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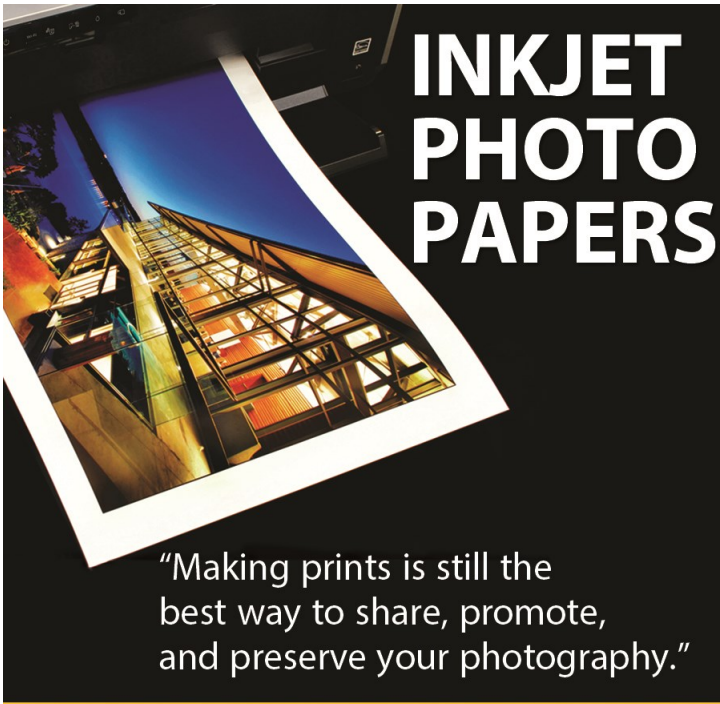
By Rick Berger
HUB Camera Club

Don't be afraid to rip your own work apart. Have the guts to say, "This picture really stinks." Now figure out why it doesn't meet up with your definition of what comprises a good image and how you can do better next time. Also, share your work with others, but make sure they're the type who can offer constructive criticism. By that I mean other photo enthusiasts, pro photographers, or artists. If you truly want to shoot better shots and are willing to take the criticism, showing your photos to Aunt Sylvia just won't hack it. What you'll hear is, "Very nice. Ooh, look at how straight Bonnie's hair is in this picture!" That's not to say you shouldn't share your shots with friends or relatives in person or online. Just realize that these situations aren't meant to be a forum for improving your photo skills.

Finally, if you're ready to take the criticism, don't get defensive. You can have a conversation with the person beating you up, but don't become Mohammed Ali in defending your work. If all he hears is a bunch of "Yeah buts" such as "Yeah, but the focus is really good" or "Yeah, but look at how vibrant the colors are," the critique will be over...very quickly.

Remember, there's no right or wrong with art. The final word lies with you, the artist. If the whole world thinks that one of your shots is terrible, but you love it, then keep on loving it.

This photo stuff can be a lot of fun...especially if you're not doing it to put bread on table. So have fun with it. If it gets to be too much of a job, it's time to take a break. Go play golf or something. Just don't ask someone to criticize your swing.



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WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT NJFCC MEMBER CLUBS in December 2015?

Club	Location	Date	Topic	Judge or Speaker
Camera Naturalist	Somerset Env. Ctr. Basking Ridge		No Meetings	
Cranbury "Digital"	Cranbury Methodist Church	12/9	Competition: Macros	
Cranford/Millburn	Bauer Ctr. Millburn	12/14	Terry Boyer Competition And Holiday Party	Marie Kane, NJFCC
Essex Photo	Caldwell Comm Ctr Caldwell	12/4 12/18	Competition: Sports and Action Program: Unusual Nature/Kitchens	
4 Seasons@Manalapan	FSM Clubhouse	TBA	TBA	
Gateway	Sacred Heart School Staten Island, NY	12/2 12/16	Competition Holiday Social	Joe Tanski
Hillcrest	Phillipsburg Pilgrim Presby. Ch.	12/14	Competition	
HUB	Mountain Lakes Library	12/14	Holiday Party	
Hunterdon County	Bethlehem Pres. Church, Pittstown	12/8	Competition: White	
Livingston	Livingston Commu- nity/Senior Center	12/7 12/21	Open Competition 3 Program: Abracadabra Competition: Blue	Nick Palmieri, NJFC Wayne Kliewer
Metedeconk Lakes	Jackson.	12/2	Critique: Projected Images	
Monmouth	Colt's Neck Reformed Church	12/3 12/17	Program: Mindful Photography Merit Judging: Open	Brien Szabo Florence Robin, NJFC
Monroe	Monroe Township Comm. Center	12/2 12/16	Competition Workshop	
Morris Photocolor	Morristown Sr. Center, 3rd Floor	12/2 12/17	Program: A Photog's Guide - Iceland Member Shorts, Holiday Party	Phil Witt
Ocean County	Girls Scouts of the Jersey Shore Toms River	12/7 12/14 12/21	Holiday Party, Covered Dish Program: What Makes the World Run? Competition: monochrome Pl's	Greg DeAngelis
Photographers of Sussex Co.	Sussex Co. Fairgrounds	12/14	Holiday Party	
Pocono	NCC Monroe Tannersville	TBA	TBA	
Princeton	D&R Greenway LandTrust Princeton	12/9	General Meeting	

