

Focal Points

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Next Meeting:
November 20,, 2008

Location:
Cyrenius H. Booth Library

Program: By Don Brooks

Assigned Topic: "Field Trip"
The Pleasance

Onne van der Wal will be presenting his program "Shooting from Ship to Shore." The meeting begins at 7:15 sharp. Whether you enjoy photographing the coast and lighthouses or wish to explore the world of yachts and blue water behemoths with your lens, this is the presentation for you. As a Canon Explorer of Light, Onne shoots exclusively with Canon EOS digital cameras and has many partners such as Lexar and Lowepro who help to simplify and refine his steady workflow. www.vanderwal.com

UPCOMING FLAGPOLE PHOTOGRAPHERS MEETINGS:

Next Meeting November 20, 2008

Subject: "Field Trip: The Pleasance" (prints)

Program by Don Brooks

Annual Holiday Party on December 6, 2008

There will be no competition in December.

Members and their families are welcomed for an evening of holiday cheer.

At the November meeting there will be a signup sheet for bringing food.

Each person attending should bring a grab-bag gift (around \$5.00).

OCTOBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

A very short business meeting followed Bill's presentation. There was brief discussion on purchasing digital frame for showcasing members' images of Newtown in local businesses. Depending on the cost and available funds we hope to get one after the first of the year. Our Treasurer, Ed Siciliano, states that all dues for 2008-9 are to be paid by our next meeting on Thursday, November 20. Members discussed the possibility of organizing a shoot at the Wolf Conservation Center in Salem, NY.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS:

November 22 – Yankee Photo Society

All Day Seminar Canon Explorer of Light George Lepp

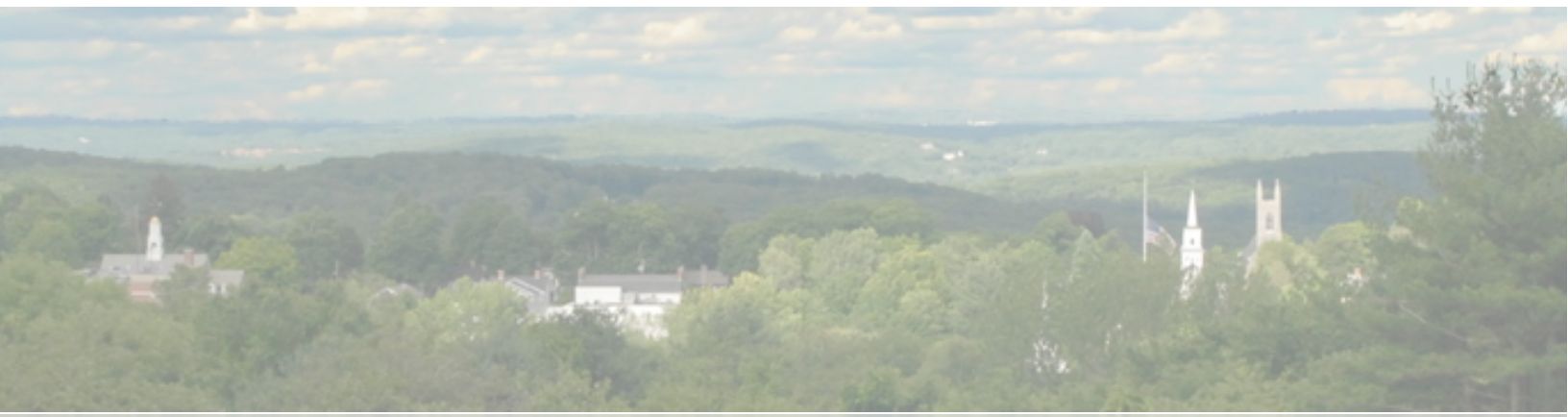
Click on this link for further information:

www.yankeephotosociety.homestead.com

Monday, Nov. 24, 2008 --Charter Oak Photographic Society Elmwood Community Church, 26 Newington Road, West Hartford, CT.

SEPTEMBER'S PROGRAM

BILL SNELLINGS of Candlewood Camera Club presented the advantages of creating dynamic slide shows with Pro-Show Gold Slide Software. This program provides user friendly features for organizing and managing digital files. In this digital age we return from vacation with hundreds of images. Pro-Show Gold provides an easy way to



select the 20-40 best images out of hundreds in order to create a captivating slideshow to share with family and friends. Various features of the program result in added artistic flair. As Bill says, "You can take a picture or make a picture." The picture quality of a computer screen image, i.e., color and light, is superior to a print because of the luminous quality of the image presented as a "transparency." You can make minor adjustments to the image in this software or even link directly to Photoshop. Additionally, you add music, use the type features to add facts and captions. You can even combine still pictures with video. To view the digital slide show you only need a computer (no software required) or a DVD or CD connected to a TV. You can always share your show online for invited guests to view. Bill showed us a couple of family trips to Europe to demonstrate the impact of Pro-Show Gold. His wonderful photography was an inspiration to view in and of itself. He showed the impact of zooming and panning effects, transitions, animation, progressions

(persons young to old), and fill-in motion to create a stunning show. The creative possibilities of using this program are limitless. Thank you Bill for an inspiring and informative presentation. At the end of this newsletter is a list of programs related to slide shows which Bill has provided us.

