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IN THE NEWS:

Canon is offering instant rebates from May 3 to July 11th on the 50D, Rebel XSi and Rebel XS as well as many lenses and speedlights. New firmware releases are available for the Canon 50D firmware version 1.0.6, the Canon Rebel XSi version 1.1.0 and the Rebel XS version 1.0.5. Nikon has updated firmware for the D40 and D40X DSLRs. In addition, Nikon has updated Camera Control Pro 2, the remote control software for DSLRs to version 2.5.0 and has added support for the new D5000.

As mentioned last month, Nikon had an upcoming press conference in mid April and announced their latest DSLR, an entry level unit with many of the features of the excellent Nikon D90 in a much smaller and lighter camera. It has the same 12.3 megapixel sensor, autofocus system, sensor-shaking mechanism to eliminate dust spots and 4.5 shots per second burst rate as the more expensive D90 including hi definition video. The D5000 has a flip-out, swiveling screen on the back which enables the photographer to shoot at a variety of angles. It sounds like an advanced point-and-shoot but in fact is a true DSLR. The list price is \$729.95 for the body only and \$849.95 with 18-55mm VR lens. Early reviews are very good. WOW!!! Would you believe the Nikon D200 was selling this past week online only from Best Buy for \$599? This is a high level camera almost at the price of a point-and-shoot. This reduced price only shows up if you select the item to put in your shopping cart. If you don't need the latest and greatest, this is a great buy, if they have any left.

Speaking of deals, I was really upset that B&H discontinued an item I was saving up for, namely the used version of the Canon 1200mm f/5.6 lens. At the rate I was saving, I would have been able to get one when I was 429 years old and that's not including sales tax. Is it true that this lens cost more than the S class Mercedes? I wonder if you could use it handheld?

Panasonic has released firmware updates for several of their Lumix model cameras.

Noise Ninja updated their standalone firmware to version 2.20.

A Canon Powershot G10 service notice has been announced. A specific batch of this model has lines in some images and will be fixed for free after contacting Canon's customer support center.

GE ANNOUNCES 500 GIGABYTE STORAGE ON A SINGLE DISC:

GE has made a major breakthrough which will put the storage capacity of 100 DVDs on a single standard size disk by using holographic technology.. This will be the next generation of low cost storage and will be a CD, DVD and Blue Ray replacement. It has tremendous scientific, commercial and consumer uses. This technology will probably start to appear in products as early as 2011 or 2012. It is just a laboratory success at this point and must now be developed to work in products that can be mass produced at affordable prices.

VERY HOT RUMOR:

The buzz on the internet is that Canon is releasing pre-production models of the anticipated Canon 1D Mark4 DSLR to working press photographers with an announcement upcoming in August and a release in September. This is just a rumor and may be pure bologna. Even if not true, it adds some spice to the summer.

TOPS IN NJ [PRINTS] 2009

April 8, 2009

Host: Cranbury Digital Camera Club

Judges: Nancy Ori
Joe Restuccia III
Kristina Kaye

Color

Title	Maker	Club	Award
L'aube	Jay Matusow	ROC	Plaque
Raindrops on a Water Lily	Ed Cohen	G@W	Medal
Flight in Golden Light	Frank Ingram	ESS	MA
Emily	Linda Hollinger	SJCC.	MA
Through the Ear of the Wind	Connie Fox	RID	MA
With the Wind	Michael Mund	ESS	MA
Great Egret with Green Lore	Peter O'Malley	RID	MA
Starry Night	Florence Robin	SJCC	HM
Orange Shutters	Camille LaPlaca Post	RID	HM
Castle Rock	Mike Iuzzolino	ROC	HM
Times Square	Todd Boressoff	ESS	HM
Long Legged Fly	Tam Stuart	CDCC	HM
Cape May Sunset	Jack Mroz	SJCC	HM

Statistics

Total number of entries	65
No. of accepted entries	61
20% goal (No. images)	12
Actual Award %	21%
No. awards	13
No. DQ	4
Average Score	21.33
No. of participating Clubs	9

Score	# Awarded
27	0
26	5
25	2
24	6
23	7
22	9
21	9
20	8
19	6
18	5
17	1
16	3
=/<15	0

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Mono

Title	Maker	Club	Award
Ferns in Grey Scale	Karen Goldenberg	CDCC	Plaque
Mountains in Winter	Dave Pierson	RID	Medal
Foggy Reflections	Gregory DeAngelis	CDCC	MA
The Diner	Jerry Gerber	CDCC	MA
Mr. Fix-It	Linda Hollinger	SJCC	MA
Canal St. Subway Elevator	Lynn Lander	RID	MA
Backlight Iris	Nancie Bozza	HUB	HM

