

# Focal Points



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**NEXT MEETING:**  
January 20, 2011

**Location:**  
Cyrenius H. Booth Library

**Program:** Bill Snellings  
Grand Tetons & Yellowstone  
National Park

**Assigned Topic:**  
Cars

In the Fall 2010 Interclub Class A Black and White Prints Competition, Donna White won an honorable mention for her image "Going Places". Flagpole is in a two-way tie for 8<sup>th</sup> place in this division. As our 2010 showing is lagging behind last year's, members are urged to submit any black and white images (which don't have to have been taken within the past two years) to [eigenand@gmail.com](mailto:eigenand@gmail.com) or [rtyrseck@comcast.net](mailto:rtyrseck@comcast.net).

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Club Vice President Donna White has set up a Flagpole Photographers page on Facebook. This is a great place to let other members know about photography field trips you might be planning and other events of interest.

Our Treasurer Rui DeSousa announced we have approximately \$900 in our account.

## NECCC RESULTS

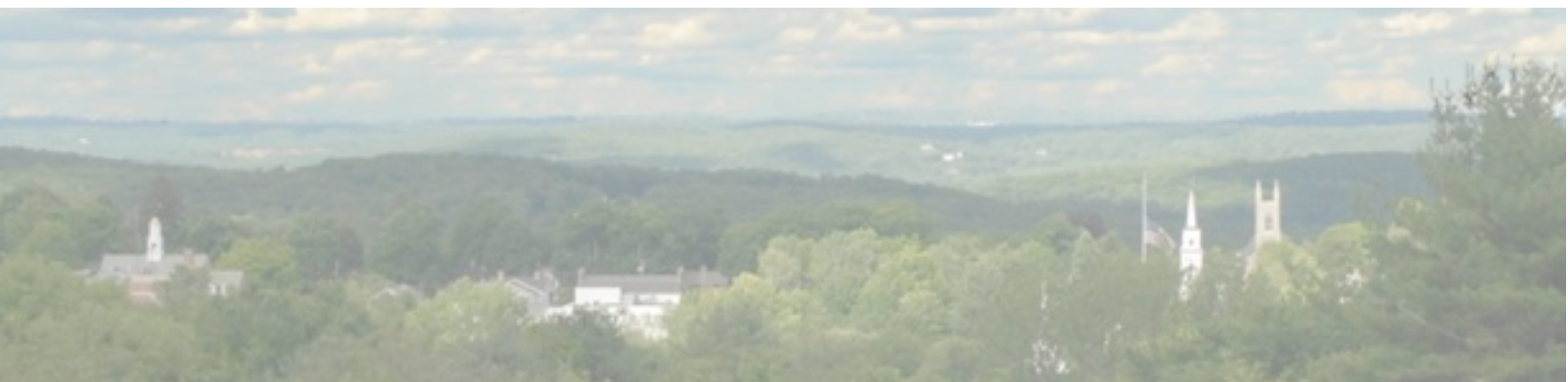
In the Fall 2010 Interclub Pictorial Class B Electronic Competition, Sheila Silvernail won an honorable mention for her image "Cuckoo Clock Tower". Flagpole is currently in a four-way tie for second to last place. Flagpole is currently in a five-way tie for ninth place in the Electronic Nature Class B Competition.

## NOVEMBER'S PROGRAM

New Milford based professional photographer Ken Kast presented a slide show of his macro images of nature that he compiled into a book using the self-publisher Blurb. His technique involves the use of macro lenses shot wide open and extension tubes. Kast displayed an assortment of the gear he uses to obtain his shots.

## FLAGPOLE HOLIDAY PARTY

The Flagpole Photographers holiday party took place on Friday, December 10 in our meeting room in the library. A committee of Sue Bonacci, Rita Buonanno, Anne Eigen, Jim Talarino, and Donna White generated ideas and organized the evening. Members and their families filled the meeting room, decorated for the season by Rita Buonanno.



