

Focal Points



The Official Newsletter of the Flagpole Photography Club

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NEXT MEETING: Thursday,
September 15, 7:30 p.m.

Location:
Cyrenius H. Booth Library
Newtown, CT

Program: TBD

Assigned Topic: "Nature"

JUNE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Club president Anne Eigen announced that due to budget cuts by the town of Newtown, the library will no longer cover the cost of insuring Flagpole Photographers' exhibits in the library and so the club would need liability insurance for any future exhibits held there. She and co-president Don Brooks are looking into the most economical options for the club.

In addition, members brainstormed how to finance the increased cost, based on estimates from insurance agents of \$350 to \$500 annually. Ideas included raising dues, charging fees to enter prints into exhibits and or finding sponsors.

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Members voted to adopt by-laws changes related to clarification of the roles and functions of club officers. The by-laws changes have been updated on the website.

Members also voted on candidates proposed as next season's club officers.

Flagpole Club Officers for 2011-12 are:

President: Sandy Schill

Vice-President: Donna White

Treasurer: Rui DeSouza

Secretary: Benay Yaffe

Webmaster: Tom Coryat

NECCC Rep: Rick Tyrseck

Judge Coordinator for Flagpole: Bob Berthier

Judge Coordinator for Other Clubs: Jim Talarino

Programs: Darrell Harrington & Patty Powers

Exhibit Coordinators: Rhonda Cullens and Win Brickmeier

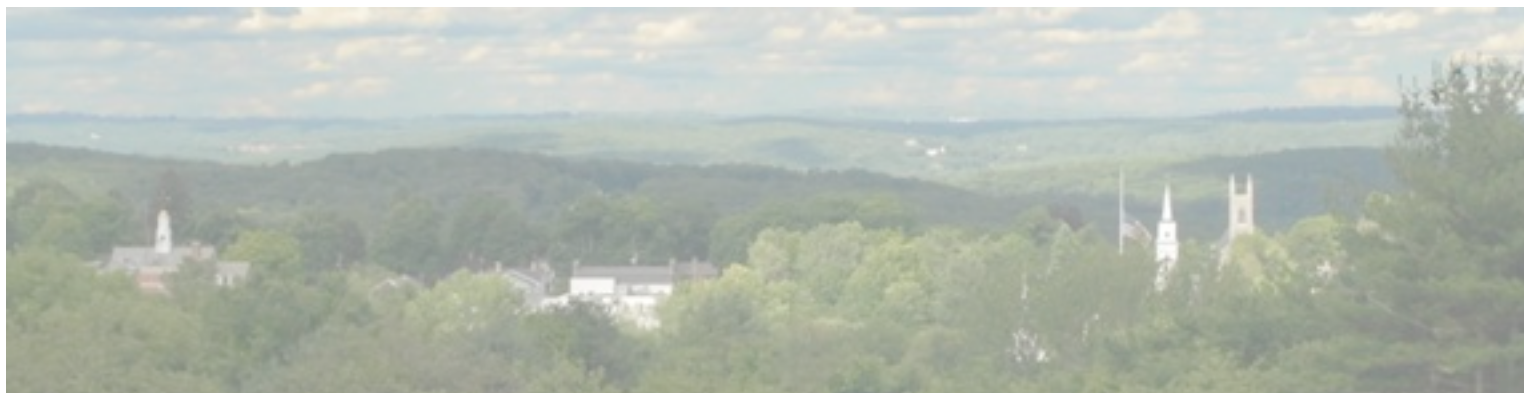
Digital Image Coordinator: Anne Eigen

Refreshment Sign Up: Jim Talarino

Equipment Manager: Ercole Gaudioso

Communications: Open

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Don Brooks reviewed the results of the survey given to members concerning the future format of Flagpole meetings. He stated that members overwhelmingly voted to change the format of the meetings. Most of those wanting change voted to increase the number of monthly meetings to two, where one would be a competition and the other would offer a speaker or some other educational program.

However, the library is no longer accepting any reserved regular meeting dates for any organization for next year, so the club would need to find another locale for a second meeting.

This prompted a discussion about various issues related to adding a second monthly meeting. These included exploring other options for meeting venues such as local churches and the Senior Center and/or having scheduled field trips which don't require a reserved facility.

Don Brooks also suggested that if the club moves to two meetings a month, the competition meetings should include an additional competition category. He added that the survey also showed that members overwhelmingly want judges' comments in the competitions.

