

Focal Points

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

March 1, 2012

Still Life Workshop 7:30 p.m.

Location:

Newtown Congregational Church

March 15, 2012

Competition

Assigned Subject: Motion

Location:

Cyrenius H. Booth Library

gathered for a brief presentation by Darrell Harrington, who advised the importance of reading one's camera manual and discussed the foundations of photography such as the exposure triangle and composition.

Club president Sandy Schill emphasized that the goal of the night was to "get people off auto, play with their cameras and have fun." Attendees broke into groups by camera manufacturer and made the rounds of photo op stations set up for practicing new skills.

The next Flagpole program is a Still Life Workshop to be held March 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level library at the Newtown Congregational Church. Members will have the opportunity to photograph at several stations and are encouraged to bring camera, tripod and flash.

Member Exhibits

Hot off the member exhibit at the pre-show reception for the Flagpole Radio Café on February 4, Flagpole Photographers has also been asked to mount an exhibit at Avance Esthetiques Day Spa.

The exhibit, which will run from March 4-28, kicked off with a reception at Avance on Sunday, March 4.

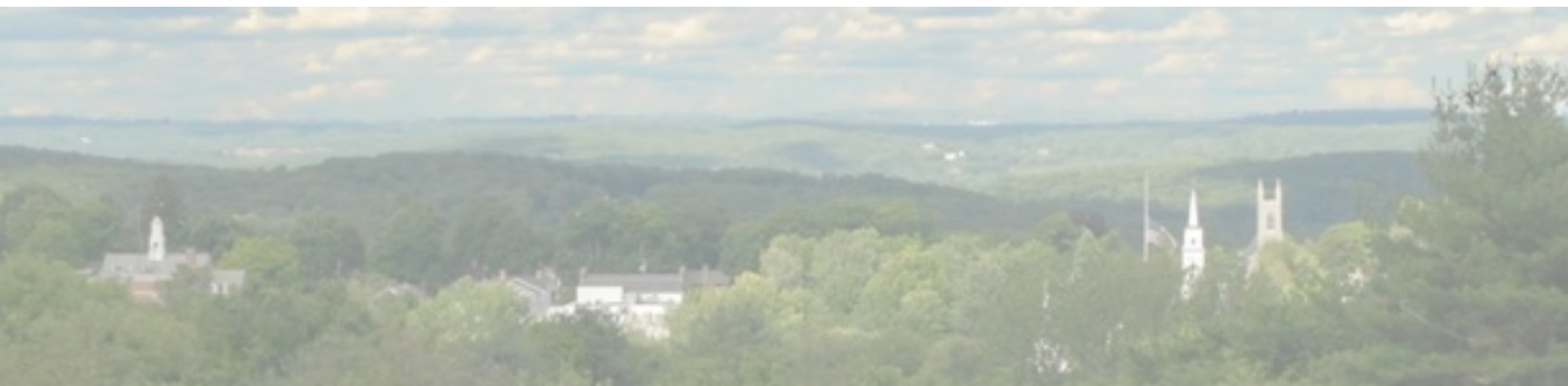
JANUARY/FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Flagpole welcomed more new members in the new year:

Clarice Azzoni Southbury
Eileen and Ken Burns Sandy Hook
Margaret Lee Monroe
Linda Lubinsky Newtown
Dennis MacCaskie Southbury
Ken Stein Sandy Hook

Flagpole Program Meeting News

The February Camera Basics workshop drew around 30 members and visitors. They



The exhibit will be taken down on Wednesday March 28, and members may pick up their photos between 4–6 p.m.

Also on the exhibit horizon is the Flagpole Photographers annual member competition and exhibition which begins Saturday, March 31 at the Booth Library. Take advantage of the mild winter and start compiling your entries now.

In anticipation of the two exhibitions, members voted to purchase four metal grid display screens to hang photos.

NECCC Results

Ercole Gaudio won an honorable mention for his image, Small Boats in the Fall Inter-club Digital Competition Class B Pictorial category. Flagpole is currently tied for 8th place.

Flagpole Photographers is now in first place out of 24 clubs in the Winter Interclub Color Print Competition!

In the Class A Black and White category, with 14 clubs participating, Flagpole is in third place.

Photography Book Donations

Club President Sandy Schill proposed that the club donate \$100–\$200 to update the

library's collection of photography books, as she found that the library's current holdings were out of date. She requested that if members have a book they found particularly helpful to email her the title at dsschill@aol.com to put on the list for potential purchase.

A suggestion was made that members might also have books that they would be willing to donate, so members were asked to bring in donated books to the next meeting. The purchase of new books was tabled until a tally of member donated books was done.

