated folders. In addition captions and labels are easily added to pictures. The search function is powerful. You can search for a date, a name, a label, a keyword, the kind of camera you took a picture with and even a color. Picasa2 also has other functions including basic image-editing tools and the ability to create slide shows.

Advanced Image Editing: GIMP [<http://www.gimp.org>; **Windows, Mac OS X**] is an extremely powerful digital image-editing program. By adding layers to an image, you can

radically alter an image's original state. It also has a host of filters. These will remove dust or scratches from a scanned image, sharpen or blur an area, and more. There are dozens more tools, too numerous to describe here.

Easy image editing. Paint.NET [<http://www.eecs.wsu.edu/paint.net>; Windows only] makes it easy to Remove red eye, crop images, change image size and create really cool effects. And you won't have to take a class to figure it all out. Paint.NET does a fine job of balancing advanced features with ease of use.

Stitch it up. AutoStitch [<http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~mbrown/autostitch/autostitch.html>; Windows only] Will take multiple pictures and create a two-dimensional panorama. AutoStitch does everything automatically, with surprisingly good results. Select the files you want sewn together, and the program does the rest.

The full column can be accessed at: http://www.komando.com/kolumns_show.asp?showID=9420#complete.

Equipment For Sale

Cathy Boyer, wife of recently deceased NJFCC titan Terry Boyer, is selling some equipment. Following is information we've received from Ben Venezia, who's helping out:

Canon EOS 1V Film body with HS Power drive Booster PB-E2 [This Camera would be rated a 9+ using B&H rating system.] Camera & booster cost new \$1900.00. Selling for \$750.00.

Canon 500 mm Lens f4.5 L Lens with hard metal case & Two drop in Filters - one a PL-C custom drop in, by canon This lens cost new \$5,500 I am asking \$3,500.00; it's in mint condition. Price includes Really Right Stuff B94 mounting plate. [BV Note: "This Lens does not have Image Stabilizer. I do not know why you would need it I've never seen anyone hand hold this lens."]

Canon Wireless Controller LC-3 Transmitter \$250.00

Wimberley F1 Telephoto Flash Bracket \$90.00

Minolta Auto Meter 1VF \$80.00

Lowepro dark Blue Large shoulder bag, inside Dim. 10x18 x 9 in deep \$50.00.

Contact Ben Venezia if you're interested at bobbyjven@comcast.net

Arts Council of Livingston

THRU THE LENS, an exhibit of 56 Photographs by the Livingston Camera Club and sponsored by the Arts Council of Livingston will be shown through May 20 at the Senior/Community Center, 204 Hillside Avenue, Livingston.

Reception on Friday night, April 21, 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Public invited.

Call 973-625-4820 for more information.

Cranbury "Digital" Camera Club Joins NJFCC

At the March Meeting, the Delegates voted to accept Cranbury into the Federation. The Club meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Additional information is on its web site: www.cranburydigitalcameraclub.com.

61st NECCC Annual Conference

The New England Camera Club Council has announced its 61st Annual Conference, to be held July 14-16, 2006 at the University of Massachusetts - Amherst.

Check its web site at www.neccc.org for all the details, which include a listing of presentations, competition and model shoots. The featured speaker is Andre Gallant of New Brunswick, CA.

Conference fee is \$135.00 per person, with room and board available at additional cost.

Pemberton CC Leaves NJFCC

President Rick Perkowski advised:

"It is with a sense of loss that I must inform you that Pemberton Camera Club has opted not to renew their membership in NJFCC due to declining membership."

Monmouth County Fair:

The Monmouth County Fair will be held on July 26 to 30. The theme for the photography contest at the fair this year will be "Monmouth County Historic Sites". They are looking for photographs of historic sites and places in Monmouth County towns and neighborhoods that reflect the county's rich history and make it an attractive and interesting place to live and visit. More information and a full brochure for the fair will be posted on the Monmouth County Park Systems website in May. www.monmouthcountyparks.com.

