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NJFCC *New Jersey Federation of Camera Clubs*

Crisis in the NJFCC

There is a crisis happening in the NJFCC. The Board members are considering disbanding the organization or suspending operation until some future date. The following situations exist:

Declining attendance at the monthly Delegates Meeting

No nominees to take the President, Secretary and other positions in 2019

Not enough volunteers to continue NJFCC activities and projects

For months now, delegate attendance at the monthly meetings has been waning to the point where there are not enough delegates attending to form a quorum for voting on Federation matters. By not sending delegates to the meetings, member clubs have shown that they are unwilling to assist.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer are stepping down at the end of 2018. The Federation needs a strong leader to organize and direct their activities and plan for the future. Unfortunately, the Federation was unable to find volunteers for a nominating committee who normally researches candidates and recommends a slate of officers for all the delegates to approve. Without nominations, there are no people to vote into office.

The Federation has provided a list of judges, a list of speakers, training for new judges, 9 tri-state competitions, an annual photography exhibit and Photorama, but without people who are willing to volunteer their time and energy, the Federation cannot support those functions. For example, Photorama 2019 was cancelled. Several ideas to provide more and better value to the member clubs have been proposed as have ideas to improve current practices, but again, due to a lack of volunteers to implement them, nothing has happened.

In summary, the Federation cannot support the activities without the help of people who are willing to commit to spending time on a share of the work that needs to be accomplished.

The Board recently met to discuss this crisis. The main thinking was to either disband now and dispose of the assets or to suspend operating and see what happens in the first half of 2019. While there are other possibilities, it appears that those options will not fix the problems. The Board will meet again before, or just after the December meeting to make a final decision.

If you or someone in your organization have comments that they would like to be heard, please put them in an email addressed to Ken Curtis njfcctreasurer@gmail.com. Ken will circulate the comments to the other board members.

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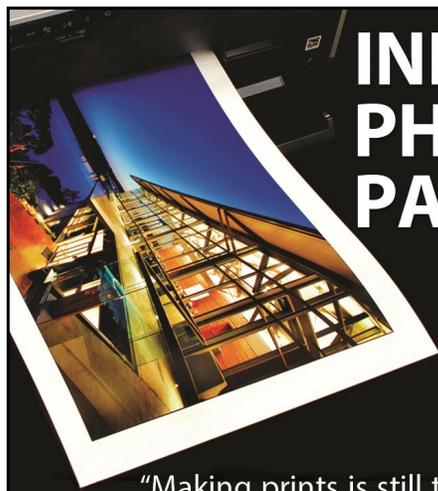
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Award Winning Images

2018 Fall Nature : 18-Oct-2018

Botany

Photographer	Club	Image Title	Award
Claire Gentile	Morris PhotoColor Club	April Showers	Medal
Carol Duffy	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Better from the Side	Merit
James Stachecki	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Emerging Flower	Merit
Alan Bogard	Monmouth Camera Club	Pink Beauty	Merit
Alan Bogard	Monmouth Camera Club	Profile	Merit
Jacek Kowalski	Ridgewood Camera Club	Sweethearts	Merit
Chris Kliewer	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Water Lily Close Up	HM
Brent Archibald	HUB Camera Club	Delightfully Pink	HM

General

Photographer	Club	Image Title	Award
James Lott	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Moab Milky Way	Medal
Brent Archibald	HUB Camera Club	Galactic Encounter	Merit
Cathy DesRochers	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Firehose from Kilauea Volcano	HM
David DesRochers	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Northern Lights Over Iceland	HM
Shlomo Haviv	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	A Misty Morning	HM
James Stachecki	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Teton Sunrise	HM
Eduard Moldoveanu	HUB Camera Club	The Volcano - Wild, Wild, West!	HM
Eduard Moldoveanu	HUB Camera Club	Years in the Making	HM
Anton Tikhonov	Monmouth Camera Club	Great Sand Dunes	HM
Gabriela Levit	Morris PhotoColor Club	The Milky Way	HM
Jacek Kowalski	Ridgewood Camera Club	Yosemite Mist	HM
John Redin	Ridgewood Camera Club	Aurora over Flagstadpollen	HM
Kathy Redin	Ridgewood Camera Club	Lofoten Sunrise	HM

