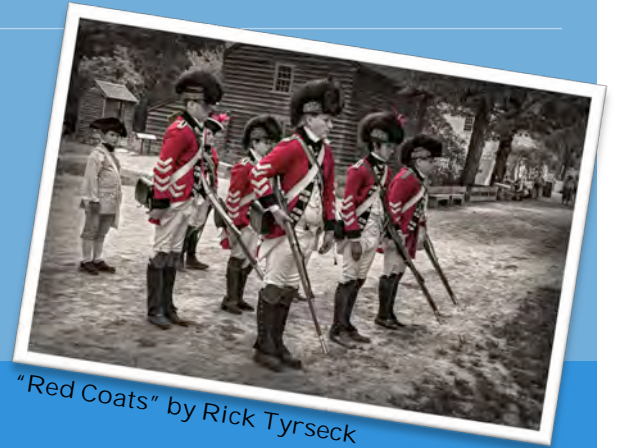


# Focal Points

The Official Newsletter of the  
Flagpole Photography Club

Jan.– Feb. 2014



"Red Coats" by Rick Tyrseck



*"Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever... it remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything."*  
– Aaron Siskind

## Happy New Year!

Flagpole Photographers Camera Club closed out the 2013 season in style with a festive Holiday celebration. Attending members brought their families and gathered together for an evening of food, laughter and fun. The festivities began with a family style arrangement of delicious food complimented with an assortment of desserts which promoted friendly conversation throughout the evening, the room atmosphere was relaxing, warm and welcoming to all that joined the end of year celebration. The night concluded with a people's choice photography competition, the appropriately assigned subject matter was "food". Congratulations goes out to Rhonda Cullens who won with her amazing photos of "Cookies and a Letter to Santa", truly capturing the essence of Christmas.

Happy New Year to all our members and we welcome all new members in 2014. Participation and suggestions are encouraged in all aspects to enhance everyone's photography club experience.



"The Barn" by Lucy Liponi

### Did You Know?

Before the digital age, the US government was taking spy photographs of the Soviet Union. How did they do this? They launched 20 satellites, each containing 60 miles of film along with cameras. After the film was finished, it was shot back through the Earth's atmosphere in buckets and parachuted over the Pacific Ocean, where they were then snagged with grappling hooks by C-130 Air Force planes. – [digitalcameraworld.com](http://digitalcameraworld.com)



"Winter Sunset in Newtown"  
by Bob Berthier



"Red Hot" by Rick Tyrseck



"Brooklyn Bridge" by Darrell Harrington

# Upcoming Meetings and Events

Location: Cyrenius Booth Library

3/6/14:  
Program -  
Night Photography

4/17/14  
Competition "Texture"

5/29/14  
Program  
Themed Portrait

3/20/13  
Competition "Bird(s)"

5/3/14  
Program -Sharon CT  
Audubon Society

6/12/14  
Competition - TBD

4/3/13  
Program - Macro and  
Flowers

5/15/14  
Competition –  
"Main Street, Newtown"

## Current Officers for Flagpole Camera Club

President:  
Sandy Schill

Vice President:  
Sue Bonacci

Treasurer:  
Paul Brickmeier

Secretary:  
Danielle Amato

Web Master:  
Tom Coryat

NECCC Rep:  
Rick Tyrseck

Programs:  
Mark Ashbolt

Exhibit Chair:  
Rhonda Cullens

Judges:  
Bob Berthier  
Jim Talarino

Photo Bank:  
Darrell Harrington



"Waiting"  
by Deborah Crossman

# Competition Winners

Each month Flagpole Photography Camera Club holds print competitions featuring a specific subject theme. Although the themes have a variety of assigned subjects, it also features competition in open color, as well as black and white. Winner's photos have the opportunity to be submitted for judging by the New England Camera Club Council.



"Soaked"  
by  
Rick Tyrseck

"Lake Castle" by Mark Ashbolt

## January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### "Red"

1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Winter Sunset in Newtown"

By: Bob Berthier

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "The Barn"

By: Lucy Liponi

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Red Hot"

By: Rick Tyrseck

### "Open Color"

1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Lake Castle"

By: Mark Ashbolt

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Great Grey Owl"

By: Bob Berthier

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Spectacular Sunrise"

By: Rick Tyrseck

### "Open Black & White"

1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Catacombs"

By: Mark Ashbolt

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Jack"

By: Jim Talanrino

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Soaker"

By: Rick Tyrseck

## February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### "Abstract"

1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Firework Remnants"

By: Jim Talarino

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Spring Loaded"

By: Erik Landegren

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "The One That Got Away"

By: Erik Landegren

### "Open Color"

1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Cloudy Sunrise"

By: Rick Tyrseck

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Waiting"

By: Deborah Crossman

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Onset of Winter - Leaf"

By: Dennis MacCaskie

### "Open Black & White"

1<sup>st</sup> Place: "Dramatic Lily"

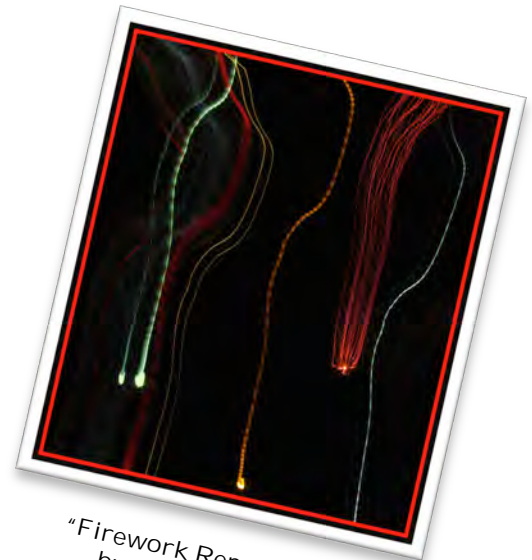
By: Cindy Garnett

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: "Brooklyn Bridge"

By: Darrell Harrington

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: "Redcoats"

By: Rick Tyrseck



"Firework Remnants"  
by Jim Talarino



"Cloudy Sunrise"  
by Rick Tyrseck



Founded in 1985, the Flagpole Photographers' mission is to enable members to share their images and expertise, to learn and grow in their photography, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow photographers. We come from diverse backgrounds, with photographic skills ranging from beginning novices to professional photographers.

Program lectures and workshops center on both traditional and digital photography techniques, and post-processing. Further learning occurs through the monthly competitions, which include critiques by a team of 3 judges. Other activities involve field trips and community service projects.

Please visit our website for the latest schedules and programs. Our site also contains current and previous issues of our newsletter, a gallery of member images, and by-laws [www.flagpolephotographers.com](http://www.flagpolephotographers.com)

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## Program Nights

Sometimes Q&A's sessions can be very helpful on Program Nights. These Program Nights offer a wide range of discussion of technique and promote a more positive and relaxing atmosphere for interaction among photographers.

### January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

#### "Open Discussion "

Due to inclement weather our January discussion was cancelled. Hopefully our members used this time to take some winter wonderland pictures.



"Catacombs"  
by Mark Ashbolt

### February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

#### "Open Discussion "

Open discussion, in a round table format was held at LeReines Cuisine in Newtown. LeReines Cuisine exuded hospitality by offering club member warm beverages, scones and assorted homemade cookies. Members of all skill levels participated in the informal discussions, which included topics, such as "Actions" in Photoshop, Neutral Density Filters and reviewed Black and White techniques. These discussions are free, fun and open to all members!



"Spectacular Sunrise"  
by Rick Tyrseck

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