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End of Year

With the Delegates Meeting of May 1, the NJFCC Year of 2016-17 officially came to a close. A number of successes were achieved, most notably Photorama 2017—a sellout and generally recognized worth-while event.

Long time Treasurer, Vinnie Kempf, retired. Al Brown, Pictorial Chair, agreed to hang on for another year until the position can be assumed by Bob Thomas. So, it looks like the 2017-18 Officers and Chairpersons line-up will be.

President: Stacie Lindsey - current term ends 12/31
Secretary: Vicki DeVico - position has no term limit
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VP1: Al Brown - current term ends 12/31
VP2: Charlotte Farlow - current term ends 12/31
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Pictorial Chair Al Brown - retiring end of year
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We thank these folks for, once again, stepping up to the plate. You'll notice that a number clubs have begun their Summer Hiatus. More will join them as we get to the summer months. Accordingly, this will be the final issue of the Cable Release for this year; watch for the next issue in August.

Hope you have a great summer.

Federation Has Two Citation Winners

The New Jersey Federation of Camera Clubs bestowed on two of its members its highest honor, the NJFC Citation. The Citation is in recognition of individual contributions to the advancement of the art and science of photography in the state of New Jersey. **Phil Witt** and **Vicki DeVico** received their Award Citations, advisory letters and lapel pins at Photorama 2017, Saturday, April 29th.

An Honors Committee comprised of George Hall, Stacey Lindsey and Greg DeAngelis made the selection. Phil was sponsored by Dave DeRochers; Vicki was sponsored by her husband, Lou DeVico.



Greg DeAngelis, Stacey Lindsey, Vicki DeVico, Lou DeVico



Greg DeAngelis, Stacey Lindsey, Phil Witt, Dave DesRochers

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Macromania

by Rick Berger
HUB Camera Club

Are you a macromaniac? I am. A recent scientific study (conducted by me) concluded that approximately one fifth of the photographic population suffers from this affliction. The disease known as macromania causes one to engage in the strange behavior of shooting close-ups, I mean real close-ups, of many things found on the planet Earth. The question being asked by the photographic community is, "Is having this problem really a bad thing?" My answer is "Definitely not!"

When you look at photo magazines, exhibits, online photo sharing websites etc. you'll see gazillions of shots of landscapes, portraits, action shots etc. Once in a while you'll see some nice macro work, but not that often. Perhaps it's because people figure that they just don't have the right lens or camera to do the job. Maybe they simply haven't allowed themselves the time to explore the wonderful world of tiny things or the smallest areas of larger objects.

I find that doing macro photography provides a wonderful break from the world around us. When I zoom in on something, whether it's moving (a bee sucking pollen from a flower) or stationary (the wavy lines on a piece of bark) I'm no longer distracted by the world around me. I don't have to worry about some tourist walking in front of me to pose with his cousin Ira in front of the Pyramids or some referee who just invaded my space and screwed up my best shot ever of my grandson's soccer game.

There are several definitions out there describing macro photography. These include microphotography, photomicrography, and macro photography. However, what it really boils down to is the size of the subject in relation to the size it appears on your camera's sensor. A close-up is the range from 1/10th life-size to just below life-size. Macro is the range from life-size to 10x life-size. Micro is anything above 10x life-size. Most photographers simply lump them all into one definition and call it macro photography.

Exploring the fascinating world of small stuff doesn't really require a lot of fancy equipment. A really good 60mm macro lens or perhaps the longer 105mm (so you can stand back from the insect and not "bug" him (sorry) will be helpful, but I've also shot some nice close-up images with my 18-200mm zoom. Of course with that type of lens you really can't get in super close because it won't focus at that distance but with today's really good camera sensors, you may be able to shoot from a little farther back and then successfully enlarge the image on your computer, adding some detail using software specially designed for that purpose (Lightroom's Detail Slider, Topaz's Detail program.)

As most of us "senior photographers" know, as we age our vision worsens. With that comes the inability to discern extreme details in what we're looking at. Focusing in on a small area or a small subject allows us to see a myriad of details, textures, and colors which we might not normally see when we simply look at an object. In those small details we can discover patterns, shapes and abstract forms which often provide us with a wonderful photographic image. Some of these images look like abstract art while others mirror the look of full sized objects like a rushing river or a mountain range. I've zoomed in on some rocks and discovered areas which, when I've looked at them on my computer, resemble the Grand Canyon.

