

Focal Points

The Official Newsletter of the Flagpole Photography Club

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

December 16, 2011
Holiday Party 6:30 p.m.

January 19, 2012
Competition
Assigned Subject: Pets

Location:
Cyrenius H. Booth Library

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The first three meetings of the year brought seven new members to Flagpole:

Tim Ciavara, Newtown

Maxine Higgins, Redding

Eugene and Jeanne Luchansky, Sandy Hook

Patty MacInnis, Newtown

David McCarthy, Newtown

Trisha Shannon, Sandy Hook

Flagpole Photographers ushered in the new season with its second annual Newtown and Beyond photo exhibit held October 2-27 at the Newtown Municipal Center. The exhibit, a joint

effort of the club and the Town of Newtown/ Office of First Selectman Pat Llodra, featured 176 photos by 26 club members.

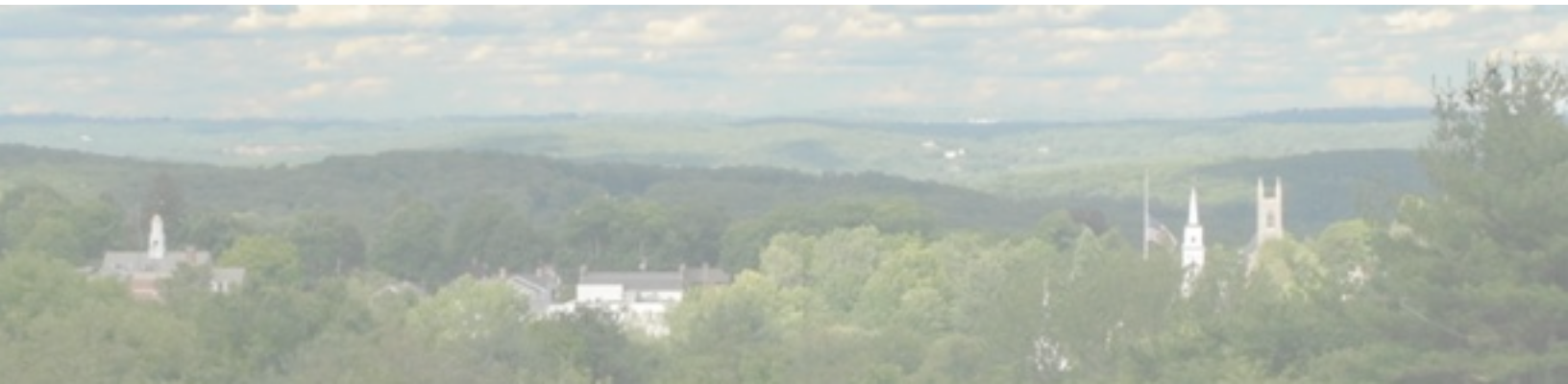
Many thanks are in order to returning co-chairs Rhonda Cullens and Win Brickmeier, who again did an excellent job of coordinating the event which included an elegant opening reception on October 2 in the Municipal Center.

Mark Ashbolt's "Fairfield Hills Tower" was donated to the First Selectman's Office and Jill Baimel's "A Newtown Painting" was donated to the Town Clerk's Office. First Selectman Pat Llodra also fell in love with Jordan Utter's photo "Mallard Duck" and convinced the talented student member to donate the photo. Llodra then donated \$50 to the club in his honor.

Eleven members sold 31 photos resulting in total sales of \$1,130.

Sue Bonacci was voted in as Flagpole vice-president. She takes the place of Donna White who resigned due to personal reasons.

Two opportunities for members to become more active in the club have arisen. The first is a New Member Chair position which involves greeting visitors and new members at meetings and familiarizing them with club procedures and activities.



The second is acting as a liaison between the club and the Newtown Cultural Arts Commission (NCAC), which has solicited the participation of Flagpole Photographers in its upcoming Arts Festival planned for September 15–16, 2012. NCAC wants Flagpole to exhibit photos and lead workshops during the Arts Festival. The liaison would be responsible for attending NCAC meetings. Anyone interested in either opportunity can contact club president Sandy Schill at dsschill@aol.com.

The Newtowner Magazine is looking for photo submissions on any subject. Submission guidelines may be found at <http://thenewtownermagazine.submishmash.com/submit>.

Flagpole Photographers members won 4 of a possible 7 awards in the Koenig FrameWorks Fall Photography Show “Animals”. Anne Eigen won first place for “Being Coy”. Honorable mentions went to Micheline Williams for “Phantom Buck”, Ercole Gaudio for “Kittens” and Bob Berthier for “Great Egret Feeding Chicks”.

