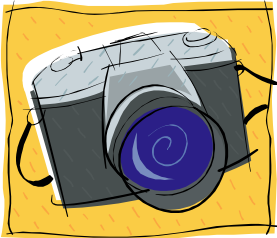


Nashoba Valley Photo Club

March 2010

THE CAMERA CASE



Letter from the President by Walter Harrington

By Walter Harrington

I was just looking at the Benchmark Standings for the club members as of the posting of the March Digital Salon scores and thinking how well this presents each member's accomplishment in photography. Of the 48 members who have participated in the digital salons, 11 have reached Benchmark 3. There are another four members who need only one more qualifying entry to reach that goal. There are six members who need only one or two more qualifying images to reach the next higher benchmark level. There are two more salons this season so you have six possible entries to help you reach these goals. At the end of the season you can use your standing as a baseline to set your goal for next season.

March will be a busy month for the club. We start with a natural light portrait workshop on March 6. On March 10 we will do a replay of the presentation on using the histogram to get the right exposure. This presentation will help newer photographers understand the mystery of the histogram and how it can be used to help get the best exposure for your shot. On March 17 we have Showtime, where we will have at least three member slide shows. This is an

opportunity for members to put their work on display for the enjoyment of all the members. Then on March 24 at the Digital Camera Users Group meeting we will have a tutorial session demonstrating the use of CombineZP, a free software program, that is used to combine a number of stacked images with different planes of focus to achieve a close-up image with good depth of field.

We just received the results of the Greater Lynn International Salon. The club results were very good. We had 17 members who submitted a total of 68 entries. Of these, 14 members had at least one selection. For an entry to be selected it must score at least 12 points. The maximum possible score is 15. You have done well if you get one of your four entries selected. We had two members who had all four entries selected, one member with three, six members with two and five members with one selection. In all, a very good showing. Congratulations.

Later this month we will be entering ten images into the Glennie Memorial Nature Salon that is conducted by the Merrimack Valley Camera Club. This salon is not like the Greater Lynn Salon, which is an event for individual photographers. This is a club event where the club selects ten entries from the season's photos or from other images that members submit for consideration. The entries are selected by a committee whose main objective is to select images that will achieve high scores from the broadest member representation. Although we may submit two images per member, we seldom do so. Dick Kenyon has more about this salon later in the newsletter.

The weather will improve a little more each week now, so get out there and shoot!

Calendar

Mar 3: Digital Salon; 7:30

Mar 6: Saturday Portrait Workshop; 1-4pm

Mar 10: Using the Histogram, 7:30

Mar 17: "Showtime"; 7:30

Mar 24: Digital Camera Users Group; 7:30

Salon Rules

For *Digital Salons* there will be three categories: open, nature and assigned topic. Members may submit a total of three images - with no more than two per category.

For *Print Salons*, 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 or mounted on mat board or foam board. The outside dimensions of mat or mounting must not exceed 16"x20".

The remaining assigned topics for this year are:

Lakes, Rivers, Streams (March)
Portraits
Sports

For more details:

<http://nvpcweb.org/DigitalSection.htm>

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

by Dick Kenyon

As we move into March the weather begins to change slowly and get warmer. Barring mid-March snow storms which sometimes extend winter a bit, the snow cover starts to diminish. So, fellow photographers, if you haven't already made some winter images you had better get to it. Before you know it, April, the mud month will be here and we'll be thinking spring wild flowers.

In February I managed to get out a couple of times to shoot a few images of ice abstracts and skiers. I am fascinated by the creativity of Mother Nature in combining her tools of temperature, humidity and water flow to produce intriguing patterns in ice. As I have before, I found numerous opportunities to record the abstract results at the Carlisle cranberry bog.

Later, on a beautiful sunny and temperate day at Sunapee Mountain in New Hampshire, I shot a backlit skier and his shadow. I decided this image would be a good one for presentation in black and white.



Ice Abstract #3

© Dick Kenyon



Skier and Shadow

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Say Hi!
to
Dan Carey



Dan Carey is a software engineer who got his start in photography in college in the 1970's. He's been practicing since then at various levels.

These days he uses a Canon 50D DSLR to shoot wildlife, night scenes and portraits. As an NVPC member Dan seeks to improve his skills while networking with other members to share techniques and knowledge.

Dan's other interests are fishing, hiking and travel.

by Dick Kenyon

GLENNIE NATURE INTERCLUB

Once again March brings the Glennie Nature Interclub Exhibition sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Camera Club. Our club has participated in this exhibition for many years and will do so this year. We will submit ten nature images. We will select our entries from those submitted so far this year in our own salons plus any additional images members may wish to submit for consideration prior to March 10th. If you have a great image you would like us to consider please submit it to **Walter Harrington** in the usual salon format (1024x768) file size not larger than 1 megabyte. Name the file as follows:

NVPC_XX_The_Title_Your_Name. (All words separated by underscore.) Images may **NOT** be submitted by a member for more than one club or disqualification results. Please address any questions to: **Dick Kenyon**

Items for Sale

Peter Frailey pfrailey@verizon.net has a slide projector he wishes to sell. \$40.

Kodak Carousel Slide Projector 760H

Includes one slide tray and sturdy carrying case. There is a wired remote control. The projector was well taken care of (by me) and is in very nice condition. Lens is clean and without scratches. It is the **Kodak Ektanar C F2.8 102mm**. I do not have the user guide, nor do I ever remember using a manual.

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Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, September through June

At 7:30 pm

J.V. Fletcher Library, Westford, MA

NVPC Website and Blog

Please check out the NVPC website and blog at <http://nvpcweb.org>. Among other things, you will find samples of our members' work, our handbook (with bylaws), our schedule for the year and an archive of past newsletters.

Slide Scanning at Eastern Photographic Lowell, MA

For more information visit their Web site:
<http://www.easternphoto.com/index.html>