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2006 Spring Print Competition

Cranford/Millburn CC, April 10, 2006
 Judges: Marie M. Kane, Ridgewood CC
 Heinz W. Otto, Watchung Arts Center
 Rick Perkowsky, Livingston CC

<u>Participating Clubs</u>	<u>Mono A</u>	<u>Mono B</u>	<u>Color A</u>	<u>Color B</u>	<u>Trade</u>
Cranford-Millburn CC	1		10	3	
Essex CC			6		6
Greenbriar @ Whittingham		5		8	2
Hillcrest CC	10	7	9	8	
Hubb CC			2		
Livingston CC	8		12		
Monmouth CC		4	4	4	5
Morris Photo Color		2	4	2	2
Ridgewood CC	7	2	12	9	7
South Jersey CC	9	2	11	3	2
Teaneck CC	3		10		
Tri County CC			2	10	
TOTAL	38	22	82	47	24

Results:

Monochrome Class B

Windless	by Kenneth Volpe	Medal	Hillcrest CC
John Oliver's Place	by Sue Anders	MA	Hillcrest CC
Beyond Myth	by William Duryea	HM	Hillcrest CC
Timeless Flame	by Howard Wichansky	HM	Monmouth CC
Lines and Circles	by John Lalanas	HM	Monmouth CC

Monochrome Class A

Zebra	by Roland Fulde	Medal	South Jersey CC
Waits River Church	by Roland Fulde	MA	South Jersey CC
Yosemite View	by Lilian Fulde	HM	South Jersey CC
Ed	by Linda Hollinger	HM	South Jersey CC
Spring Blossom	by Rich Gheno	HM	Ridgewood CC
White Lily Close Up	by Rich Gheno	HM	Ridgewood CC
Virginia Through the Gate	by Peter O'Malley	HM	Ridgewood CC

Color Class B

Spent Fuel	by Ken Volpe	Medal	Hillcrest CC
Rochet Woman and Child	by Ralph Baron	MA	South Jersey CC
Rats Pond	by Ken Volpe	HM	Hillcrest CC
Acoma Window	by Howard Wichansky	HM	Monmouth CC
Taj Mahal	by Ralph Baron	HM	South Jersey CC
Snow Bound	by Frank Wojcicki	HM	Ridgewood CC
Sensuous Lily	by Walter Oliver	HM	Tri County CC
Warsaw Reflection	by Bob Parker	HM	Tri County CC
Leaves in Yellow& Gray	by Lester Pfeffer	HM	Tri County CC

2006 Spring Print Competition [continued]

Color Class A

Butterfly Migrating to Mars Flight	by Marjorie Forrest	Medal	Ridgewood CC
Run-off Stream	by Florence Robin	MA	South Jersey CC
Crane Flight Sequence	by Rich Gheno	HM	Ridgewood CC
Grist Mill on Glade Creek	by Douglas Goodell	HM	Ridgewood CC
Posing Parrot	by Fred Helfst	HM	Ridgewood CC
Ceiling Tiles	by Maggie Malino	HM	Ridgewood CC
Doe with Fawn	by Dennis Gottschalk	HM	Livingston CC
Day Lily Close-up	by Bill Cohen	HM	Livingston CC
Portrait of "Tigger"	by Janet Royce	HM	Monmouth CC
Prairie Home	by Lilian Fulde	HM	South Jersey CC
Send in the Clowns	by Lilian Fulde	HM	South Jersey CC
Wildebeest	by Ben Venezia	HM	Cranford-Millburn CC
The Dance	by Ebel Monroy	HM	Tri County CC
Storm Clearing, East River	by Ebel Monroy	HM	Tri County CC
Spoonfuls of Salt & Pepper	by Neal Rosenau	HM	Teaneck CC
	by Susan Candelano	HM	Teaneck

Trade

Brookdale Park Morning	by Leslie Hill	Medal	Essex CC
Waiting for the Tide	by Maria Aqardy	MA	Essex CC
Delicate White Peonies	by Della O'Malley	HM	Ridgewood CC
Lily with Bee	by Nancy Bozza	HM	Morris Photo Color
Misty Dreams	by Marilyn Holland	HM	Greenbriar @ Whittingham

2006 Schedule

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April 20-30 \$2,295
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Departs: Bozeman Airport

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Arches / Monument Valley
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What's Happenin' at NJFCC Members Club?
May 2006