LINKS:

BILL SNELLING'S LIST OF SOFTWARE PROGRAM RESOURCES:

ProShow Gold Software (Photodex.com) about \$70.00

Wondershare Movie Story (Ourpix.com) about \$50.00

Roxio Creator 2009 (Roxio.com) about \$80.00

Smilebox (smilebox.com) FREE

Picasa 3 (beta newest version (pisa.google.com) FREE

Go to <http://www.shop.com/+a-Slide+show+Software-st.shtml> for over 30 software programs

LINKS:

<http://graphicreporter.com/>

Tips and tutorials re Mac OS X, Photoshop, Photoshop Elements, IPhoto, and more

<http://www.scottkelby.com/>

Photoshop and Lightroom tips, tutorials, blogs

<http://photoshopnews.com/>

<http://lightroom-news.com/>

<http://www.nikonians.org/>

<http://www.canoninfo.com/>

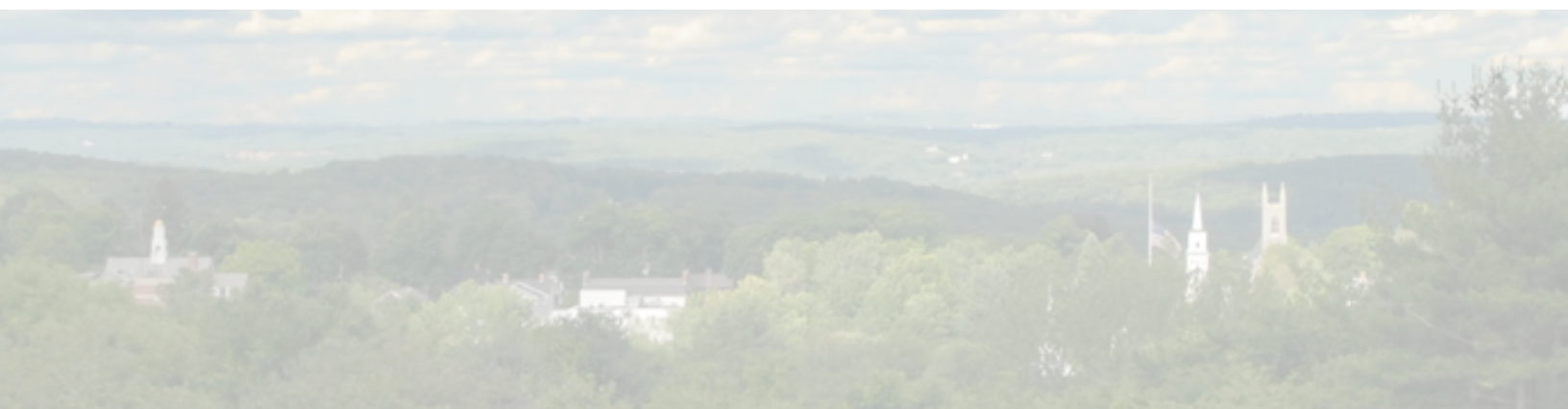
<http://www.apple.com/aperture/tutorials/> <http://>

www.photoplusexpo.com/ppe/index.jsp

<http://bhphotovideo.com>

Located in NYC, purchase equipment online, attend free workshops

<http://lifethrulisaslens.blogspot.com/>
Lisa's Photography INFO Blog



Competition Winners

October 2008



1st Place Assigned
Feeding Time- Blue Birds
Bob Berthier



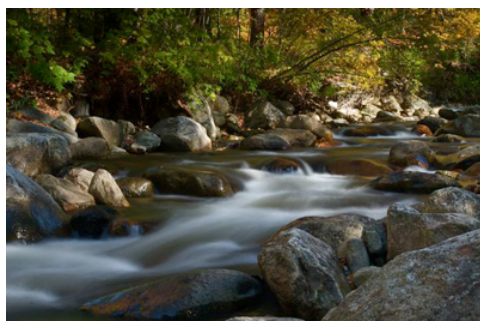
2nd Place Assigned
Fish Ain't Biting
Paul Vuto



3rd Place Assigned
Emmi
Rui DeSousa



1st Place Open
Gathering Storm
Bob Berthier



2nd Place Open
Silky Stream
Don Brooks



3rd Place Open
Nuthatcher at Feeder
Ed Siciliano



1st Place Assigned Digital
Ashley's Burnout
Jim Talarino



2nd Place Assigned Digital
Family
Rita Buonanno



Place Assigned Digital
Friends Dining Together
Micheline Williams