Statistics

Total Entries	36
No. of eligible entries	35
20% goal	7
Actual Award %	20
No. actual awards	7
No. DQ	1
Average Score	20.49
No. Participating Clubs	8

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27	0
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**WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT NJFCC MEMBER CLUBS
IN
JUNE 2009?**

Club	Location	Date	Topic	Judge or Speaker
Camera Naturalist	Somerset Co. Env Ed. Center	6/11	End of Year Competition	Simon Leventhal, Peter Lekos, Marie Kane
		6/20	Picnis	
Central NJ	Ray Dwier Centre Groveville	6/4	Competition: Night Shots	TBA
Cranbury "Digital"	Cranbury Methodist Church	6/10	TBA	
		6/24	Competition: Clouds	
Cranford/Millburn	Spanish Tavern Mountainside	6/3	Annual Awards Banquet	Members
Essex	Caldwell United Methodist Church	6/4	Annual Dinner	
		6/18	Board Meeting	
E.C. Nature	Essex Co. Env. Center Roseland	TBA	TBA	
Gateway	Staten Island	6/3	End of Year Competition	Alan Leckner, Roz Rosenblum
		6/17	Year End Dinner	
Greenbriar @ Whittingham	G@W Towne Centre Monroe Township	6/3	Presentation: Wildlife of North America	Klaus-Dieter Schlein
		6/17	Competition: Open and Theme - Architecture	Ben Venezia
Hillcrest	Phillipsburg Pilgrim Presby. Church	6/8	Competition	Kim Koch, Chris Moore, Cindie Underhill
		6/19	Awards Dinner	
HUB	Mountain Lakes Library	6/6	Picnic and Special Program Abstracts and Macro	Brien Szabo
		6/22	Program: Waterfall and Wildlife Photography	Tibor Vari
Livingston	Sr./Comm. Center Livingston	No Meeting		
Mapleshade/Moorestown	Mapleshade Municipal Building	6/2	Program: How To and Kashmir	Marty Maglieri
Monmouth	Colt's Neck Reformed Church	6/11	Annual Club Slide and Print Competition	
		6/25	General Planning Meeting	
Morris	AT&T Building Florham Park	6/7	Annual Club Picnic	
Ocean County	Lakewood High School	6/8	Program: Adventures with Photography	
		6/15	Presentation: A Bridge to Photoshop	

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Plainfield	Fleetwood Museum North Plainfield	6/3	Awards Banquet	
Princeton Photography Club	The 1860's House Skillman	TBA	TBA	
Pocono Photo Club	East Stroudsburg, PA	No Meeting		
Raritan Photographic Society	Library East Brunswick	No Meeting		
	NB High School	No Meeting		
Ridgewood	Women's Club Wyckoff	6/3	Executive Committee	
Rockland	Clarkstown Comm. Center, NYC	6/4	Image of the Year Competition	
		6/18	End of Year Dinner	
Somerset County	Bound Brook Memorial Library	6/9	End of Year Competition	Ben Venezia and Joe Thomas
		6/23	Planning Meeting	
South Brunswick	South Brunswick Public Library	TBA	TBA	
South Jersey	Medford Leas Community Center	6/16	Presentation: Elements of Composition	David Gurtcheff
Staten Island	S.I. Inst. for Arts & Sciences	6/4	Year End Dinner and Awards	
Teaneck	Roda Rec Center Teaneck	6/2	Workshop	
		6/9	Program: Macro Photography	Brien Szabo
		6/16	End of Year Competition and Annual Dinner	Ben Venezia and Others
		6/23	Executive Board Meeting	
Tri-County	Nutley High School	No Meetings		
Vailsburg		TBA	TBA	

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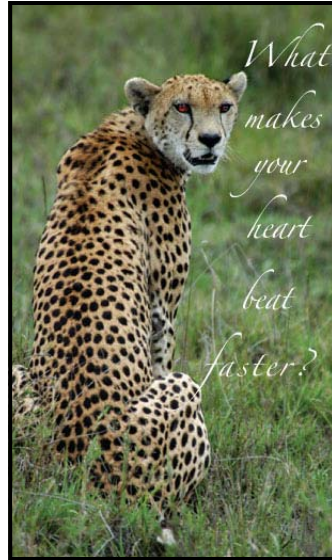


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