

# Focal Points

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The Official Newsletter of the Flagpole Photography Club

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

**2/7/13: Program**  
"Camera Basics"  
Newtown United Methodist Church

**2/21/13: Competition**  
"Human Shapes"  
Cyrenius Booth Library

the walls at the Newtown Municipal Center. During the exhibit we sold 23 photos and donated several others. Congratulations and a huge thank you to Jill Baimel for donating 2 of her photos to the town! First Selectman, Pat Llodra, chose her photo "Residence Mailboxes, Fairfield Hills" and Town Clerk, Debbie Aurelia, chose her photo "Welcome to Newtown".

Thank you also to all those who helped hang and take down the exhibit and to those who brought food for the Opening Reception. A special thanks goes to Linda Lubinsky for working with the Town Clerk in organizing the wonderful reception!

## Dennis Yates presented "Capturing a Sense of Place"

On the evening of January 10, at the Newtown United Methodist Church, Dennis Yates joined a substantially sized group to talk about "How to Capture a Sense of Place." He talked about numerous photography trips he took with photographers to states far from Connecticut. Most of the photos were in black and white. He described interesting ways to compose photos by looking at details in a scene and choosing carefully what you want to focus on. He discussed how black and white photos place the focus on the texture of the scene and improves the ability to capture a sense of place.

## First Meeting of 2013

The Flagpole Photographers Camera Club held its first competition meeting of the new year on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at the C. H. Booth

## November Program Night

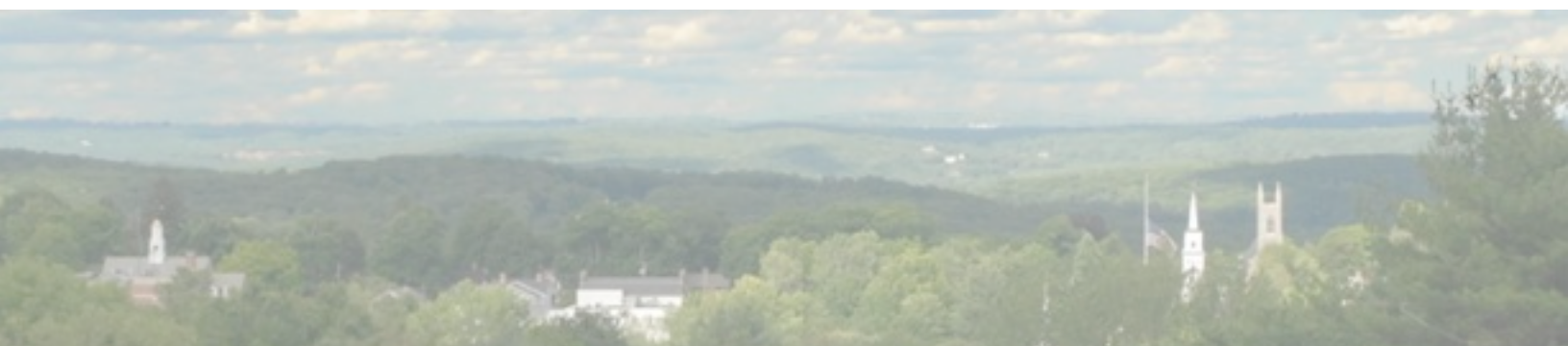
The November Program "Judging" was canceled due to power outages resulting from Hurricane Sandy. The Program Committee is considering ways to incorporate it into the spring schedule or will table it until the Fall. Anyone interested in joining the Program Committee can talk to Mark Ashbolt.

## November 15 Flagpole Photographer's meeting

The November 15th meeting at the C. H. Booth Library was well attended. During the meeting we discussed the Fall Exhibit at the Municipal Center and the Holiday Party. The assigned subject was Fall Colors and we enjoyed many beautiful photos of the local color. See winning pictures attached.

## 3rd Annual Newtown and Beyond Exhibit

Thank you to the 24 members who contributed photos to another successful "Newtown & Beyond" exhibit! From November 18<sup>th</sup> – December 13<sup>th</sup>, 200 of our members' photo filled



Library in the meeting room on the lower level, at 7:30 p.m. We discussed having an “End of the Year” banquet in June to replace the Holiday Party that was canceled in December. Attendees agreed that would be fun, details to follow. The results from the Fall NECCC digital competition were announced by Rick Tyrseck. Flagpole Photographers earned First Place in the Nature Class B category with Don Brooks’ “Snowy Egret in Reflection” winning First Place. Rhonda Cullens’ “Lone Elk” and Sandy Schill’s “Froggy” both earned Honorable Mentions. The Assigned Subject for that evening’s competition was Insects. In addition, there were the categories Open Color and Black & White. See the winners attached.

### **Camera Basics on February 7, 2013**

On Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup> the club will present an educational opportunity with a workshop on Camera Basics. The program starts at 7:30 p. m. and will take place in the back meeting hall of the Newtown United Methodist Church at 92 Church Hill Road, Sandy Hook. Photographers of all levels are invited to attend. The evening will start with a brief lecture about the basic components of a well composed and exposed photograph including ISO, shutter speed and depth of field. Then members and guests will be able to experiment with these settings at stations set up around the room. This is a hands on workshop so bring your camera. Experienced photographers will be available to answer questions and assist attendees in understanding their camera. This is a free program and open to the public.