Other News

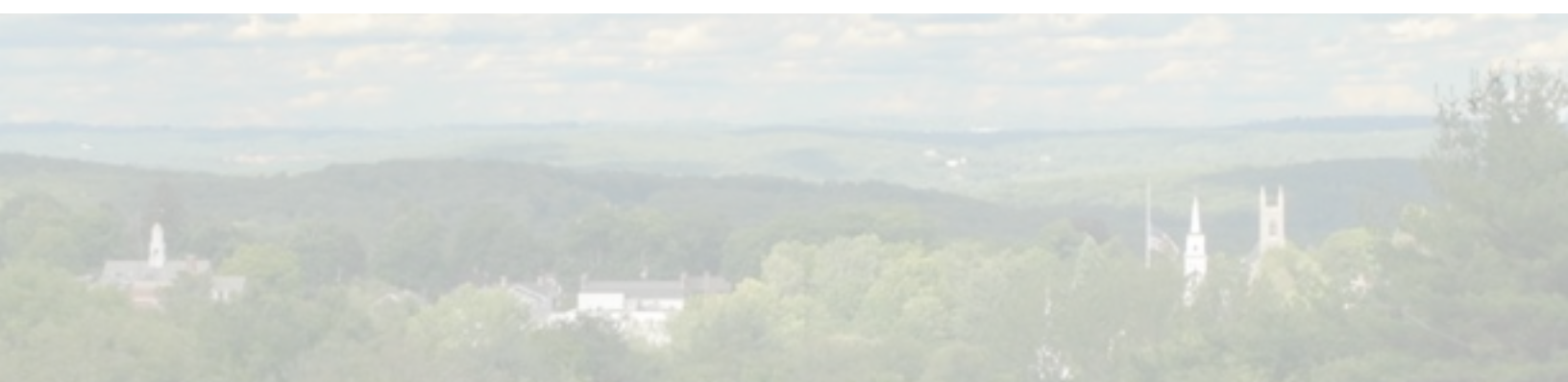
Ercole Gaudio won the complimentary registration to the upcoming NECCC Annual Conference slated for July 13–15 at UMass Amherst.

Members were encouraged to “like” the Flagpole Photographers Facebook page.

Members were also encouraged to submit photos to update the gallery on the club's website. Instructions for submitting images may be found by clicking on the Gallery link.

The Newtowner Magazine is looking for photo submissions on any subject. Submission guidelines may be found at

<http://thenewtownermagazine.submishmash.com/submit>



Competition Winners January 2012

Assigned Subject: Pets



1st. Place Assigned
Opie
Ercole Gaudioso



2nd. Place Assigned
The Fear of the Mailman
Maxine Higgins



3rd. Place Assigned
Best Friends
Olympia Stoller



1st. Place Open Color
Blue Droplet
Darrell Harrington



2nd. Place Open Color
Mariana
Don Brooks



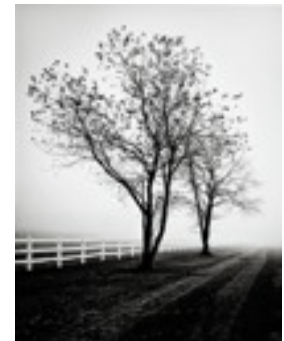
3rd. Place Open Color
My Good Side
Sandy Schill



1st. Place B & W
Infrared Summer II
Ercole Gaudioso



2nd. Place B & W
Laci and Her Foal Jasper
Rhonda Cullens



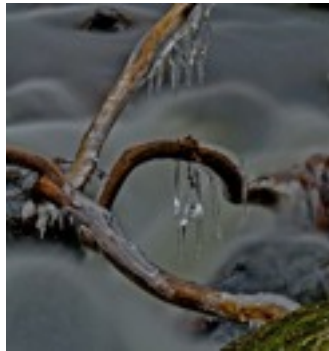
3rd. Place B & W
Along a Bywaay
Anne Eigen

Competition Winners February, 2012

Assigned Subject: ICE



1st. Place Assigned
Blue Ice with Cedar Cone Piece
Dennis MacCaskie



2nd. Place Assigned
Ice Water
Mark Ashbolt



3rd. Place Assigned
How I Like My Ice
Darrell Harrington



1st. Place Open Color
Proud Fisherman
Patty Powers



2nd. Place Open Color
Horse Farm
Ercole Gaudio



3rd. Place Open Color
A Winter Scene
Don Brooks



1st. Place B & W
Stoic Hessians
Rick Tyseck



2nd. Place B & W
Infrared Spring
Ercole Gaudio



3rd. Place B & W
The Parisian Artist with His Masterpiece
Rhonda Cullens