If you haven't explored the wonderful world of macro photography, I suggest that you give it a try. It'll expand your vision of photography as a whole as well as help to enlarge your vision of the world around you.

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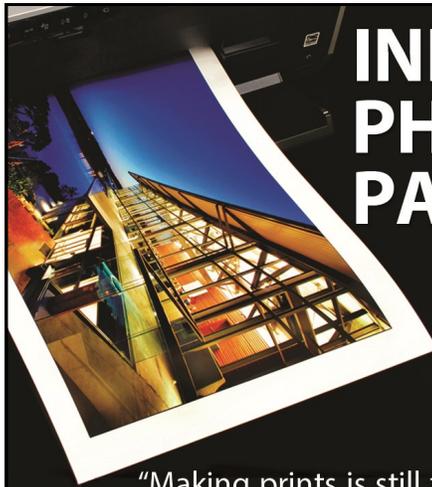
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**WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT NJFCC MEMBER CLUBS in
June 2017?**

Club	Location	Date	Topic	Judge or Speaker
Camera Naturalist	Somerset Env. Ctr. Basking Ridge	6/1	End of Year Competition	Susan Candelaria, Jerry Fornarotto, Vinnie Kempf
Cranbury "Digital"	Cranbury Methodist Church	6/14 6/28	Program: The Magic of Monochrome Competition: Children's Toys	John Sandstedt
Cranford/Millburn	Williams Nursery Bauer Ctr. Millburn		Hiatus	
Essex Photo	Caldwell United Methodist Church	6/1 6/8	Annual Awards Dinner Planning Meeting	Janet Markman EPC Comp. Chair
4 Seasons@Manalapan	FSM Clubhouse	6/12	Presentation: Is Photography Art" Competition: Open	Joel Goldberg
Gateway	Sacred Heart School Staten Island, NY	6/7 6/21	Year End Competiton Award Dinner	Brien Szabo, Roz Rosenblum
Hillcrest	Phillipsburg Pilgrim Presby. Ch.	6/12 6/23	Regular Competition End of Year Meeting Awards	
HUB	Mountain Lakes Library	6/26	Program: Nature and the Darkroom	Doug Goodell
Hunterdon County	Bethlehem Pres. Ch. Somerset Co. Library	6/11	Competition: One Color	
Livingston	Livingston Comm. Senior Center		Hiatus	
Metedeconk Lakes	Jackson.		Hiatus	
Monmouth	Colt's Neck Reformed Church	6/8 6/22 6/23	End of Year Competition Annual Planning Meeting Year End Party	Greg DeAngelis, Florence Robin TBA
Monroe	Monroe Township Comm. Center	6/7 6/21	Competition: Water Presentation: Bird Photography	Phil Witt
Morris Photocolor	Morristown Town Hall, Room 304 Senior Ctr. Room		Hiatus	
Ocean County	Girls Scouts of the Jersey Shore Toms River		Hiatus	
Photographers of Sussex Co.	Admin. Bldg., Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta.	6/19	Annual Competition	
Photographic Society of Vineland	Newfield Senior CTR Newfield	TBA	TBA	

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Pocono	NCC Monroe Tannersville	6/20	Scavenger Hunt Results	
Princeton	D&R Greenway Land Trust Princeton		Hiatus	
Raritan Photographic Society	American Legion Hall - Milltown		Hiatus	
Ridgewood	Franklin Lakes Meth. Church	6/7	Executive Committee	
River Pointe	RP Clubhouse Manchester	TBA	TBA	
Rockland Photography	Clarkstown Comm Ctr. New City		Hiatus	
Somerset County	Bound Brook Lib Somerset Co. Lib	6/13 6/27	End of Year Competition Planning Meeting	Susan Candelario Joel Morgovsky, Nanci Ori
Sparta	Sparta Amb. Squad	6/1	Shhot: Photography at Van Kirk	
Staten Island	Restaurant	6/1	Annual Dinner	
Stone Bridge	SB Clubhouse Monroe	TBA	TBA	
Teaneck	Rodda Rec Ctr Teaneck	6/13 6/20	Year End dinner, Awards Board Meeting	
Tri - County	Nutley Library		Hiatus	
Vailsburg	Bailey Civic Ctr.	TBA	TBA	