<u>Club</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Judge or Speaker</u>
Camera Naturalist	Somerset Co. Env Ed. Center	5/11/06	Weather Make-Up Program: TBA	TBA
		5/25/06	Competition: Wildflowers	Judy Helderman
Central NJ	Ray Dwier Centre Groveville	5/4/06	Competition: Purple	Henry Rand
Cranford/Millburn	Bauer Comm. Center Milburn	5/8/06	Presentation: Photographing Waterfalls	Scott Cooper
	Bauer Comm. Center Milburn	5/22/06	Year-End Competition	Stanley Cantor, Phil Echo Joe Thomas
Essex	Caldwell United Methodist Church	TBA		
		TBA		
Gateway	Staten Island	TBA		
Greenbriar @ Whittingham	G@W Towne Centre Monroe Township	5/3/06	TBA	
		5/17/06	TBA	
Hillcrest	Phillipsburg Pilgrim Presby. Church	5/8/06	Digital Photography Presentation Photoshop CS 2.0	TBA
		5/22/06	Competition	Judging by Members
HUB	Rockaway Twp. Free Public Library	TBA		
Livingston	Sr./Comm. Center Livingston	5/8/06	Competition: Best of Year	George Hall, Peter Lekos Ben Venezia
		5/23/06	End of Year Awards Dinner	
Mapleshade/Moorestown	Mapleshade Municipal Building	5/9/06	Presentation: Predators of North America	Susan Puder
Monmouth	Colt's Neck Reformed Church	5/11/06	Open Slide and Print Competition	Judy Helderman
		5/25/06	Presentation: Filters—How, When, Where, Why	Brien Szabo
Morris	AT&T Building Florham Park	5/5/06	Presentation: A Tour of Japan	Steve Mosseau
		5/12/06	52nd Annual MPC Salon	Alan Kaplan
Ocean County	Lakewood High School	5/8/06	Presentation: Out of the Ordinary	Joe Thomas
		5/15/06	Competition: Photojournalism	Tom Stillman
		5/22/06	Competition: Print and Slide	Tibor Vari
		5/29/06	No Meeting	
Palisades	Palisades Medical Center	TBA		

What's Happenin' at NJFCC Members Club?

May 2006

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<u>Club</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Judge or Speaker</u>
Pemberton	Member's Homes	1st Thursday	TBA	
Photographers of Sussex County	Sussex Co. Fairgrounds	5/15/06	Crummy Camera Results	
Photographic Soc. of So. Jersey	ACUA Bldg. Egg Harbor	5/10/06	NJFCC Print Contest	
Photographic Soc. of Vineland	Christ Church Newfield	5/4/06	Competition: Open-Open Print PSV Critique	
Plainfield	Fleetwood Museum Plainfield	5/3/06	Competition: Generations and Signs - Wild and Tacky	
		5/16/06	Scavenger Hunt Competition	
		5/30/06	Competition: Slide and Print of the Year	
Raritan Photographic Society	Library East Brunswick	5/11/06	Competition: The Active Marketplace	
	High School East Brunswick	5/25/06	Presentation: Landscapes and Gardens	Nancy Ori
Ridgewood	Women's Club Wyckoff	5/3/06	Executive Committee Meeting	
		5/10/06	Annual Competition	Roman Kurywczak, Peter Lekos Gordon Emrich
		5/17/06	PSA Travel Slide Competition	
		5/20/06	Workshop: Close-Up Flower Photography	Dieter Steinmayer
		5/24/06	Presentation: From Photoshop to Photo Art	Howard Knauer
		5/31/06	Annual Dinner and Awards	
Somerset County	Co. Library Bridgewater	5/9/06	Competition: Open and Photo Essay	
		5/23/06	Simple Techniques for Photoshop CS 2.0	Tom Icklan
South Jersey	Medford Leas Community Center	5/19/06	Scavenger Hunt	Sharon Gekoski-Kimmel
Teaneck		5/2/06	Workshop: TBD	
		5/9/06	Program: Archival Demystified	David Bremmer
		5/16/06	Competition: Pictorial	Judy Helderman
		5/23/06	Members Program	
		5/30/06	Membership Meeting and Short Shots	Keli Dougherty
Tri - County	Nutley High School	5/2/06	Competition: Pictorial and Prints	Tibor Vari
		5/9/06	Competition: Annual Nature	Vinnie Kempf
		5/23/06	Annual Awards Dinner	
Vailsburg	Springfield	TBA		

