

Focal Points

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

September 20, 2012

Competition
Assigned Subject: Nature

Location
Cyrenius H. Booth Library
Newtown, CT

Program Committee Chair

Mark Ashbolt

Exhibit Committee Chair

Rhonda Cullens

Equipment Manager

Ercole Gaudio

NECCC Representative

Rick Tyrseck

PSA Representative

Maxine Higgins

May/June Meeting Highlights

FLAGPOLE OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

New officers for the 2012-13 season are:

President

Sandy Schill

Vice President

Sue Bonacci

Secretary

Win Brickmeier

Treasurer

Paul Brickmeier

Web Master

Tom Coryat

2012-13 ASSIGNED SUBJECTS

The assigned competition subjects for the upcoming season have been selected. Competitions are open to dues-paying members of the club.

September 20

Nature

October 18

Black

November 15

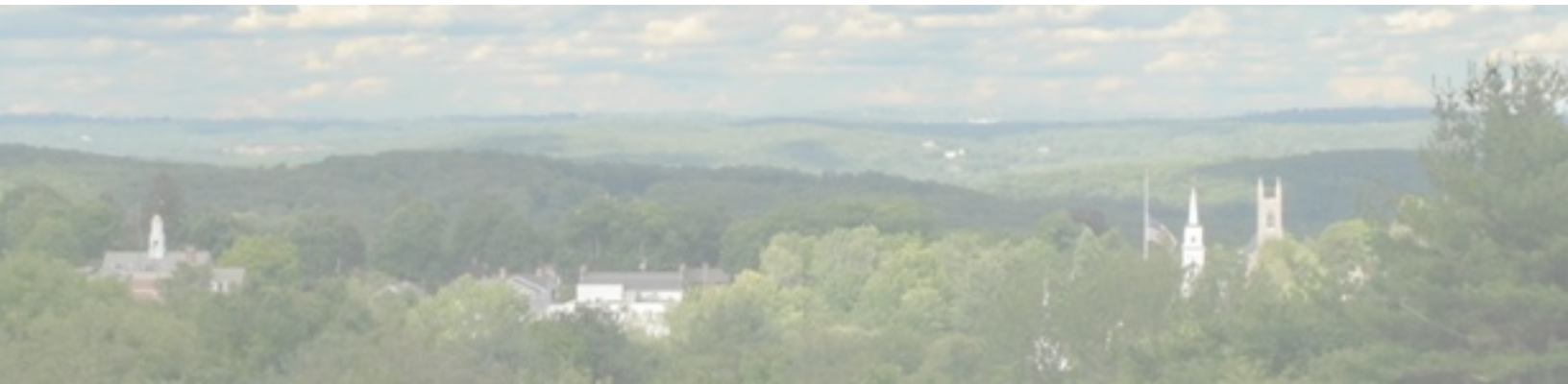
Fall Colors

December 14

Holiday Party

People's Choice Award subject:

Food



January 17

Insects

February 21

Human Shapes

March 21

Dreamy

April 18

Rain

May 16

Backlit

June 13

Reflections

NECCC NEWS

Flagpole Photographers finished the year with a superb showing in the interclub competitions. The club was the recipient of a gold medal as the Color Interclub Competition Winner for 2011-12!

Maxine Higgins' striking image "Fear of the Mailman" was one of only four who won Electronic Image of the Year, in Pictorial Class B.

Ercole Gaudio received an honorable mention in the Spring 2012 Interclub Electronic Competition Pictorial Class B for his image "The Horse Farm".

And in the 2012 NECCC Summer Conference Competition, Anne Eigen was awarded an honorable mention for her digital submission "Green Heron in Flight".

STOCK THE GALLERY

Members are encouraged to submit their images to the website gallery. The gallery could use updated photos from members already presenting images

and new members are likewise urged to submit up to ten shots. To find instructions for submission, click on Gallery on the Flagpole website and directions are at the bottom of the page.