### **February Meeting on February 21, 2013 at C.H. Booth Library**

On February 21, 2013 there will be a competition at 7:30 p.m. at the C. H. Booth Library with the assigned subject of Human Shapes. In addition, there will also be Open Color and Black & White. The club would like to encourage members to

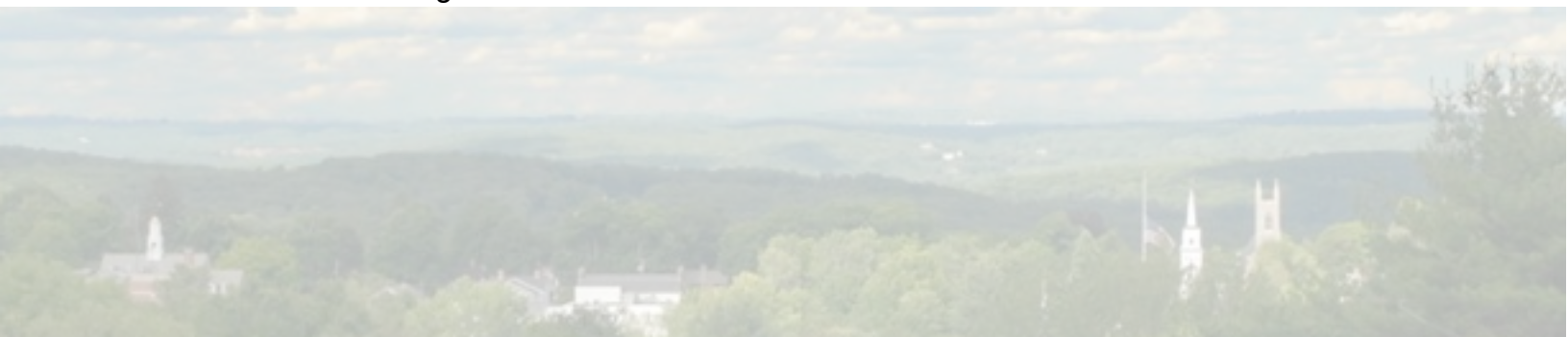
broaden their skills and submit more black and white photos. We will also begin discussing our Annual Competition in April and pick our courtesy enrollment winner for the July NECCC conference. Light refreshments will be served.

### **March 7 Portrait Workshop**

On Thursday, March 7, there will be a Portrait Workshop. Members of the 501<sup>st</sup> Legion will be our subjects. They are a group of volunteers who have movie grade costumes from Star Wars that appear at events. In lieu of a fee, they request that donations be made to one of the Sandy Hook tragedy charities. Here is a link to their website: <http://www.connsquad.com/>. Some of the characters we can expect are Stormtroopers, Darth Vader, and a Tuscan Raider. They have also arranged for three Jedi to attend. The event will take place at the Newtown United Methodist Church at 92 Church Hill Road, Sandy Hook starting at 7:30 p.m. in the lower meeting room at in the back of the church. Bring your camera and have some fun taking portraits of Star Wars characters.

### **Flagpole Photographers Show at Le Reine’s Cuisine at Tier One All Star Complex at 31 Peck’s Rd.**

Members of Flagpole Photographers have provided photos of Newtown landmarks to a new restaurant in town. Le Reine Frampton is a former Owner/ Operator Bus Driver who has opened Le Reine’s Cousine, a breakfast/lunch eatery, at the Tier One Complex at 31 Pecks Road. Currently 28 photos are on display and are for sale. They will rotate over time so if you have a photo you would like to submit please contact Rhonda Cullens. We hear that the food is delicious and the prices are reasonable. The hours are from 5:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Feel free to stop in, have a treat and view the wonderful scenes from around town.



# Competition Winners November 2012

Assigned Subject: Fall Colors



1st. Place Assigned  
Darrell Harrington  
Classic Newtown



2nd. Place Assigned  
Linda Lubinsky  
Hidden Newtown Beauty



3rd. Place Assigned  
Mark Ashbolt  
White Memorial



1st. Place Open Color  
Robert Berthier  
Loon Family



2nd. Place Open Color  
Ercole Gaudio  
Residents of Hidden Farm



3rd. Place Open Color  
Rhonda Cullens  
Tess



1st. Place B & W  
Patty Powers  
Crab for Breakfast



2nd. Place B & W  
Mark Ashbolt  
Perspective



3rd. Place B & W  
Ercole Gaudio  
Engineer & Fireman

# Competition Winners January 2013

Assigned Subject: Insects



1st. Place Assigned  
Sandy Schill  
Marbled Orb Weaver



2nd. Place Assigned  
Maxine Higgins  
Pretty in Pink



3rd. Place Assigned  
Win and Paul Brickmeier  
Monarch at Light House Point



1st. Place Open Color  
Anne Eigen  
Newtown Congregational Church



2nd. Place Open Color  
Mark Ashbolt  
Autumn Stroll



3rd. Place Open Color  
Anne Eigen  
The Horse Guard Barn



1st. Place B & W  
Rick Tyrseck  
Drilling the Militia



2nd. Place B & W  
Rick Tyrseck  
Severe Storm Front



3rd. Place B & W  
Micheline Williams  
NYC Corner