Award Winning Images

2018 Fall Nature : 18-Oct-2018

Ornithology

Photographer	Club	Image Title	Award
Jessica Kirste	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Great Blue Heron with Fish	Medal
Wayne Kliewer	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Caracara With Bunny Head	Merit
Linda Van Seters	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Quick Snack	Merit
Terry Donofrio	Cranbury Digital Camera Club	Feeding Time	Merit
Terry Donofrio	Cranbury Digital Camera Club	Food for Family	Merit
Cathy DesRochers	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Feed Me	HM
David DesRochers	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Aerial Combat	HM
Maureen Duffy	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Puffin Jumping	HM
Natalie Gregorio	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Flaming Flamingo	HM
Jessica Kirste	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Oystercatcher with Food for Chick	HM
Mary Liddle	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Ibis Feeding	HM
Bun Chan	Ridgewood Camera Club	Diving Red Kite	HM
Bun Chan	Ridgewood Camera Club	Herring Gull with Catch	HM
Bill Giaimo	Teaneck Camera Club	Puffin headshot	HM

Zoology

Photographer	Club	Image Title	Award
Lee Wuenn	Morris PhotoColor Club	Yellow Eyelash No. 2	Medal
Jeff Norton	Teaneck Camera Club	I'm cold	Merit
Jim Duffy	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Morning Breath	HM
Maureen Duffy	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Smile	HM
Wayne Kliewer	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Trouble Approaches	HM
Judy Sedlak	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Monarch on Zinnia	HM
Lee Wuenn	Morris PhotoColor Club	Tree Frog No. 2	HM
Marsha Gruberman	Ridgewood Camera Club	Wolf Eyes	HM
Sam Ohan	Ridgewood Camera Club	Spider in Training	HM
Murray Perl	Ridgewood Camera Club	Theres One in Every Family	HM
Elaine Call	Teaneck Camera Club	Oh baby	HM

Award Winning Images

2018 Fall Pictorial : 22-Oct-2018

Nature

Photographer	Club	Image Title	Award
Chris Kliewer	Camera Natrualist Photo Club	Iceland Sunset	Medal
Peter Engelhardt	Morris PhotoColor Club	Milky Way	Merit
Cathy DesRochers	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Breakfast	HM
Jessica Kirste	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Bluebird Trying to Impress the Lady	HM
Wayne Kliewer	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Frog on Mirror	HM
Brent Archibald	HUB Camera Club	Stargazing at Beach Haen	HM
Anton Tikhonov	Monmouth Camera Club	Heart of Gold	HM
Chris Kliewer	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Iceland Sunset	

Creative

Photographer	Club	Image Title	Award
Vince Minckler	Monroe Photography club	Storm	Medal
Nick Palmieri	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Blue Poppy	Merit
Karen Racz	Morris PhotoColor Club	Black and Blue	Merit
David Unger	Morris PhotoColor Club	Bold in the City	Merit
185 Joseph Neuwirth	Rockland Photo Club	Helix	Merit
Lynn Padwee	Cranbury Digital Camera Club	Glass Wing Butterfly	HM
Laura Russomano	Essex Photo Club	Oil & Water Reflections	HM
Dreux Sawyer	Essex Photo Club	Morning Frost	HM
Rachel Katic	Teaneck Camera Club	Eerie Stigmas	HM
Vince Minkler	Monroe Photography Club	Storm	

