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RIDGEWOOD CAMERA CLUB'S 28TH INTERNATIONAL

The Ridgewood Camera Club would like to invite all NJFCC clubs to participate in a "Best NJFCC Club" Entry. Six members, at least, must enter. More is fine. I will pick the best six of a club's entry, if more than six.

Since there is a \$2.00 discount for each participating entrant, Pay Pal cannot be used. Each individual must pay the \$6.00 entry fee by check. Or a club might allow its members to group their checks or send a single check for the club, list of members enclosed.

A listing of all entering members must be sent to me. I'll pick out the best six, if more than six. Checks should go to Marie. Our addresses below.

With at least five clubs entering, we will offer a first place plaque, a second place plaque and a third place HM ribbon.

Ridgewood Camera Club is not participating. The Interclub is Color Projected Image Divison - Open section only. Any member who wishes to enter the Nature sections as well may. It will be \$12.00 for CPID and one Nature section, for CPID and two Nature sections, \$16.00.

The website for the International is in place. The closing date is January 19, 2011. No entries accepted after that date. Judging day is January 29, 2011. Reports go out by February 6, 2011.

Go to our website <ridgewoodcameraclub.org> click on International for entering information and form.

Questions, come to me. <chick440@optonline.net>

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EQUIPMENT REVIEW

Trek Pod II

Jonathon Lawton,
Hunt's Photo and Video



As a photographer, I have a love-hate relationship with my tripod. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy tack sharp images and the enhanced depth of field capabilities a tripod provides, but I despise lugging it around out in the field. I couldn't tell you how many shots I missed because I was too lazy to carry my tripod. Luckily, the people at Trek-Tech released a gadget that will make carrying a camera support in the field much easier.

The TrekPod II could be best described as a photographer's multi-tool. It is a mix between a walking stick, monopod and a tripod. It is designed to support cameras, binoculars or any other device that has a one-quarter-inch threaded mount. The TrekPod II is made of two telescoping brushed aluminum columns, weighs 1 pound, 11 ounces and its height adjusts from 43 inches to 62 inches.

The TrekPod II has three legs built into its lower section that unfold into a freestanding tripod. The top of the TrekPod II features a small adjustable mini ball-head with a magnetic quick release plate for securing your camera to the stand. The quick release plate supports up to nine pounds. In my evaluation, the TrekPod II securely supported a 3-pound load that consisted of a Canon 70-300mm IS lens attached to 50D. With such a large load capacity, I can easily see the TrekPod II being able to handle the majority of consumer and professional SLRs with up to a medium telephoto lens.

The TrekPod II is a great solution for a photographer who seeks the creative possibilities a full-size tripod provides, but wants to avoid dealing with the weight and bulk often associated with the device. The TrekPod II comes shipped with a padded carrying case, the MagMount mini ball-head and two quick-release adapters with a safety clip.

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A CALL FOR NJFCC CITATION NOMINATIONS

A long standing tradition with NJFCC is to honor persons who have contributed to the world of photography in New Jersey well beyond the usual club activities. They are people who have extended themselves by organizing new clubs, judging competitions sponsored by other member clubs, have presented workshops in an area of their expertise, have contributed to or held private exhibits to the public and have generally given of themselves beyond the call of duty to further the art of photography.

It is with these criteria that we need from you, candidates for the Honors Committee to view and select a person or persons worthy of this Citation and be honored at the next Photorama in Spring 2011.


Please go on to the NJFCC web site and fill in the editable necessary forms and forward them to me at gemrichjr@aol.com

Sincerely, Gordon Emrich, NJFC Chairman
Roman Kurywczak, NJFC
Brent Archibald, Pres. HUB CC



