

Focal Points

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NEXT MEETING: May 19, 2011

Location:
Cyrenius H. Booth Library
Newtown, CT

Program:
Tom and Lisa Cuchara
Flash Photography

Assigned Topic:
Religion/Sacred Places

APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

We welcomed new student member Jordan Utter.

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Club President Don Brooks announced the formation of a nominating committee to select candidates for new officers for the 2011-12 season. Sandy Schill will chair the committee which also includes Tom Coryat and Darrell Harrington.

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Because meetings have been running long, Don Brooks has designed a member survey offering members several options to vote on to help correct this issue.

The primary options are: 1) have two meetings a month—one for programs, one for competitions; 2) have only two program meetings a year—one at the Christmas

party and one in April; 3) keep the current format but eliminate judges' comments from assigned subject category.

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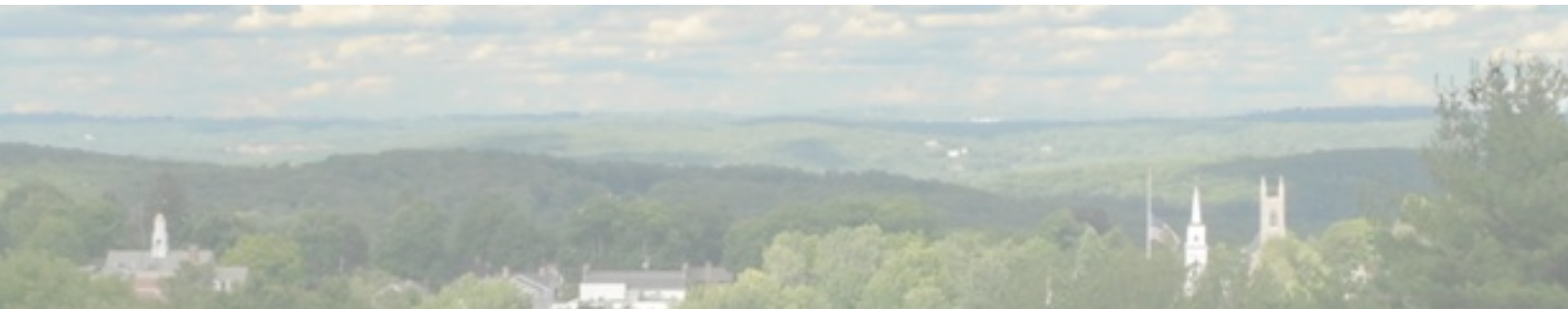
Georgia Monaghan, the editor in chief of *The Newtowner*, a locally published arts and literary magazine, addressed the club and urged members to consider volunteering their services as portrait photographers for the magazine. Monaghan stated that *The Newtowner* is looking to celebrate and showcase local artists. For more information members may go to <http://newtownermagazine.homestead.com>.

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The Newtown Bee profiled five of our members who won awards in the annual Flagpole Photographers Members' Exhibition. Members Don Brooks, Sandy Schill, Micheline Williams, Darrell Harrington and Adriana Gomez told their stories about how their winning images came about. In case you missed the article go to http://newtownbee.com/Features/2011-04-21_13-06-43/Newtown%E2%80%99s+Flagpole+Photographers%3a+The+Stories+Behind+Their+Winning+Shots.

NECCC DIGITAL RESULTS

In the NECCC Spring 2011 Interclub Electronic competition, Mark Ashbolt took home an honorable mention for his beautifully lit image "Notre Dame."



In the Class B Nature and Class B Pictorial categories, Flagpole Photographers finished out the year with ties for 9th place, putting us in the top third of all camera clubs entered.

APRIL'S PROGRAM

Multiple award-winning photographer Bill Barnett presented *Beyond Human Vision*, a program about infrared photography. He concluded his talk with a slideshow of his infrared images of nature scenes, lighthouses and religious iconography taken in Florida.

According to Barnett, the 100+ year-old science of infrared photography produces beautiful and ethereal images, and with the advent of digital technology, it is much easier to do.

Infrared photography renders foliage white and facial features are less sharp, giving images a surreal quality. And unlike conventional photography, the best time to shoot infrared photos is in the middle of the day, when the sun is overhead.

There are three ways to shoot infrared images. Dual purpose or full-spectrum cameras can shoot both infrared and regular images, but can be cost-prohibitive. Photographers can add an infrared filter to a regular camera. Or a regular DSLR can be converted into an infrared camera for \$150 to \$600.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PHOTO OPS

Saturday, June 11: Antique planes take to the air in the first airshow of the season at

the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome in Rhinebeck, NY. As an added bonus, the Antique Motorcycle Club of America is having their national meet at the Rhinebeck Fairgrounds the same weekend and if you save your ticket from one event you get \$5 off the other. For more information go to <http://www.olderhinebeck.org/>.

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Saturday, July 2: High Line NYC. Digital imaging guru and photographer Tim Grey has relocated to the east coast and is running a series of brief field photography workshops. Spend three hours exploring and photographing the unique High Line Park. This elevated park features beautiful gardens as well as great views of New York City. For more information go to <http://www.timgreystore.com/index.php?>

July 15-17: NECCC Conference at UMass in Amherst, MA.

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August 13-14: "On to Richmond" Civil War Reenactment in Woodbury, CT. Features military camp and civilian town, military drills, artillery firing, battlefield medicine and surgery and period music. For more information go to <http://www.the2dconn.com/2ndevent11.htm>.

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Remember to visit the Flagpole Photographers Facebook group. See what other members are up to, or propose a photo field trip. Check it out at http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_177952625554933&ap=1

<http://photo.tutsplus.com/>
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Competition Winners

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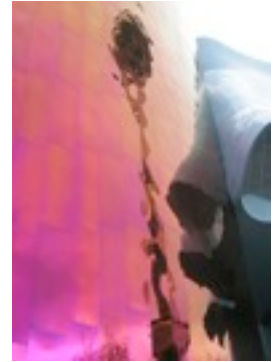
Assigned Subject: A Different Point of View



1st. Place Assigned
Dream Scene
Sheila Silvernail



2nd. Place Assigned
Cowboy
Rita Buonanno



3rd. Place Assigned
Vivid
Karen Montchal



1st. Place Open Color
Precious
Rita Buonanno



2nd. Place Open Color
Boats at Oyster Shack
Ercole Gaudioso



3rd. Place Open Color
Peek a Boo
Darrell Harrington



1st. Place B & W
Open Please!
Rick Tyrseck



2nd. Place B & W
The Road to South Britain
Ercole Gaudioso



3rd. Place B & W
Michael
Don Brooks