

Focal Points

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**Next Meeting:
January 15, 2009**

**Location:
Cyrenius H. Booth Library**

**Program: Benefits of Raw
Format
By Jim Santerre**

**Assigned Topic: "Children -
Prints"**

was to take one shot. The resulting images showed a variety of interesting perspectives and styles, with several of them quite impressive given the simplicity of the camera compared with the DSLR's of today. Donna White did a wonderful job of scanning the images and putting together the show. Photographers participating this project are: Bob Berthier, Darwin Bacchiocchi, Reena Bacchiocchi, Don Brooks, Rita Buonanno, Barry Connolly, Debbie Connolly, Tom Coryat, Rui DeSousa, Anne Eigen, Anne Martin, Amy Martin, Pat Miele, Jan Sansevera, Ed Siciliano, Maddy Siciliano, Daryl Silverlieb, Kathleen Skandera, Jim Talarino, Rick Tyrseck, Paul Vuto, Sue Walker, Donna White, and Micheline Williams.

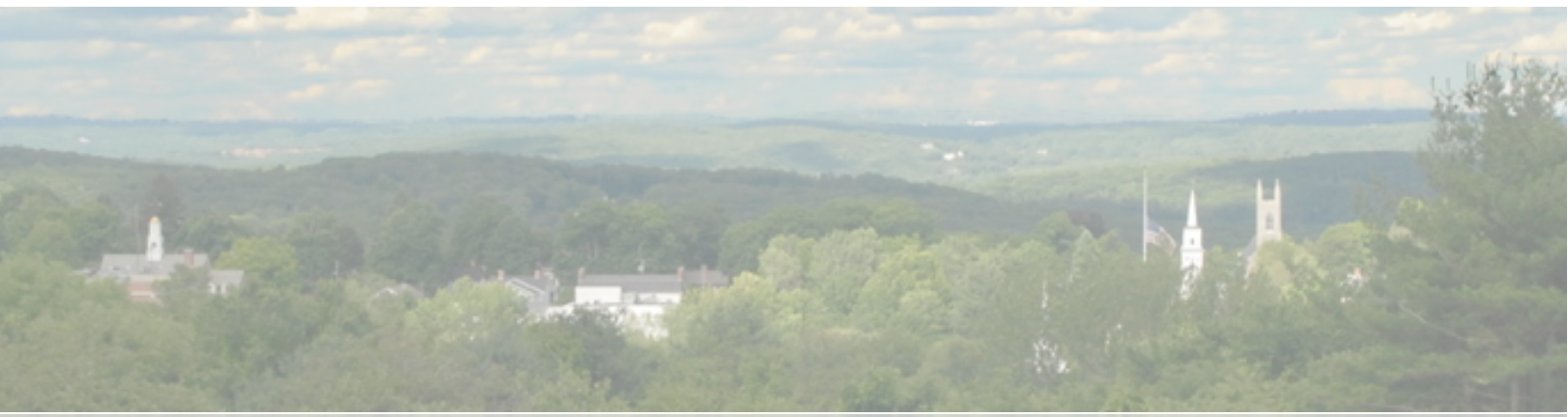
NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

The subject for the November 2008 prints competition was "Field Trip: The Pleasance," from June 26, 2008. In conjunction with that topic Don Brooks presented a slide show set to the music from "Phantom of the Opera" on images from that photo shoot which participants had determined not to be up to snuff for competition. Those who contributed their rejects include: Bob Berthier, Don Brooks, Rita Buonanno, Rui DeSousa, Anne Eigen, Jan Sansevera, Darryl Silverlieb, Jim Talarino, Rick Tyrseck, Donna White, and Micheline Williams. As an element of surprise there were also candid photos of members shooting and socializing, some of which evoked various reactions.

Don then presented another slideshow from a project he had started last summer. A disposable film Instamatic camera was passed from one member to the next over the course of 2-3 months. Each person

Don Brooks encouraged members to subscribe to the NECCC 2008-9 bulletins, which are published in the Fall, Winter, and Spring, for only \$3.00 per year. In the Fall issue our club was mentioned with Rui DeSousa as our President, Rick Tyrseck as our NECCC representative, and Pat Mieli as our first-time attendee honoree to the NECCC 2008 Summer Conference. Also, Rick Tyrseck was highlighted regarding his First Place medal for his black and white image "Marshall Point Lighthouse."

Rick Tyrseck proceeded to explain how the NECCC competition works. The camera clubs may submit 4 black and white and 4 color prints. In the first competition for Fall 2008 the club only submitted 1 black and white print. We need more black and white prints to enter, so think about that when selecting your prints for our monthly competitions.