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WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT NJFCC MEMBER CLUBS
IN
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Club	Location	Date	Topic	Judge or Speaker
Camera Naturalist	Somerset Co. Env Ed. Center	1/13 1/27	Competition: Open and Zoology Black and White Photography	Chuck Moore Nick Palmieri
Central NJ	Ray Dwier Centre Groveville		No Meeting	
Cranbury "Digital"	Cranbury Methodist Church	1/26	Competition: Geologic	
Cranford/Millburn	George Bauer Community Center, Millburn	1/13	Terry Boyer Competition	Chuck Moore
Essex	Caldwell United Methodist Church	1/6 1/20	Meeting: An Evening of How-To's Competition: Nature and Pictorial	Dawn Healey David DesRoches
E.C. Nature	Essex Co. Env. Center Roseland	TBA	TBA	
Gateway	Staten Island	1/5 1/19	Competition: B&W, Color and Creative Program: What Does a Judge Look for in a Photograph	Roz Rosenbloom Ros Rosenbloom
Greenbriar @ Whittingham	G@W Towne Centre Monroe Township	1/5 1/19	Workshop: Printing Competition: Monochrome	John Sandstedt Joe Tanski
Hillcrest	Phillipsburg Pilgrim Presby. Church	1/11 1/25	Competition Workshop: Stretching the Envelope	Inside Judges Howard McGinn
HUB	Mountain Lakes Library	TBA	TBA	
Livingston	Sr./Comm. Center Livingston	1/10 1/24	Competition #4	Joe Thomas, NJFC Alan Leckner
Mapleshade/Moorestown	Mapleshade Municipal Building	1/4	Presentation: Palmyra Cov Competition: Weather	Bennett Landsman
Metedeconk	Metedeconk Lakes Clubhouse	1/19	Program: Digital Image Critique	
Monmouth	Colt's Neck Reformed Church	1/13 1/27	Presentation: Photographic Society of America Merit Judging—Prints Only	Elena McTigue Bruce Tucker
Morris Photocolor	Morristown Town Hall Sr. Center, 3rd Floor	1/5 1/16	Competition: Open Pictorial Presentation: France	Ben Venezio, NJFC Dave Mills, NJFC
Ocean County	Lakewood High School	TBA	TBA	
Photographers of Sussex Co.	Sussex Co. Fairgrounds	1/17	Competition: Autumn Photo	
Photographic Soc. of Vineland	Newfield Senior Center	TBA	TBA	
Plainfield	Fleetwood Museum North Plainfield	1/6	Members Night	
Pocono	East Stroudsburg Uni- versity	TBA	TBA	
Princeton Photography Club	The 1860's House Skillman		Many Meetings - See Website	
Raritan Photographic Society	EB Library American Legion	1/20 1/27	Presentation: From Minor Leagues to the Olympic Games Digital Competition: Full Depth of Field	Ron Wyatt TBA
Ridgewood	Women's Club Wyckoff	1/12 1/19 1/26 1/29	Competition: Print #3 Competition: Nature #3 Program #4: How to Make a Video with an DSLR Judging: Ridgewood Internatural	Roman Kurywczak, NJFC Ben Venezio, NJFC Unique Photo TBA
Rockland Photography	Clarkstown Community Center, NYC	1/6 1/20	Competition #4: Open, Mind/Abstractions Workshop: Photoshop Selections and Adjustments	David Mills, NJFC Jay Matusow

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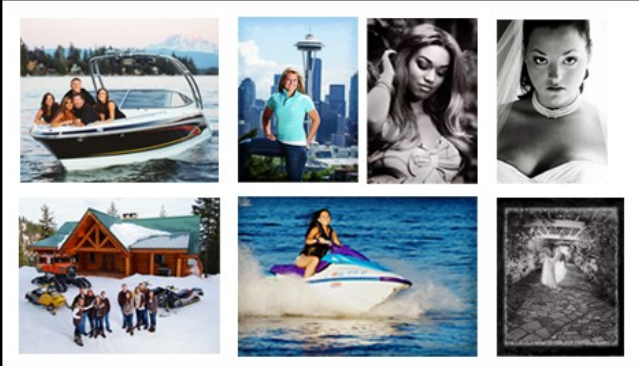
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Somerset County	Bound Brook Memorial Library	1/11 1/25	Competition: Open and Glass Member Critique	Brien Szabo
South Brunswick	South Brunswick Public Library	1/5	TBA	
South Jersey	Medford Leas Community Center	1/18	Presentation: Selling Your Work On The Internet Competition: Prints and Digital	Christopher Pedrick Marvin Harper
Sparta	Sparta Ambulance Squad	TBA	TBA	
Staten Island	Museum	1/20 TBA	Program: Macro Workshop Snug Workshop: Macro Shoot Practice	Tony McKay Club Members
Teaneck	Rodda Rec Center Teaneck	1/11 1/18 1/25	Program: Jungle of the Maya Competition: Projected Nature and Pictorial Program: Image Critiques	Doug Goodell TBA TBA
Tri - County	Nutley High School	1/11 1/18	Competition: Nature and Prints Special Presentation: Telling a Story	