There was a variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres, main and side dishes, along with scrumptious desserts prepared by several members. Members also brought in some intriguing photos for the "What is It?" activity, and Vice President Donna White read the list of equally interesting creative guesses people had recorded. As he has done for numerous years, Jim Talarino exceeded the perennially popular and lively grab bag gift exchanges.

### **HELP-PORTRAIT**

Volunteers from Flagpole Photographers: Don Brooks, Rita Buonnono, Anne Eigen, Sandy Schill, Paul Vuto, Donna White, and Benay Yaffe created a Help-Portrait event on December 11 at the assisted living facility Maplewood of Newtown. With the assistance of several other non-member volunteers, the group was able to offer 13 portrait sittings of residents and family members at no charge and the final prints were hand-delivered to residents the following week. Here's what Donna White, coordinator of the event, had to say:

"I saw smiles, hugs and at one point heard people laughing all the way down the hall. What could be better than that?

Remembering the saying that 'laughter is the best medicine' makes me think we brought some good medicine to Maplewood today. I

I can honestly say that we touched some hearts, made some memories and left some smiles."

### **KOENIG FRAMEWORKS "SCAPES" WINTER PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW**

Congratulations go to Flagpole member Paul Vuto whose image "Burning Bush" won a 1<sup>st</sup> place Koenig FrameWorks Award in their winter photography show "Scapes".

### **LIGHT BOX IMPROVEMENTS MADE**

Our lightbox now corresponds to Photographic Society of America (PSA) guidelines thanks to Flagpole member Ed Stoller who painted the interior a neutral 18% gray.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **The Greater Lynn International Color Exhibition**

Entry deadline for the Greater Lynn International Color Exhibition is February 17, 2011. Club President Don Brooks encourages members to submit entries as Flagpole did well as a club in last year's competition. He says we need at least 7 entries to enter as a club and receive the discounted \$6 entry fee but notes that members are responsible for paying the entry fee. For more information check out the website at [http://www.greaterlynnphoto.org/International\\_overview.php](http://www.greaterlynnphoto.org/International_overview.php).

[http://www.thephotograph.com/inspiration/the-haunting-photo-composites-of-jim-kazanjan/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+thephotograph%2FQFUb+%28thephotograph%29](http://www.thephotograph.com/inspiration/the-haunting-photo-composites-of-jim-kazanjan/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+thephotograph%2FQFUb+%28thephotograph%29)



## FLAGPOLE PHOTO FAVORITES

*Flagpole Photo Favorites is the new series introduced at the September meeting. It's the forum for those photos that may not be technically perfect, or that didn't do well in the monthly competition. It's the home for those photos that you keep coming back to because they resonate with you in some way. Each month we'll be showcasing one member's photo and asking them why it's special to them. Our November Photo Favorite is by Mark Ashbolt and here's what he says about his photo:*

“Although my pictures might not be of professional quality, the emotions and memories that are stirred when looking at these shots of my family changing through the years override any imperfections in lighting or background. Even though there are flowers growing out of peoples' heads and everyone is looking in different directions, the radiant smiles of my loving subjects make this assortment of images a thing to be treasured.”



# Competition Winners

November, 2010

Assigned Subject: Photojournalism



1st. Place Assigned  
Bride and Groom? What Bride and Groom?  
Benay Yaffee



2nd. Place Assigned  
Reaching My Limit  
Rick Tyrseck



3rd. Place Assigned  
Over the Top  
Don Brooks



1st. Place Open Color  
Tapping  
Adriana Gomez



2nd. Place Open Color  
A View from Below  
Rick Tyrseck



3rd. Place Open Color  
Mariane and Nadine  
Don Brooks



1st. Place B & W  
Sunset at Seaside Park  
Don Brooks



2nd. Place B & W  
Mountain View Ranch  
Rhonda Cullens



3rd. Place B & W  
Revolutionary March  
Rick Tyrseck