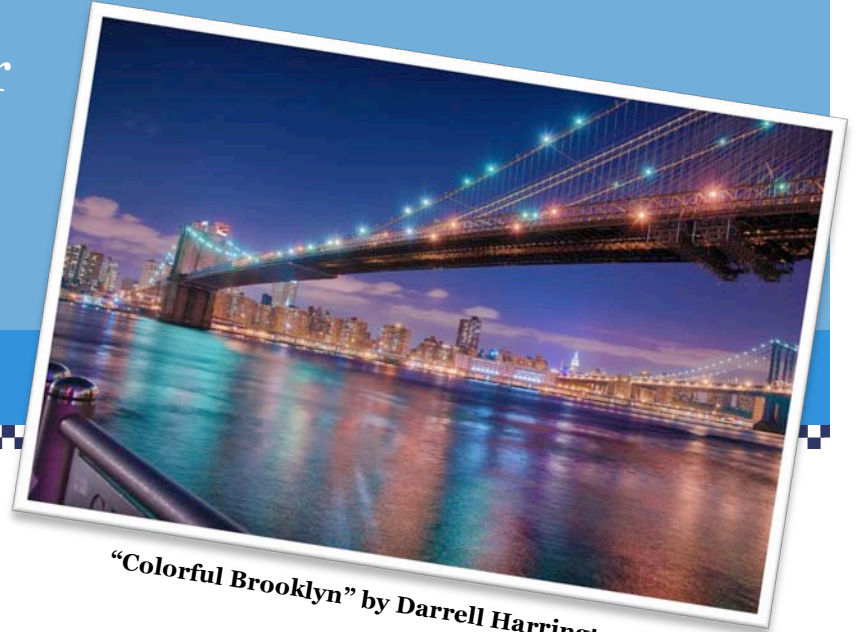


Focal Points

The Official Newsletter
of the Flagpole
Photography Club

Sep. – Dec. 2013



“Colorful Brooklyn” by Darrell Harrington



“I always thought good photos were like good jokes. If you have to explain it, it just isn't that good. – Anonymous

Welcome Back!

Welcome back from our summer hiatus! Our last newsletter featured our photography competition winners of 2012 and a calendar arrangement of featured events and workshops to help us hone our photography craft. The beauty of the Flagpole Photographers Camera Club, it has something to offer for every member, from the beginning hobbyist, as well as those with advanced skill and technique. We welcome all new members and encourage participation and suggestions in all aspects to enhance their photography experience.



“Family Treasures” by Rhonda Cullins

Did You Know?

The longest photographic negative in the world is 129 feet and was created by Esteban Pastorino Diaz. The negative is of a panorama of major streets in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The images were captured by the slit camera, which was mounted to the roof of a moving car. –Guinness Book of World Records



"The Water Skier" by Sue Bonacci



"Catching Some Air" by Rhonda Cullins



"Blowing in the Wind" by Shane Cullins

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Location: Cyrenius Booth Library

12/13/13
Competition "Food"
Holiday Party

1/2/14
Discussion
Open Discussion

1/16/14
Competition
"Red"

2/6/14
Program
B&W Photography

2/20/14
Competition "Abstract"

3/6/14: Program
Night Photography

3/20/13
Competition "Bird(s)"

4/3/13
Program - Macro and
Flowers

4/17/14
Competition "Texture"

5/3/14
Program -Sharon CT
Audubon Society

5/15/14
Competition –
"Main Street, Newtown"

5/29/14
Program
Themed Portrait

6/12/14
Competition - TBD

Current Officers for Flagpole Camera Club

President:
Sandy Schill

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Tom Coryat

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Rick Tyrseck

Programs:
Mark Ashbolt

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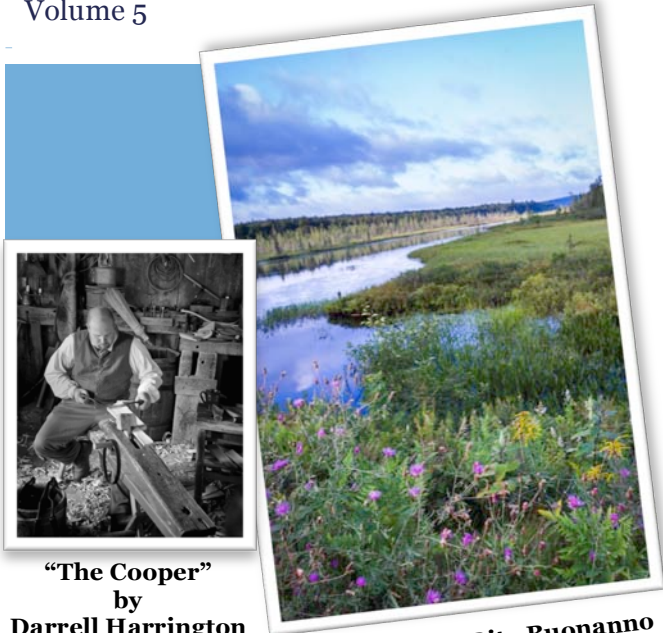
Photo Bank:
Darrell Harrington



