Nashoba Valley Photo Club

April 2008

THE CAMERA CASE



Letter from the President

by Walter Harrington

It's hard to tell from the weather, but the spring is upon us. It won't be long now until the brown of March disappears, and the colors of spring provide some nice photo opportunities. On Saturday afternoon, May 3, from 12:30 to 5:00pm, we will be having a portrait workshop at the main meeting room in the library. We will have three or four studio light setups. This will be a good opportunity for members to experiment with different lighting techniques for portrait work. This will be a working session with no set schedule so you can come in for all or part of the afternoon, whatever fits your schedule that day. Bring family members for models. Lucy Schultz has told me she is bringing a few friends who will also act as This has the makings of a fun models. afternoon.

On the weekend of May 10 and 11, Sandy Selesky has offered to guide club members who would like to go to Mount Auburn Cemetery with her. This is a very popular time at Mount Auburn as there are lots of migrating small birds that pass through at this time of year. Sandy will be there for the Warblers. You can stay with her or go off on your own. If you are interested in the birds you will need a long lens.

There are also other very nice photo ops at Mount Auburn. If you are interested you should go in your own car, or pool up with other members as Sandy will be going for the whole day. We will have more information on this at the May 7 meeting.

We are also working on a trip to the Budweiser Brewery but do not have any details yet.

In May, we will also start to collect prints and get slides made from digital files for the Multiscreen interclub competition. The clubs involved are Lowell, Assabet, CCCNE (formerly Fitchburg) and Nashoba Valley. We have won this competition the last four of five years in a row.

Save the date of June 18, 2008. That is the date of the Banquet. We have reserved the room at Scupper Jacks again this year. We will have the menu selections for you shortly. We had a great time last year, and the food was excellent. So get ready for another enjoyable evening.

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CALENDAR

April

- 2 Slide/Digital/Print Competition
- 9 Harry's Roundtable
- 16 NECCC Pictorial Circuit
- 23 Digital Users Group

May

- 7 Elections and Digital/Print Competition
- 15 Multiscreen Competition
- 21 NECCC Nature Circuit
- 28 Digital Users Group

COMPETITION RULES

For *Three-category Competitions* (open, nature & assigned topic), members may submit a total of 6 slides— with no more than three per category (i.e., 3-nature, 1-open, 2-assigned, etc).

For *Two-category Competitions* (open & nature), members may submit a total of 4 slides— also with no more than three per category.

For *Digital Competitions*, members may submit a total of three images - with no more than two per category.

For **Print Competitions**, members may submit a maximum of two color prints AND two black & white prints. Print size must be at least 5"x7" and not larger than 16"x20". Prints may NOT be framed, but MUST be matted.

Please send any corrections or omissions regarding the Newsletter to Maura McCaffery at Maura@DevonGraceDesigns.com.

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MULTISCREEN TOPICS

For the 2007-2008 club season, topics will follow the selections chosen by the Joint Multiscreen Committees. Competition will be held in the following categories:

- 5 Assigned Slides
- 5 Open Slides
- 5 Digital Projections
- **5** Assigned Prints
- 5 Open Prints

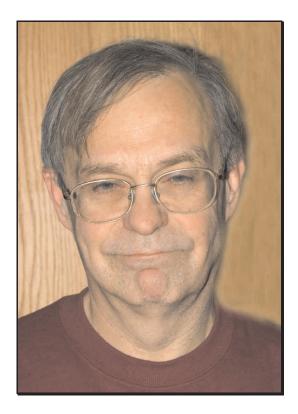
ASSIGNED TOPICS:

SLIDES and DIGITAL Bumpy (October) Friendship (November) Windy (December) Shadow (January) Photojournalism (February) Splash (March)

PRINTS

Cityscape (November)
Night Scene (December)
Outrageous Color (April)
Historical (May)

Say Hi! to Jerry Larocque



Jerry is an electrical engineer and mathematician who started in photography about fifteen years ago by acquiring a new camera and photographing vacation activities.

Now, he likes black and white, fine art and nature photography. His cameras are a Nikon F-100, Hassleblad 501 and a Cambo 45DV 4x5 large format.

At NVPC he looks to meet other photographers, sharing ideas and knowledge. His other interests include tennis and woodworking.

By Dick Kenyon

March Digital Competition Results Judge: Sarah Musumeci

	Place	Points	Name	Title
Open Star Class				
	1 st	28	Bob Bicknell	Johnny Jump Up
	2 nd	27	Donna Hackley	Jaguar Portrait #2
	3 rd	26	Dick Kenyon	Winter Sunset
	HM	25	Sandy Selesky	Boat Reflections
A Class				
	1 st	25	Charline Oelfke	Red White Dahlia
	2 nd	24	Walter Harrington	Covered Bridge
	3 rd	23	Carolyn Perkins	Madame Turkey
	3 rd	23	Lucy Schultz	Window Reflection
B Class				
	1 st	28	Ian Davies	Male Common Eider
	2 nd	26	Doug Debenedictis	Cave in Idaho
	3 rd	25	Ed Perkins	White Roses
	HM	24	Jeff Reim	It's A Bird It's A Plane
	HM	24	Meyer Franklin	Red Breasted Nuthatch
Nature Star Class				
	1 st	28	Sandy Selesky	Twelve Spot Dragonfly
	2 nd	26	Marian Harman	Cheetah Brothers
	3 rd	25	Sandy Selesky	Black Skimmers Flushing
	HM	24	Marian Harman	Sleepy Lion
A Class				
	1 st	24	Charline Oelfke	Lady Slipper
	2 nd	22	Walter Harrington	Tufted Titmouse
B Class				
	1 st	27	Ian Davies	Female Common Eider
	2 nd	25	Meyer Franklin	American Tree Sparrow
	3 rd	24	Doug Debenedictis	Tetons
	3 rd	24	Peter Frailey	Wide Open Spaces
	3 rd	24	Tom Price	El Capitan Near Dusk
Assigned:				
Splash Star Class				
	1 st	27	Donna Hackley	Soccer Splash
	2 nd	24	Donna Hackley	Cross Country Water Jump