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JUNE'S PROGRAM

Ken Graff presented a program on Cellphonography. Basing his program on the quote from photographer Chase Jarvis that the "best camera is the one you have with you", Graff discussed the capabilities of today's cell phone cameras and the high caliber of photographs that they produce. He explored the numerous apps available for in-camera processing and for producing creative

effects and altering of photos. A list of apps referenced in his presentation is available on his website <http://grafficx.com/>.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND PHOTO OPS

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?app=ecom&ns=prodshow&ref=HighLineWorkshop>

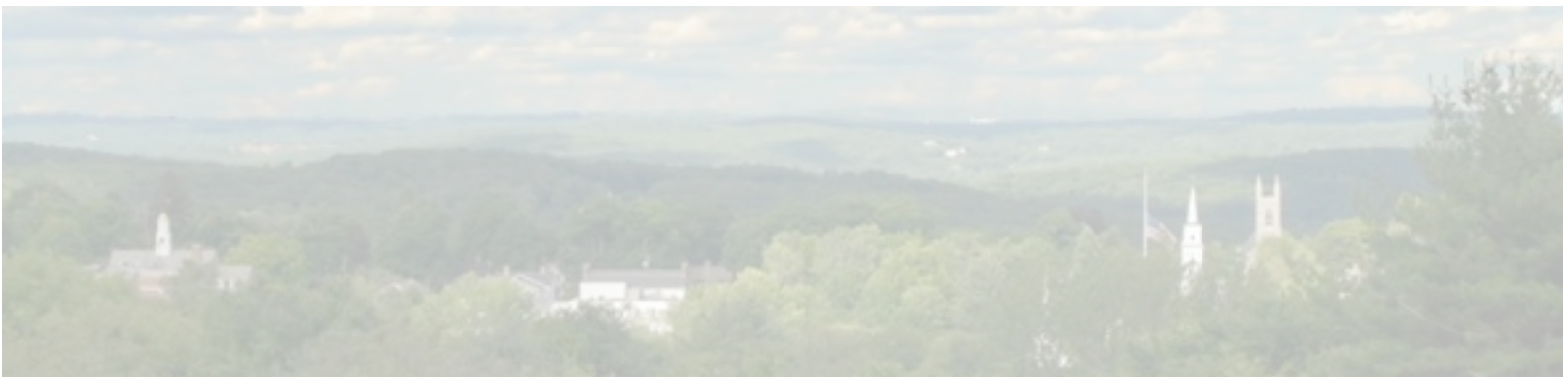
July 15-17: NECCC Conference at UMass in Amherst, MA.

July 23: ConnectiKITERS Night Kite Fly at Savin Rock in West Haven, CT. Event starts at 5 p.m. For more information go to <http://connectikiters.org/>.

July 23-24: Antique and Classic Boat Rendevous in Mystic, CT. Featuring 3 mile parade of boats with costumed crews. For more information go to <http://www.mysticseaport.org>.

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>.

August 26-28: Plainville Hot Air Balloon Festival in Plainville, CT. One of the biggest and last remaining balloon festivals in the Northeast. Features hot air balloons all three days, fireworks on Friday and an antique car show on Saturday. For more information go to http://www.plainvillefireco.com/Balloon_Festival.html.



Competition Winners

June, 2011

Assigned Subject: Abandoned



1st. Place Assigned
Old Tractor
Jordan Utter



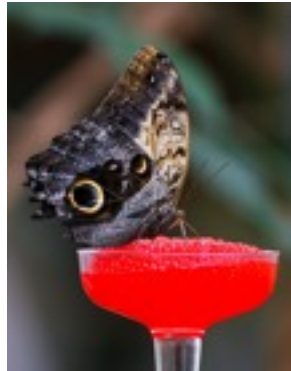
2nd. Place Assigned
No More Customers or Train
Don Brooks



3rd. Place Assigned
Detroit Diesel
Darrell Harrington



1st. Place Open Color
Roar!
Patty Powers



2nd. Place Open Color
Happy Hour
Rhonda Cullens



3rd. Place Open Color
No Delivery
Don Brooks



1st. Place B & W
Fly Fishin' in the Fog
Patty Powers



2nd. Place B & W
Cape Cod Lighthouse
Don Brooks



3rd. Place B & W
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Sandy Schill