

# Focal Points

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**NEXT MEETING:**  
October 15, 2009

**LOCATION:**  
Cyrenius H. Booth Library  
Newtown, CT

**PROGRAM:**  
Thailand Digital Program  
Lisa Keller

**ASSIGNED SUBJECT:**  
Best of Summer

comply with the PSA guidelines.

2. One photograph may be entered in each of the following categories: "Assigned Subject", "Open-Color" and "Open-Black & White".
3. The requirement that members must have entered three competitions during the season in order to submit entries in the Annual Competition has been eliminated.
4. The Slide competition has been eliminated, reflecting the same change in NECCC competitions.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Incoming Co-President Anne Eigen (sharing the office with fellow Co-President Don Brooks) greeted familiar faces and led introductions of new members including:

Becky Flye, Newtown  
Bob Fletcher, Brookfield  
Carolyn Roberts, Southbury  
Dan & Debbie Glasor, Sandy Hook  
Rich Tarantino, Newtown  
Sandy Schill, Sandy Hook  
Sheila Silvernail, New Preston  
Tim Benoit, Newtown

## BY-LAWS CHANGES APPROVED

Changes approved include:

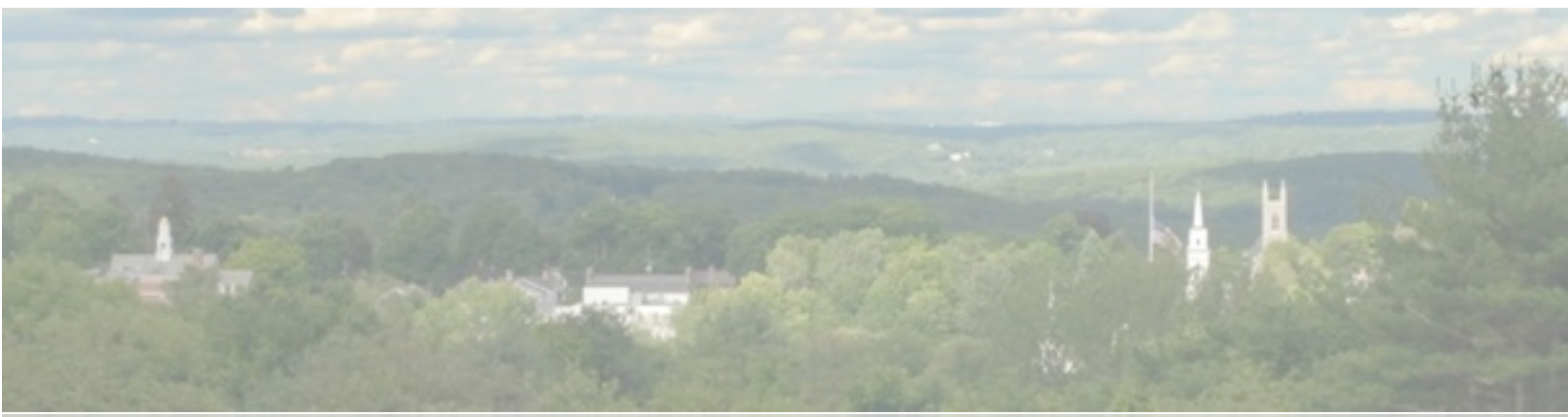
1. Digital editing will now be allowed for all competition subjects with the exception of "Nature" which must

## ART ANDERSON MEMORIAL EXHIBIT HELD

The Arthur A. Anderson, MNEC, Memorial Photography Exhibit will be held from October 3-30, 2009 at the C.H. Booth Library in Newtown. In addition to the exhibit, a collection of his work has been published and is available for \$20, with all proceeds going to the ALS Foundation in his memory.

Art was a master photographer who lost his battle with ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease this past June. He was one of the founders of Flagpole Photographers and actively served the local photographic community as an NECCC representative and educator.