KEN GRAFF'S PROGRAM NIGHT

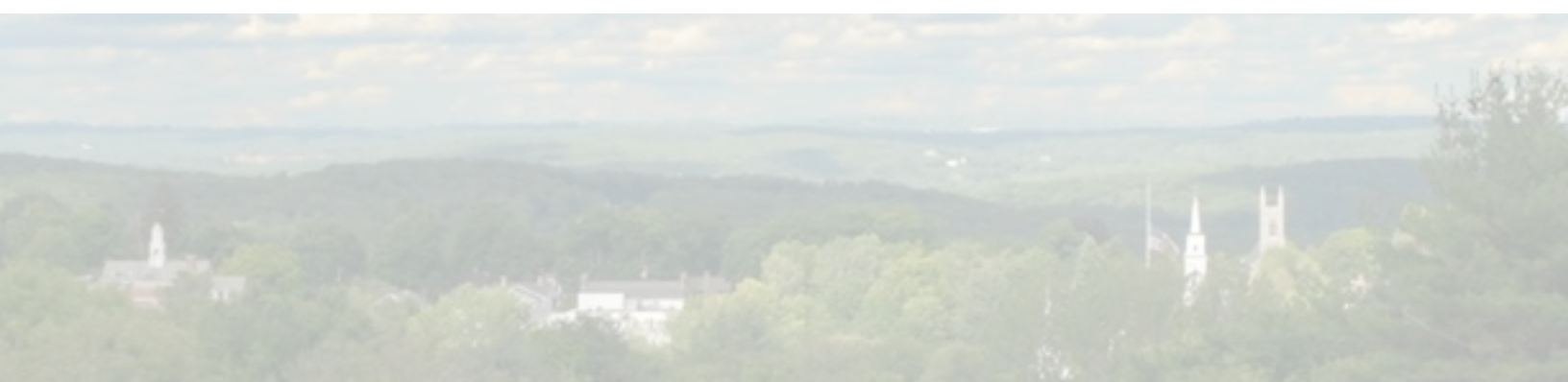
Accomplished photographer and educator Ken Graff presented at the final program meeting of the year. Graff's program focused on his travels to Viet Nam in January of this year and emphasized that preparation is key for travel photography.

Starting with his camera bag, Graff listed all the photographic equipment and supplies he brought as well as what he left at home. Seeing backup as all-important, Graff brought two of almost everything including cameras, batteries and chargers, and adapters. Added to the list were "lots of memory cards" and plastic bags to protect camera equipment from the elements.

Graff believes that having a DSLR with a 70-300mm zoom on a Black Rapid strap and a small mirrorless camera on a wrist strap with an 18-55mm wide angle covered all photographic contingencies.

Supporting his equipment preparation was his strategy for backing up and storage of images. He believes it is important to have at least two places to store images. This ensures that in the event of a catastrophe, all photos would not be lost. Graff's storage took three forms: external hard drives, iPad and online storage. Graff found that the internet was in wide use in Viet Nam and he had no difficulty getting online, sometimes borrowing a computer.

Another area of preparation for Graff was shooting RAW. Graff did a lot of shooting in difficult conditions such as through tour bus windows where lighting was not always optimal and movement required high shutter speeds and ISOs. By shooting RAW, Graff was able to correct for exposure and excess noise with post-production software such as Lightroom.



Competition Winners May 2012

Assigned Subject: Night Photography



1st. Place Assigned
Nighttime in Venice
Rhonda Cullens



2nd. Place Assigned
Broadway Lights
Ercole Gaudio



3rd. Place Assigned
Charlestown Bridge at Night
Patty Powers



1st. Place Open Color
Tipsy
Darrell Harrington



2nd. Place Open Color
Easter Lily
Don Brooks



3rd. Place Open Color
Dragonfly
Anne Eigen



1st. Place B & W
Grand Central Subway Passage
Don Brooks



2nd. Place B & W
Mystic Docks
Ercole Gaudio



3rd. Place B & W
Waiting for Prince Charming
Micheline Williams

Competition Winners June, 2012

Assigned Subject: Newtown Landmarks



1st. Place Assigned
Rush Hour in Newtown
Linda Lubinsky



2nd. Place Assigned
Newtown Snowstorm
Bob Berthier



3rd. Place Assigned
Owner/Operator Bus Driver
Sandy Schill



1st. Place Open Color
A Heart and Skulls
Sandy Schill



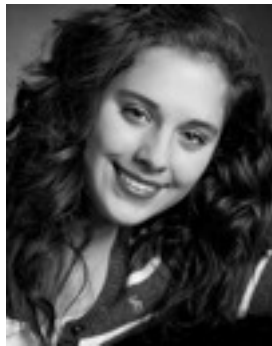
2nd. Place Open Color
A Snow Egret in Reflection
Don Brooks



3rd. Place Open Color
Dandi Blue
Ercole Gaudio



1st. Place B & W
Coming in for a Landing
Patty Powers



2nd. Place B & W
Christina
Don Brooks



3rd. Place B & W
Enjoying Central Park
Sandy Schill