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NJFCC-Color Print Competition			Teaneck			Tops May 9, 2017				
Title	Maker	Club	1	2	3	TOT	Plaque	Med- al	Meri t	Hon-Men
I was here First!	Tam Stuart	Cranbury	9	8	9	26	YES			
Nice One!	Tam Stuart	Cranbury	9	8	9	26		YES		
After Dinner Delights	Dennis Arculeo	SICC	8	9	9	26			YES	
Red Fox in Under Brush	Susan Liddle	Cranbury	8	8	9	25				YES
Golden Eagle	Jordan Basem	Livingston	8	8	9	25				YES
The Stairs	Linda Heath	Cranbury	8	7	9	24				YES
Church Of Christ	Padma Inguva	Cranbury	8	7	9	24				YES
Afternoon Fishing	Susan Liddle	Cranbury	9	7	8	24				YES
Foraging Avocets	Tam Stuart	Cranbury	8	8	8	24				YES
Red Tail Hawk	Jordan Basem	Livingston	8	8	8	24				YES
A Flower	Jordan Basem	Livingston	9	7	8	24				YES
Crowned Tree Frog	Steven Fishkoff	Livingston	8	8	8	24				YES
Day Break on the Dunes	Bob Dowd	Monmouth	7	8	9	24				YES

NJFCC-Mono Print Competition			Teaneck			Tops May 9, 2017				
Awards										
Title	Maker	Club	1	2	3	TOT	Plaque	Med- al	Meri t	Hon-Men
The Dancer	Barbara Hoff- man	SICC	8	8	9	25	YES			
National Catheral	Jordan Basem	Livingston	9	8	8	25		YES		
Bad Lands	Jordan Basem	Livingston	8	8	8	24			YES	
Collapsed Roof	Lynn Lander	Ridgewood	8	8	8	24				YES
Ballerina	Barbara Hoff- man	SICC	8	8	8	24				YES
Stairs to the Unknown	Jordan Basem	Livingston	8	7	8	23				YES
The Painter	Carol Mayr	SICC	7	9	7	23				YES

JUDGES

- #1: Frank Wagner
- #2: Marie Kane
- #3: Jerry Fomarotto

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Clubs	No. of Entries	Average	Total Pts.	Plaque	Medal	Merit	HM
Cranberry	10	8.03	241	1	1		5
Hillcrest	3	7.33	66				
HUB	1	6.67	20				
Livingston	9	7.7	208				4
Monmouth	4	7.33	88				1
Ridgewood	3	7.11	64				
Staten Island CC	3	7.33	66			1	
Teaneck	5	7.07	106				
TOTAL	38			1	1	1	10

MONO PRINTS	No. of Entries	Average	Total Pts.	Plaque	Medal	Merit	HM
Cranberry	2	6.83	41				
Hillcrest	3	6.67	60				
Livingston	4	7.00	93		1	1	1
Monmouth	2	6.83	41				
Ridgewood	6	7.17	129				1
Staten Island CC	9	7.22	195	1			2
Teaneck	4	6.5	78				
TOTAL	30			1	1	1	4



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Following are our June specials. These specials will be offered through June 30, 2017 unless otherwise stated. Please note that several are based on limited quantities and I cannot issue rain checks. As always, UPS Ground shipping is FREE in the Lower 48 and there is no sales tax except for orders shipped to MA, RI or ME. +

New Products & Pre-orders. Phone me ASAP to pre-order any of these items:

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Sigma 100-400mm f/5-6.3 DG OS HSM **\$799**

Rumors & Pre-announcements:

Nikon D810 upgrade (D820?), rumored, not announced
Sigma 14mm f/1.8. Announced, no price yet.

Bird/Wildlife/Nature/Sports Telephoto Special Package:

[Tamron 150-600mm f/5-6.3 Di VC G2](#) with [Promaster GH25 Gimbal Head](#), **\$1,449.99**, a \$200 savings!

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Canon has continued their printer rebate program. Now through June 30, 2017 or until supplies run out, we are offering the [Canon Pixma PRO 10 printer](#) at \$379.99 before rebate (Canon sells it on their website for \$699.99). If you purchase the printer plus a package of 13x19x50 sheets of Canon Semi-Gloss or Luster paper, \$50, Canon will send you a \$250 mail in rebate! This is a pigment based printer and is always reviewed very well. Your final cost is **\$129.99** plus the paper!

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