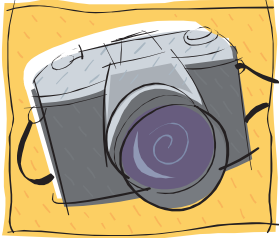


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April 2009

THE CAMERA CASE



Letter from the President by Walter Harrington

The spring is coming fast. The other day I noticed the buds starting to swell on the maple tree out front, and the day lilies are starting to sprout. The Great Blue Herons are in the nests at the rookery on Route 2. What little snow and ice that remain are melting fast. Pretty soon we will start to see those soft pastel colors of spring. The days are not as cold, so it is easier to get out with the camera. Last Sunday, my wife and I took the cameras and went over to the Stone Zoo. I wanted to get some background for a “zoo shooting guide” I am going to write in preparation for a field trip to the Roger Williams Zoo in the fall.



Leopard © Walter Harrington

The Stone Zoo is open all winter, and there were enough animals out to make it an interesting photo afternoon. So if you are looking for a chance to get some shooting practice, give it a try.

In addition to the regular club meetings, there are a number of special club events coming up so mark your calendars with the following dates.:

- April 8 – Dick Kenyon and Meyer Franklin will discuss macro photography.
- May 2 – Three hour portrait workshop.
- May 9 – Sandy Selesky will guide a field trip to Mount Auburn Cemetery to photograph migrating birds.
- May 6 – Annual club elections.
- May 19 – The four club Multiscreen competition
- June 6 – Meyer Franklin will guide a nature walk at Plum Island.

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- June 12 – 14 – Field trip to Sugar Hill in Franconia Notch to photograph the lupines.
- June 17 – The annual club banquet at Scupper Jack's in Acton.
- July 1 and July 7 – Two groups will go to Boston for night photography with Kristin Gleason Griffin, who spoke at our club last October.

As you can see from the above schedule, the field trip committee has been very busy. They are very enthusiastic and are doing a great job. There are more ideas in the pipeline for the summer and fall, so stay tuned.

We had a very good seminar given by Bob DiNatale on March 21st. We had 43 folks attend, all club members or friends of members. Tom Briere did a great job setting it up. We are hoping to make this type of presentation an annual event. Hunt's Photo Video helped with the cost, and they also provided our members with the chance to get software or equipment at discounted prices.

The club is healthy and filled with energy, and hopefully we are accomplishing our goal of "Making Photography Fun."

CALENDAR

April

- 1 Digital and Print Competition – Open, Nature and Leading Lines
- 8 Harry's Round Table
- 15 NECC B&W Print Circuit
- 22 Digital Camera Users Group

May

- 6 Digital and Print Competition: Open, Nature and Street Vendor
- 27 Digital Camera Users Group

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

by Dick Kenyon

What's your purpose in taking photographs? Is it documentation of your travels to preserve memories; seeking out scenic landscapes or seascapes suitable for exhibition or competition; recording family activities; capturing moments in nature; searching for subjects that meet assigned topics; or any of many other reasons? Stop for a moment and ask yourself if you've ever set out to make a photograph simply for the fun of it. I know you may enjoy photographing for one or more of the above purposes, but what I'm driving at is going out with or without a plan to make a photograph which can be thought by the viewer as funny, such as the illustration of a joke or the capture of a candid situation that would bring a laugh to the viewer of your photo. Some times I think we take ourselves too seriously and get wrapped around the axle of competition.



A Novel Sign in Maine © Dick Kenyon



(Guess what happened.) © Dick Kenyon

GREATER LYNN INTERNATIONAL

The Nashoba Valley Photo Club placed 9th out of twenty-eight eligible competing clubs. The total score of our seven highest scoring entrants (sum of twenty-eight image scores) was 315 points. The winning club was Stony Brook Camera Club with 345 points. NVPC had a total of 23 acceptances. A score of 12 points or higher was required for an acceptance.

Walter Harrington's "Frog on A Rock" scored 13 and was given a GLPA Honor Award (HA). Vera Kaufman's "Blue Dasher Dragonfly" scored 13 points and won a GLPA Honor Award (HA). Other members' images scoring 13 points but not winning an award were Sandy Selesky (2); and Dick Kenyon (1). Gale Kenyon won the most acceptances with three.

The acceptances received were:

Briere, Tom	(2)
Kenyon, Dick	(2)
Bicknell, Robert	(1)
Frailey, Peter	(2)
Franklin, Meyer	(1)
Galpin, Sam	(1)

Harrington, Walter (1)
Kaufman, Vera (2)
Galpin, Ginny (2)
Kenyon, Gale (3)
Perkins, Carolyn (1)
Schultz, Lucy (1)
Selesky, Sandy (2)
Stevens, Robert (2)

HARRY'S ROUND TABLE APRIL 8th

At Harry's Round Table on April 8th, there will be an instructional presentation on Close Up and Macro Photography. I will present Close Up Photography and Meyer Franklin will present Macro Photography. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Lupine Guide

By Bob Bicknell

Sugar Hill is a small town in northern NH just west of Franconia Notch. It is about 110 miles from Westford and about a 2 hour 15 minute drive. Aside from being a summer home for the wealthy (who else could afford some of the homes there) it is also known for its lupines and Lupine Festival.

The lupines are in bloom for about the middle two weeks of June, corresponding with the Lupine Festival. Hmmm, is there a connection here?