Open

Photographer	Club	Image Title	Award
Jane Kicks	Ridgewood Camera Club	Still Life with Lantern	Medal
Claire Gentile	Morris PhotoColor Club	The Runway	Merit
Cathy DesRochers	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Icelandic Northern Lights	HM
David DesRochers	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Ste-Anne-de-Beaupre	HM
Chris Kliewer	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Grand Central Station Ballerinas	HM
Wayne Kliewer	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Serenity	HM
Thomas Knoop	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Henry's Hudson	HM
Linda Heath	Cranbury Digital Camera Club	The Rockery Chicago	HM
Todd Boressoff	Essex Photo Club	Morgan Library Class Trip	HM
Warren Marchioni	Essex Photo Club	Cubic Art	HM
Arcadio Shelichach	Essex Photo Club	Summer Rain	HM
Bob Thomas	Essex Photo Club	Hair Cot or Pulled Teeth	HM
Brent Archibald	HUB Camera Club	Nadal - 2018 US Open	HM
Alan Bogard	Monmouth Camera Club	Am I Blue	HM
Alan Bogard	Monmouth Camera Club	Fishing Nets	HM
Bob Dowd	Monmouth Camera Club	Five O'Clock Shadows	HM
John Sandstedt	Monmouth Camera Club	Red Rock Size Comparator	HM
Rachel Ellentuck	Morris PhotoColor Club	Purple Passion	HM
Claire Gentile	Morris PhotoColor Club	The Cocoon	HM
Jane Kicks	Ridgewood Camera Club	Into the Woods	HM
Jacek Kowalski	Ridgewood Camera Club	Iris & Bud	HM
Ping Wang	Ridgewood Camera Club	Reflecting Absence #1	HM
Ginger White	Ridgewood Camera Club	Nautilus	HM
123 Mike Iuzzolino	Rockland Photo Club	The Chamber	HM
Ellen Bedrosian	Teaneck Camera Club	Foggy morning dog walk	HM
Kathy Duke	Teaneck Camera Club	Dancing in the garden	HM
Marjorie Forrest	Teaneck Camera Club	Queen Ann	HM
Tracy Glasner	Teaneck Camera Club	Lady of the forest	HM
Rachel Katic	Teaneck Camera Club	The photo shoot	HM
Gil Rieser	Teaneck Camera Club	Reflections	HM
Wayne Ross	Teaneck Camera Club	Hot 57 Chevy	HM
Bob Sayegh	Teaneck Camera Club	Through the looking glass	HM
Jane Kicks	Ridgewood Camera Club	Still Life with Lantern	

Histomania
by Rick Berger
Member: HUB Camera Club
Livingston Camera Club

Hey, what's up with this histomania (or histogramania if you prefer)?

All I hear from camera club members lately is, "I checked my histogram and it said..." or "According to the histogram..."

It seems that many "photo enthusiasts" (aka "advanced amateurs") are completely hooked on relying on this little chart to guide them through their exposure woes. Not to dwell on the "good old days", but I'd like to remind you that many of us produced properly exposed images by relying on such simple methods as "bracketing", taking three shots; one underexposed, one overexposed, and one right in the middle. But let's not shun today's technology but rather, embrace it. I hereby give us all permission to use, but not abuse, the histogram, but not all of the time. Histogram peeking while shooting is like "chimping." I have no idea where this name came from, (in fact I've never seen a chimp using a digital camera) but it's the habit of constantly looking at the LCD screen to see how the last shot looks. So what happens when we do this? We miss the next shot...an image which may be better than the one we're busily checking on. And so it is with "histogramming." I've seen some photogs so concerned with staring at the histogram that they're missing the homerun being hit, the twirl of the Flamenco dancer, or the Orca whale leaping skyward from the sea.

If you're histo-addicted, why not try this out? Take a shot, look at the chart, then use it as an exposure guide for your upcoming shots if they're pictures which have lighting that is similar to your first shot. With today's advancements in autoexposure, under most circumstances, we're going to get enough rich blacks and whites that are white enough to give us a good array of values in both black and white or color. Then, back at home when we're editing on our computers we can make the necessary adjustments to bring back detail in the shadow areas (if that's what you want) and keep the highlights from being "blown out" (too white). The easiest way to do this is to get it right in camera by simply underexposing if you're shooting in really bright conditions.

My point is simply that you can lead a histogram free life and survive, or at least one with less dependence on this magic graph. For those who can't break their dependency and are totally histo-addicted, several rehab and treatment centers are about to open throughout the country.

Up until now I've spared you all the really bad puns that are running through my head, so now it's time to unleash them.

First is the newly introduced exposure graph designed solely for female photographers. It's known as the heristogram.

Next up is the award for those who hum while looking at the graph. They could be nominated for a histogrammy.

Those who get completely unhinged using the chart suffer from hysteria.

For those who get hungry while reading the graph we offer a snack known as histogram crackers.

Photographers who move around rhythmically while reading the chart will be classified as Martha HistoGram Dancers.

For the male photographer who's trying to invent a new type of graph, we bestow upon him the name Alexander HistoGram Bell.

For those students studying photography, schools are now offering a course in American History.

Finally, for those suffering from allergies while viewing their histogram, doctors are now prescribing antihistomines.

I have some others, but have chosen to exclude them since they're not politically correct.