Club President Rui DeSousa discussed information he had gathered regarding a possible club field trip to the Wolf Conservation Center in Salem, NY. This is a popular place for nature photographers due to the close vantage points to the wolves. There are club discounts and he will investigate and the possibility of a session just for our club.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY ON DECEMBER 5

Several members stopped by Frameworks for the opening exhibit of the works of Art Anderson, Bob Berthier, and Frank Gardner. The annual holiday party was a great success, thanks to the organization and hard work by Jim Talarino, who has prepared this event for the club for many years. We enjoyed our yearly grab bag gift exchange, often with humor as well as the opportunities for members to trade in their gift for another they desired more. Jim prepared his annual slide show of "What is it?" He photographs macros of objects around the house every year and projects them in a slideshow. A great time was had by all. Thank you so much, Jim!

LINKS TO EXPLORE:

www.animoto.com

Upload your images and create animated slideshows with music.

<http://www.freephotocalendar.net/free-printable-photo-calendar.php>

Print a photo calendar

<http://www.kenrockwell.com/tech/books.htm>

Suggested Books and Magazines

<http://photoshop.alltop.com/>

Everything on Photoshop

<http://mpix.com/>

Online printing service: prints, photo books, other products

UPCOMING EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS:

March 14-15, 2009

Rocky Mountain School of Photography

At Mass Mutual Center, Springfield, MA.

A variety of seminars available both days

For

more info www.rmssp.com

April 4, 2009

Yankee Photo Society

All Day Seminar

Speaker to be announced.

Hi-Jinx and Models as well as the

Greater Lynn PSA show.

This will be the Final Yankee seminar!

www.yankeephotosociety.homestead.com

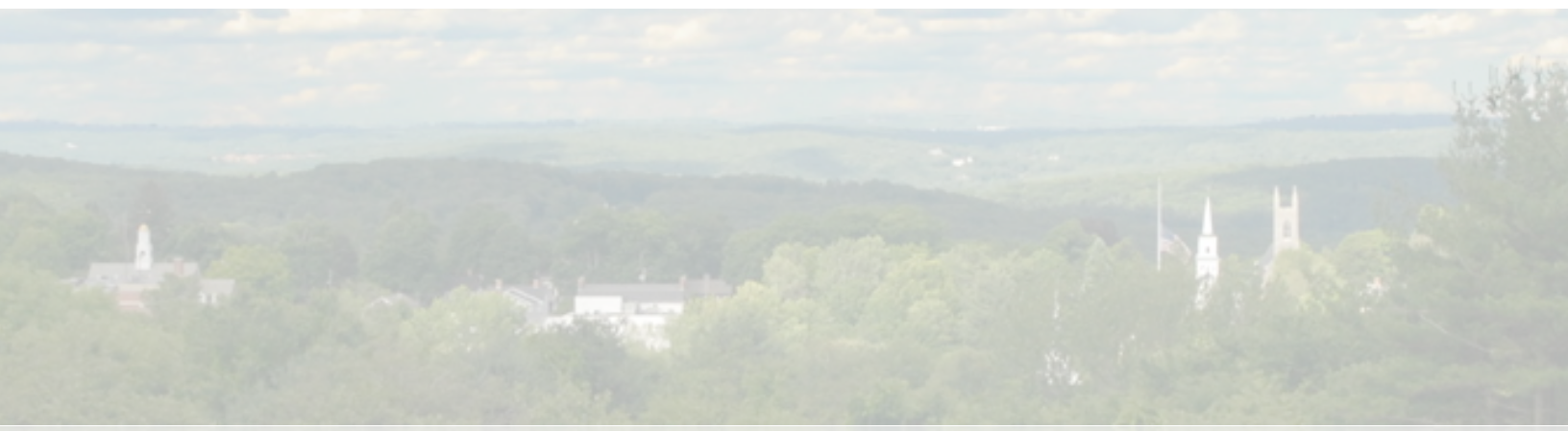
UPCOMING FLAGPOLE PHOTOGRAPHERS

MEETINGS:

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 15, 2009

Subject: "Children - Prints"

Program: "Benefits of Raw Format by - Jim Santerre,
Greater Bridgeport Camera Club



Competition Winners

November 2008



1st Place Assigned

Coneflower
Anne Eigen



2nd Place Assigned

Flower-Double Exposure
Bob Berthier



3rd Place Assigned

Honeysuckle on the Railing
Micheline Williams



1st Place Open

Bison at Stream
Bob Berthier

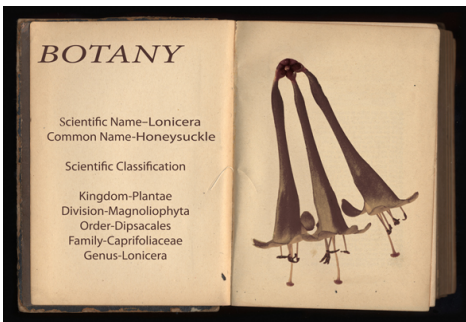


2nd Place Open

Vacation Sunrise
Rick Tyrseck

3rd Place Open

Serenity
Micheline Williams



1st Place Assigned Digital

Remember Science Class
Micheline Williams



2nd Place Assigned Digital

Iris
Anne Eigen



1st Place Pleasance Other

Times
Pleasance Portrait
Pat Miele



2nd Place Pleasance Other

Times
Anticipation
Barry Connolly