For more information, visit the website of the Franconia Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.franconianotch.org>)

Annual Lupine Festival (June 5-21, 2009)

"The Fields of Lupine Festival is a time honored event sponsored by the communities of Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill, Bethlehem, Littleton and Lisbon to showcase this colorful pageant. The lupine carpets local fields and pastures in a rolling sea of vibrant purples,

pinks, blues and whites. The long-lasting blossoms attract equally dazzling butterflies and create a breathtaking floral display against the majestic backdrop of the Franconia, Presidential, and Kinsman Mountain ranges. Tour guide books are available with daily events throughout the month, weekend specials and includes hospitality and shopping coupons for use throughout the festival.

Additional information regarding this festival, as well as directions, are included on our website.

Multiscreen 2009

By Walter Harrington

The Multiscreen competition is an annual interclub competition that pits the photographic skills of the four competing clubs, Camera Club of Central New England, Assabet Valley Camera Club, Lowell Camera Club and Nashoba Valley Photo Club, against each other. The clubs compete in projected digital images and prints.



Nashoba Valley has won this competition every year for at least the last six years. It is never a

runaway win. In the last two years, we have won by only one or two points. You can be sure the other clubs are anxious to unseat us.

This year we are the “Host Club.” The Lowell Camera Club has arranged for us to use their meeting facility, but we are responsible for running the event. Paul Buckley has been the NVPC representative to the multiscreen committee for the past four years. Paul will need help from NVPC members this year. We need volunteers for the following tasks:

- Refreshments Committee – we need someone to chair this committee and organize the work. We need volunteers to work on the committee. The committee will arrange for contributions of refreshments and provide coffee, soft drinks and paper goods. The committee will also keep track of the costs incurred, as these will be shared equally by the four clubs. Paul will provide details for what is needed.
- Set Up Committee – we need four volunteers to help get the room set up for the competition.

The event starts at 7:00pm. Volunteers should arrive at the meeting place between 6:15pm and 6:30pm.

This is always a fun event. Let’s see if we can put on a good show and win the trophy again!

“SAY HI”

to

Bob Stevens



Bob is a retired engineer and program manager who has been practicing photography for about 40 years. He started taking pictures while growing up and then continuing to shoot pictures of his family and his travel adventures. He uses a Canon 20D with a Canon 17-85 mm lens; Sigma 80-400mm lens and Swarovski spotting scope. Bob’s primary photographic interests are outdoor scenery and wildlife, especially birds.

At NVPC, Bob wants to take better photographs, have fun, and meet people who share his enjoyment of photography. Bob’s other many interests include golfing, skiing, birding, traveling around the world with his wife, gardening, his family and spending time in the state of Maine.

By Pamela Florek

March Digital Competition Results
Judge: Elisif Brandon

	Place	Points	Name	Title
Assigned:				
Carousel				
Star Class				
	1 st	24	Barbara Murch	Carousel Pony
	2 nd	23	Dick Kenyon	Carousel In Motion
	3 rd	22	Gale Kenyon	Carousel Stallion
	HM	21	Gale Kenyon	A Wild Dog
A Class				
	1 st	29	Peter Frailey	Office Supplies
	2 nd	28	Lucy Schultz	Carousel
B Class				
	1 st	28	Pamela Florek	Steel Pier Carousel
	2 nd	27	Jenn Buliszak	Carousel Saddle
	3 rd	26	Christine Burdick	LaSalette Carousel
Open				
Star Class				
	1 st	26	Dick Kenyon	Captive Eagle
	1 st	26	Sandy Selesky	Short Eared Owl About To Land
	2 nd	24	Barbara Murch	Kizhi Island Church and Farmland
	2 nd	24	Marian Harman	Errol General Store
A Class				
	1 st	27	Carolyn Perkins	Garlic
	2 nd	26	Carolyn Perkins	What You Looking At
	3 rd	25	Lucy Schultz	Reflections
	HM	24	Lucy Schultz	The Power Of Color
B Class				
	1 st	30	Vera Kaufman	Banana Leaf 3
	2 nd	28	Vera Kaufman	Door of Reflection
	3 rd	27	Tom Price	Pull Harder
	HM	26	Christine Burdick	Anna At The Lake
Nature				
Star Class				
	1 st	29	Marian Harman	Cottontail
	2 nd	28	Paul Buckley	12 Point Elk Profile
	2 nd	28	Sandy Selesky	Whitewinged Crossbill
	HM	27	Dick Kenyon	Weed In Snow
	HM	27	Paul Buckley	Goose in Pursuit

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	HM	27	Sandy Selesky	Baltimore Oriole
A Class				
	1 st	25	Meyer Franklin	Red Tailed Hawk
	1 st	25	Peter Frailey	Sneaking a Ride
	1 st	25	Peter Frailey	Bee On Wild Sunflower
	HM	24	Carolyn Perkins	Cliffs of Yellowstone
	HM	24	Walter Harrington	Mountain Brook No 4
B Class				
	1 st	26	Vera Kaufman	Flint Pond Sunset
	2 nd	23	Linda Deciccio Fanning	Thirsty Seagull
	2 nd	23	Robert Stevens	Forces of Nature at Work
	HM	22	Robert Stevens	Blue Jay At High Alert

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

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1st and 3rd Wednesday

At 7:30 pm

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