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Raritan Photographic Society	American Legion Hall - Milltown		No Meeting	
Ridgewood	VFW Hall Franklin Lakes.	12/2 12/8 12/16	Exec. Committee Holiday Party Program 3: China Photo Trip Off the Beaten Path	Eric Dong
River Pointe	RP Clubhouse Manchester	TBA	TBA	
Rockland Photography	Clarkstown Comm Ctr. New City	12/17	Competition: Abstract	Ford Weisberg
Somerset County	Bound Brook Memorial Library	12/8	Competition: Landscape and Open	Dave Mills, NJFC
Sparta	Sparta Amb. Squad	12/2	Regular Meeting	
Staten Island	Snug Harbor Cul- ture Center Learning Center	12/3 12/17	TBA TBA	
Stone Bridge	SB Clubhouse Monroe	TBA	TBA	
Teaneck	Rodda Rec Center Teaneck	12/1 12/8 12/15	DVD Night: Annie Leibvitz, Life thru a Lens Competition: Prints Program: TBA	Rich Lewis
Tri - County	Nutley H. S.	12/1	Program: Before and After Photos/Favorites	
Vailsburg	Bailey Civic Center	TBA	TBA	

NJFCC FALL Print Competition

Teaneck Camera Club

November 17, 2015

Monochrome Competition

			Total			Hon.
Title	Maker	Club	Score	Medal	Merit	Men.
The Reading Room	Jordan Basem	Livingston	26	MEDAL		
Rolleiflex	Howard Wichansky	Monmouth	25		MERIT	
Tuckahoe Junction	Bill Olsen	Ridgewood	25		MERIT	
Corn of Columbus & Gurney CM	Bob Sayegh	Teaneck	25		MERIT	
Hand Made	Scott Allen	Gateway	24			HM
White Poppy	Nancie Bozza	HUB	24			HM
Wealth of Knowledge	Arnie Goldstein	Monmouth	24			HM
Cell Block #2	David Carboy	Monmouth	24			HM

Color C Print Competition

			Total			Hon.
Title	Maker	Club	Score	Medal	Merit	Men.
Tribute In Light From the E. River	Scott Allen	Gateway	27	MEDAL		
Unfortunate Narwhall	Robert Gollance	Ridgewood CC	26		MERIT	
Tufa Towers	Jordan Basem	Livingston	25			HM
On The High Beam	Dieter Bieler	SI Camera Club	25			HM
In The Slot	Howard McGinn	Hillcrest	25			HM
Night Reflections	David Carboy	Monmouth	25			HM
Flower Close Up	Dieter Bieler	SI Camera Club	25			HM
Happy Face	Hal Crosthwaite	Hub	25			HM
Flower Goddesses	Barbara Hoffman	SI Camera Club	25			HM
Old Mill	Arnie Goldstein	Monmouth	25			HM
Nishikori Back Hand	Brent Archibald	Hub	25			HM
ESP Hair Club For Men	Bob Gallagher	Ridgewood CC	24			HM
January Dawn	John Lalanes	Monmouth	24			HM
Marby Mill In Autumn	Joan Moran	Hub	24			HM
Sisters Of The Night	Bob Gallagher	Ridgewood CC	24			HM
Solitude	Richard Koch	Livingston	24			HM
59 th Street Bridge	Todd Boressoff	Essex Photo Club	24			HM
White Horse In Peace	Mike Montalvo	Hillcrest	24			HM
Too Funny For Words	Richard Koch	Livingston	24			HM
Over The Rainbow	Alda Delorenzo	Teaneck	24			HM
Street Shoot	Eric Mayr	SI Camera Club	24			HM
Philadelphia At Night	Bill Olsen	Ridgewood CC	24			HM

NJFCC FALL Print Competition

Teaneck Camera Club

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Color Prints (continued)

			Total			Hon.
Title	Maker	Club	Score	Medal	Merit	Men.
White Mouth Moray	Hal Crosthwaite	Hub	24			HM
Ida's Albanian Breakfast	Alison Hein	Teaneck	24			HM
Opened Pod	Carol Mayr	SI Camera Club	24			HM
Columbine	Nacie Bozza	Hub	24			HM

Statistics

Number Of	Club	Total	Average		Merit	Honorable
Entries		Score	Score	Medal	Award	Mention
5	Gateway	111	22.20			1
6	Hillcrest	120	20.00			
4	HUB	84	21.75			1
1	Livingston	26	26.00	1		
11	Monmouth	247	22.45		1	2
9	Ridgewood CC	192	21.33		1	
11	SI Camera Club	227	20.64			
15	Teaneck	323	21.53		1	
62				1	3	4

Number Of	Club	Total	Average		Merit	Honorable
Entries		Score	Score	Medal	Award	Mention
8	Cranberry	181	22.63			
6	Essex Photo	124	20.67			1
5	Gateway	111	22.20	1		
9	Hillcrest	184	20.44			2
15	HUB	332	22.13			5
8	Livingston	179	22,38			3
18	Monmouth	386	21.44			3
9	Ridgewood CC	207	23.00		1	3
13	SI Camera Club	289	22.23			5
14	Teaneck	289	20.64			2
105				1	1	24

Dennis Arculeo, Co-Print Chair
Eric Mayr, Co-Print Chair
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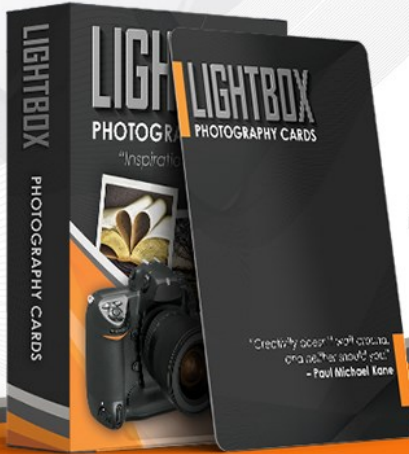
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