For anyone wishing to add some really bad histogram puns to this list, feel free to contact me at ventevents@optonline.net.

WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT NJFCC MEMBER CLUBS in November 2018?

Club	Location	Date	Topic	Judge or Speaker
Camera Naturalist	Somerset Env. Ctr.	11/1 11/15	Competition: Botany and Zoology Program: CamNat University	Roman Kurywczak
Cranbury "Digital"	Cranbury Methodist Church	11/14 11/28	Presentation: The Milky Way Competition: Road Signs	Mike Ver Sprill
Cranford/Millburn	Cranford Comm. Ctr. Millburn: Bauer Ctr.	11/19 11/26	Presentation: Street Photography Competition: Landscapes	Arik Gorban Phil Witt
Essex Photo	Caldwell United Methodist Church			
4 Seasons@Manalapan	FSM Clubhouse	11/12	Presentation Contest: Diagonals	TBA
Gateway	Sacred Heart School Staten Island, NY	TBA	TBA	
Hillcrest	Pilgrim Presby. Ch. Phillipsburg 11/27	11/12 11/26	NJFCC Print Competition Pet Photo Shoot Review	TBA Members
HUB	Mountain Lakes Library	11/26	Competition: Altered Reality Pre/Mtg: Member Submitted Images	David Mills Panel + Members
Hunterdon	Hunterdon Co. Ed. Services Comm.	11/6	Presentation: Art of Competition	Greg DeAngelis
Livingston	Livingston Comm. Senior Center	11/12 11/26	Open Competition #2 Theme Competition Program: Creating Art with Your Camera	Vinnie Kempf Jordan Basem David DesRochers
Metedeconk Lakes	Jackson.	TBA	TBA	
Monmouth	Colt's Neck Reformed Church	11/8 11/15 11/29	Presentation: Elements of Art and Design Merit Judging: Macro Beginners/New Members Night	Joan Pasternak David Mills
Monroe	Monroe Township Comm. Center	11/7 11/21	Workshop and Election of Officers Competition: Technology	
Morris Photocolor	Morristown Town Hall, Room 304 Senior Ctr. Room	11/7 11/28	Competition: Wine and Vineyards Program: Architectural Photography	Jordan Basem Claire Gentile
Ocean County	Eagle Ridge CC Lakewood	11/5 11/12 11/19 11/26	Presentation Program: Creating Art with Your Camera Competition: Black and White TBA	Bill Kirms David DesRochers
Photographers of Sussex Co.	Admin. Bldg., Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta.	11/19	Presentation and Discussion of Member's Photos	Members
Photographic Society of Vineland	Newfield Senior CTR Newfield	TBA	TBA	

WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT NJFCC MEMBER CLUBS in October 2018

Club	Location	Date	Topic	Judge or Speaker
Pocono	NCC Monroe Tannersville	11/20	Presentation: Drone Photography	Ken Volpe
Princeton	D&R Greenway Land Trust Princeton	TBA	TBA	
Raritan Photographic Society	American Legion Hall - Milltown	11/1 11/15	Presentation: Fashion Photography Competition: Open Digital	
Ridgewood	Franklin Lakes Meth. Church	11/7 11/14 11/28	Executive Committee Program 3: Image Analysis Nature Competition #2	Phil Echo/Ellen Bedrosian
River Pointe	RP Clubhouse Manchester	TBA	TBA	
Rockland	Clarkstown Comm. Ctr New City, NY	11/15	Presentation: Minimalism/Simplicity	Joseph Squillante
Somerset County	Manville Library	11/13 11/27	Competitions: Panorama and Open Presentation: Confessions of a Nature Photographer	Beth Starr Phil Witt
Sparta	Sparta Amb. Squad	11/7	EXPO XXXIV	
Staten Island	Snug Harbor Culture Ctr.	11/8 11/29	Image Critique Digital and Print Competition	Bob Thomas
Stone Bridge	SB Clubhouse Monroe	TBA	TBA	
Teaneck	Rodda Rec Ctr Teaneck	11/6 11/13 11/20 11/27	Competition: Digital Nature Program: Flower Photography Competition: Pictorial Digital Program: TBA	Nick Palmieri Padma Inguva Jerry Fornarotto
Tri - County	Nutley Library	TBA	TBA	
Vailsburg	Bailey Civic Ctr.	TBA	TBA	

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