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	2 nd	24	Paul Buckley	Splish Splash Gull
				Taking A Bath
	HM	21	Barbara Murch	Splash 1
	HM	21	Dick Kenyon	Cannonball
A Class				
	1 st	25	Lucy Schultz	Ball Splash
	2 nd	22	Julie L'Heureux	Splash 2
	3 rd	20	Carolyn Perkins	Girl In Fountain
	HM	19	Lucy Schultz	Bubbles And Waves
B Class				
	1 st	27	Doug Debenedictis	Slide N Splash
	2 nd	21	Amy Davies	Western Gull At Crystal
				Cove
	2 nd	21	Ed Perkins	Florida Waterfall
	2 nd	21	Ian Davies	Common Dolphins

MULTISCREEN COMPETITION

Competition Date: Thursday, May 15 Competition Processes:

Assigned Slide Topics:

Participating Clubs:

Assabet
CCCNE (formerly Fitchburg)

Bumpy
Friendship
Shadow

Lowell Splash NVPC Windy

Place:

The CCCNE meeting place Assigned Print Topics: Unitarian Church on 5 West Street, Cityscape

Leominster (same as last year) Historical Night Scene

Time: Outrageous Color

Set up at 6:00 pm and competition at Photojournalism 7:00 pm

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RAMBLIN' ON....OR, THROUGH THE VIEWFINDER

by Dick Kenyon

As a verse in a song I wrote goes...

"The season is nearing its end. Mud's showing through on the ski slopes, And the rocks are blooming again."

Temperatures are climbing, the first day of spring has come and gone, and the snow has mostly disappeared in the backyard. Soon the bulbs will poke their heads out, the grass will get green, and the trees will bud. It's time to gear up for some springtime photography! As a final tribute to winter, I've included a couple of photos from Utah.



Park City Super Pipe

© Gale Kenyon



Park City Overview

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GREATER LYNN INT'L RESULTS

Thanks to all who participated in the Greater Lynn International Salon. We had nineteen members submitting images to this annual salon. Twenty-six clubs entered. Our club placed 10th with 325 points. The winning club was Boston West with 355 points. The total point score was obtained by adding the scores of the seven highest scoring individual entries for each club.

Honor Awards were won by Don Selesky and Bruce Caldwell. Congratulations to both.

Acceptances were: Tom Briere (2); Dick Kenyon (2); Sandy Selesky (3); Mike Los (1); Lucy Schultz (1); Charline Oelfke (1); Donna Hackley (2); Don Selesky (3); Meyer Franklin (2); Carolyn Perkins (1); Brian Green (1); Bruce

Caldwell (1); Gale Kenyon (2); and Walter Harrington (1).

All accepted images will be shown as part of the salon show at the April 12th Yankee Photographic Society's day long, spring meeting at Danvers High School.

WHERE ON THE WEB?

The Ridgefield Camera Club of New Jersey presents a well produced slide show featuring all the acceptances of their recent competitive salon. Go to:

http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/slide_shows.html

At the Luminous Landscape site, http://luminous-landscape.com/, there is an introductory essay on composition. This is the

first of eight essays treating various aspects of composition written by Alan Briot.

At Bob Johnson's "Earthbound Light", http://earthboundlight.com/ under Phototips Archives, there is a discussion of Digital vs. Optical Zoom which should clarify this subject for all who wish to get the concept under control.

MARKET PLACE

If you have an item to be included in Market Place, please contact Maura McCaffery at Maura@DevonGraceDesigns.com or call her at 617-512-3824.

SLIDE SCANNING: Special for NVPC members. 35 mm slides scanned at 2900 dpi. \$1 per image Minimum 5 images. See Bob Bicknell for details or call 978-448-5256.

FOR SALE:

Set of 2 Novatron 400 studio lights with cables and slave packaged in a Tenba case with foam cutout, includes cables and a pair of top quality light stands. Asking \$300 or a reasonable offer. If interested, please contact Steve McKenna at (978) 692-8332 or e-mail mcksteve@verizon.net.

Nikon 90S with Sigma 70-300 4-5.6 APO Macro Super zoom lens - \$160; camera alone without lens - \$75

SB 28 flash for Nikon cameras - \$90 - works perfectly but has some cosmetic "burn" marks on the front of the flash from the sun "burning" indents in the plastic through a flash extender I used to use with it. Cost over \$300 when new.

Sigma UC 27-70 zoom lens, aperature 3.5-4.5 for Nikon with small lens hood - \$45 If interested, contact Sandy Selesky at 978-692-3755

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