Those who were unable to attend the opening reception October 4 to view the retrospective of his work but would like to purchase a copy of the book may do so by contacting Jan Sansevera at [jan.sans@gmail.com](mailto:jan.sans@gmail.com).



## FLAGPOLE PHOTOS TO BE ON EDC WEBSITE

The Economic Development Commission of Newtown asked members of Flagpole Photographers to contribute photographs to feature on their new website. The club has sent in 110 images, which will be on display once the website is completed.

## PUBLIC SERVICE PHOTOGRAPHY

Members are encouraged to brainstorm and contribute ideas to the club for public service photography projects. What a great way to do what you love and give back to others!

For example, one of the club's previous projects was a family portrait fundraiser for the Ghana School in collaboration with 6th graders at Reed Intermediate School in Newtown.

## SHOWCASE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY

Tom Coryat, our webmaster, is looking to update the member gallery on the Flagpole website. He invites members to submit up to 10 images each to him at [tom@flagpolephotographers.com](mailto:tom@flagpolephotographers.com). While you're at it, check out the Gallery and admire some beautiful work by several of our members.

## BRAD STANTON'S DIGITAL ROUNDTABLES

Got a photo editing question? A camera conundrum? Brad, offering up over 30 years of photographic experience, opens up his studio the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at 18 Finance Drive in Danbury, 203-743-4508. He and Ken Graff are on hand to field your questions and to share their knowledge of all things photography.

## WINNERS SUBMIT YOUR FILES

Monthly competition winners were reminded that they need to submit the digital images of their photos to Rick Tyrseck, our NECCC representative, so they can be featured in the monthly newsletter and compiled for submission into the NECCC Competitions held annually in the fall, winter and spring.

Digital images must be submitted in JPEG format if possible. The member should submit the image according to the following specifications:

Color space: sRGB

Dimensions: Maximum of 1024 pixels horizontally and 768 vertically.

File Name Convention:

MemberFirstName\_LastName\_Title\_Of\_Image.jpg

For example: Dave\_Jones\_Beautiful\_Sunset.jpg.

Rick will convert any photos submitted not using the above specifications to meet the requirements of the competition. Email your images to this club address:

[flagpolephotographers@yahoo.com](mailto:flagpolephotographers@yahoo.com)

## SEPTEMBER'S PROGRAM

Club Vice-President Donna White delivered a slide show presentation featuring the winning photos in the 2008-09 monthly photo competitions and stunning images of wolves from a rain-soaked trip last April to the Wolf Conservation Center in Salem, NY.

## UPCOMING COMPETITION SUBJECTS

November: Shadows

January: Self-Portrait

## LINKS:

<http://www.help-portrait.com/>

<http://www.naturephotographie.net/#/content/start/>

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

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

# Competition Winners

September 2009



1st Place Assigned Color  
Mountain Bluebird in Lupine  
Bob Berthier



2nd Place Assigned Color  
Grebe Skimming the Waters  
Anne Eigen

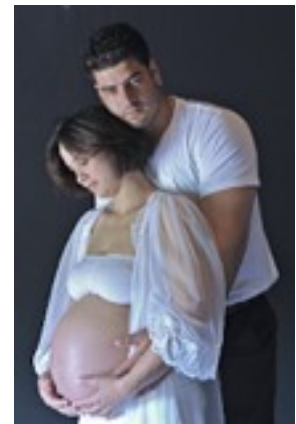


3rd Place Assigned Color  
Dragonfly at Bent of the River  
Sandy Schill



1st Place Open-Color  
Sunrise  
Rick Tyrseck

2nd Place Open-Color  
Petals & Cobblestones  
Micheline Williams



3rd Place Open-Color  
Almost Here  
Bob Berthier



1st Place Open-B & W  
Battle Tent  
Sheila Silvernail



2nd Place Open-B & W  
Frost Covered Bison  
Bob Berthier



3rd Place Open-B & W  
No Tea Today  
Micheline Williams