

# Focal Points

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## Upcoming Meetings and Events

October 4, 2012

Program: **Why New England?**

Newtown United Methodist Church

October 18, 2012

Competition

Assigned Subject: **Black**

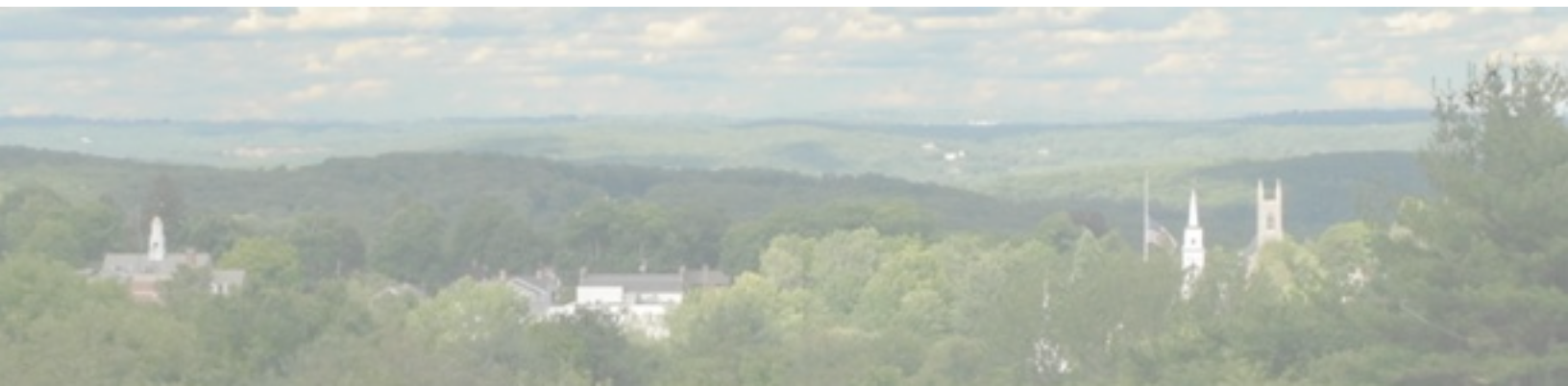
Cyrenius Booth Library

will be missed by his wife, Mattie, and all who knew him, because he was always upbeat and friendly enjoying photography. Paul and Win knew Ed before joining the camera club because he was a neighbor of Paul's mom, at Walnut Tree Village for four years.

## FLAGPOLE PHOTOGRAPHERS CAMERA CLUB NEWS

The first meeting for the 2012-2013 year was held on September 20, 2012. The assigned subject was **nature**. It was a great success with more than fifty photos put into competition. The winners are attached. Many people joined the club that night, but there are many more to come. Sandy Schill's pumpkin bread was a big hit!

We changed our name badges to lanyards that were donated by Paul and Win Brickmeier to the Camera Club in memory of a well known camera club member who died in July 2012. A collage of photos of Edward Siciliano follows. He was a veteran and



The public is welcome to attend The Flagpole Photographers Camera Club workshop on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Newtown United Methodist Church at 92 Church Hill Road, Sandy Hook. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5.00. The title of the program is “Why New England?” with emphasis on photographing fall foliage. It will last approx 90 min with a question and answer period. The entrance to the meeting room is in the back of the church. Presenters will be Don Toothaker and Bob Ring from New England Photo Workshops..

Born and raised in Lynn, Massachusetts, **Bob Ring** earned a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University. Bob loves teaching others about photography in all aspects from scenics, studio, product, people photography and more. He has won awards in camera clubs, national & international competitions and judges at local camera clubs. Bob feels that printing the image is when a photograph is 'complete'. See many of his images at [www.robertringscenics.com](http://www.robertringscenics.com)