Results of NECCC Fall Inter-club Print Competition

Flagpole Photographers is tied for first place in the Color Print Competition! Contributing to our excellent showing were Sandy Schill with her first place image “Milkweed Beetle” and Patty Powers with an honorable mention for “A Carnival Sunset”.

In the Class A Black and White category, Flagpole is in fifth place. Don Brooks’ submission “A Jolly Roger” tied for third place.

The job of NECCC representative is a demanding one even in a good month. But rep Rick Tyrseck went above and beyond for the Fall Competition as submission deadlines coincided with late October’s snowstorm and town-wide power outage that made submitting electronically a lot more challenging. Rick’s creative use of local businesses with wi-fi access helped get the job done. To demonstrate our appreciation for his hard work and dedication, the club presented him with our NECCC blue ribbon.

Holiday Activities

Flagpole members who are interested in getting involved with Help-Portrait, an event which provides portraits to those in need, may team up with Candlewood Camera Club, our sister club in Danbury. Their event is Saturday, December 17 at The Dorothy Day House. For more information contact Donna Cloutier at donna.cloutier@gmail.com.

Flagpole’s annual Holiday Party is Friday December 16. Look for sumptuous food and drink supplied by members, an informal member’s choice photo competition and a \$5–10 grab bag gift swap.

<http://www.newtownartscommission.org/>

<http://help-portrait.com/>

Competition Winners September 2011

Assigned Subject: NATURE



1st. Place Assigned
Humpback & Hitchhiker
Rick Tyrseck



2nd. Place Assigned
A Hungry Egret
Patty Powers



3rd. Place Assigned
Open Wide
Sandy Schill



1st. Place Open Color
Weekapaug Rests
Patty Powers



2nd. Place Open Color
Gouldian Finch
Rhonda Cullens



3rd. Place Open Color
Sunrise: Alum Creek
Bob Berthier



1st. Place B & W
Maine Coast Sunrise
Sandy Schill



2nd. Place B & W
Morning Quiet
Mark Ashbolt



3rd. Place B & W
Great Grey Owl in Snowstorm
Bob Berthier

Competition Winners October 2011

Assigned Subject: BEST OF SUMMER



1st. Place Assigned
Moonlight Lake
Ercole Gaudioso



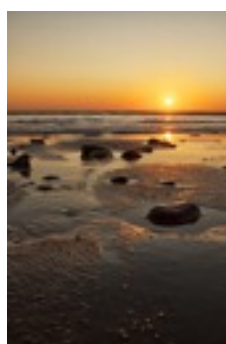
2nd. Place Assigned
Berry Splash
Anne Eigen



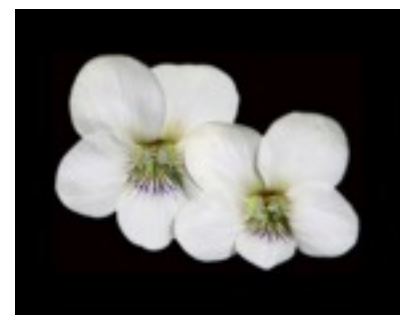
3rd. Place Assigned
A Carnival Sunset
Patty Powers



1st. Place Open Color
Rebel Sharp Shooter
Ercole Gaudioso



2nd. Place Open Color
Quiet Morning
Darrell Harrington



3rd. Place Open Color
Violas
Rhonda Cullens



2nd. Place B & W
At Rest in Point Judith
Patty Powers

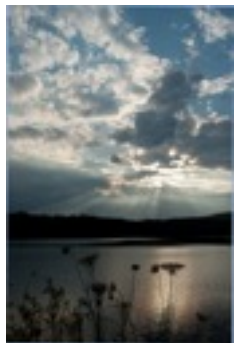


3rd. Place B & W
Mystic Lighthouse
Ercole Gaudioso

1st. Place B & W
A Jolly Roger
Don Brooks

Competition Winners November 2011

Assigned Subject: CLOUD PATTERNS



1st. Place Assigned
Just Before Sunset
Olympia Stoller



2nd. Place Assigned
Calm Before the Storm
Linda Rogers



3rd. Place Assigned
Watch Hill Sunset
Patty Powers



1st. Place Open Color
Flicker Eating Insects
Bob Berthier



2nd. Place Open Color
Moose in Fall Color
Bob Berthier



3rd. Place Open Color
Mountain Stream
Don Brooks



1st. Place B & W
The Horse Guard Resting
Patty Powers



2nd. Place B & W
River Mist
Bob Berthier



3rd. Place B & W
The Bromley Farm
Don Brooks