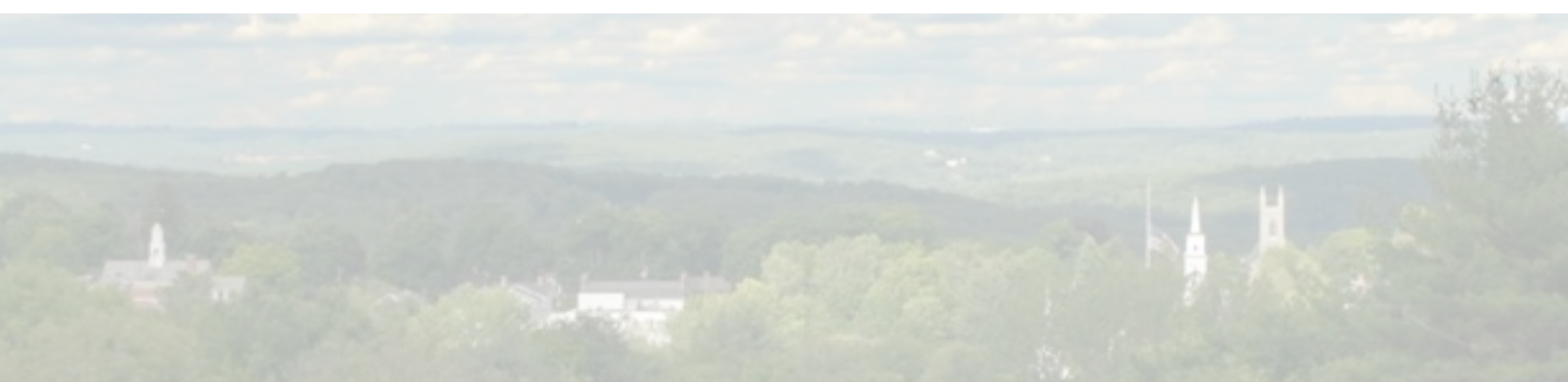
**Don Toothaker** was born and raised in Lynnfield, Massachusetts. Don attended Northeastern University and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in History after serving in the United States Air Force. His main interest is Travel Photography. A co- founder of New England Photo Workshops in 2009, he is committed to exploring and sharing the beauty of New England through teaching and imagery. Don

uses Nikon cameras and lenses as well as a variety of lighting sources. He has been an accomplished member of the Merrimack Valley Camera Club since 2000 and a published photographer in various national and international magazines. Don displays his work at [www.toothakerphoto.com](http://www.toothakerphoto.com)

The next Flagpole Photographers Camera Club meeting and competition is on October 18. The assigned subject is BLACK, which means the focus in the photo should be black. One must be a member in order to enter the competition. The event will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the C.H. Booth Library. All are welcome to attend and hear the comments on the photos. For more info, see the website for [flagpolephotographers.com](http://flagpolephotographers.com).

Currently, there are many photographs of Flagpole Photographers on display at the Newtown Municipal Center. A joint exhibit featuring works of Flagpole Photographers and the Society of Creative Arts in Newtown (SCAN) was created for the Newtown Arts Festival and has been extended until October 29. The exhibit will be viewable during Municipal Center Hours of Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The town of Newtown will co-sponsor the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual “Newtown and Beyond” photo exhibit featuring club members’ work from November 18 to December 13 at the Municipal Center. A public opening reception will be held on November 18, 2012 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.



# Competition Winners September 2012

Assigned Subject: Nature



1st. Place Assigned  
Sandy Schill  
Froggy



2nd. Place Assigned  
Rhonda Cullens  
Pine Cones for Lunch



3rd. Place Assigned  
Rhonda Cullens  
The Lone Elk



1st. Place Open Color  
Anne Eigen  
Hope Springs Eternal



2nd. Place Open Color  
Dave McCarthy  
Wipe Out



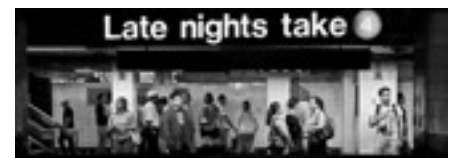
3rd. Place Open Color  
Darrell Harrington  
Golden Hour



1st. Place B & W  
Don Brooks  
The Lady Wears Prada



2nd. Place B & W  
Patty Powers  
Waiting for the Day's Catch



3rd. Place B & W  
Ercole Gaudio  
Manhattan Subway