"Determination" by Dave McCarthy

Competition Winners

Each month Flagpole Photography Camera Club holds print competitions featuring a specific subject theme. Although the themes have a variety of assigned subjects, it also features competition in open color, as well as black and white. Winner's photos have the opportunity to be submitted for judging by the New England Camera Club Council.



"The Cooper"
by
Darrell Harrington

"Serenity" by Rita Buonanno

September 19th, 2013

"Nature"

1st Place: "Great Blue Heron"

By: Rick Tyrseck

2nd Place: "Back Yard Visitor"

By: Doug Biliski

3rd Place: "Sarasota Ibis"

By: Sue Bonacci

"Open Color"

1st Place: "Gerber Daisy"

By: Cindy Garrnett

2nd Place: "A Rebound Battle"

By: Don Brooks

3rd Place: "Sunset on the Farm"

By: Rick Tyrseck

"Open Black & White"

1st Place: "Great Egret"

By: Rick Tyrseck

2nd Place: "The Cooper"

By: Darrell Harrington

3rd Place: "After Effects of Outsourcing"

By: Pat Miele



"Sunset on the Farm" by Rick Tyrseck

October 17th, 2013

"Best of Summer"

1st Place: "Determination"

By: Dave McCarthy

2nd Place: "Serenity"

By: Rita Buonanno

3rd Place: "The Water Skier"

By: Sue Bonacci

"Open Color"

1st Place: "Catching Some Air"

By: Rhonda Cullins

2nd Place: "Family Treasures"

By: Rhonda Cullins

3rd Place: "Colorful Brooklyn"

By: Darrell Harrington

"Open Black & White"

1st Place: "Blowing in the Wind"

By: Shane Cullins

2nd Place: "Stargazer Lily"

By: Cindy Garrnett

3rd Place:

"Caution Wet Paint"

By: Mark Ashbolt

November 21st, 2013

"Friends"

1st Place: "Still my Best Friend"

By: Doug Belinsky

2nd Place: "My Best Buddy and His Family"

By: Don Brooks

3rd Place: "Man's Best Friend"

By: Jordan Utter

"Open Color"

1st Place: "Milky Way"

By: Rick Tyrseck

2nd Place: "Bugling Elk"

By: Bob Berthier

3rd Place: "Snake River Crossing"

By: Bob Berthier

"Open Black & White"

1st Place: "Old Friend"

By: Sue Bonacci

2nd Place: "Reflection"

By: Rick Tyrseck

3rd Place: "Lovely Lighthouse"

By: Danielle Amato

4th Annual “Newtown and Beyond” Exhibit

The 4th Annual “Newtown & Beyond” Exhibit held from October 6-29 was once again a resounding success! A huge thank you goes to the 19 members who participated in the exhibit at the Newtown Municipal Center with 132 of their photos. Congratulations on selling 31 photos during the event! Thank you also to everyone who helped hang and take down the show as well as those who brought food for the public reception. At the end of the exhibit,

Micheline Williams donated her photo, “We Choose Love” to First Selectman Pat Llodra and Jill Baimel donated her photo, “Archway” to Town Clerk Debbie Aurelia-Halstead. Thank you both and congratulations for having your photos selected. We were also pleased to include over 30 poems written by Newtown High School students in Mrs. Joanna Diaz’s American Literature class this year. These poems focusing on the

theme of “Where I am from...” expressed how these students feel about their hometown and were paired with photos throughout the exhibit. On the last day of the exhibit, Mrs. Diaz brought her students on a field trip to see the display and identify connections between the writing and the photographs. The students’ work was well received and Mrs. Diaz has agreed to continue their participation in future exhibits.

Program Nights

Sometimes Q&A’s sessions can be very helpful on Program Nights. These Program Nights offer a wide range of discussion of technique and promote a more positive and relaxing atmosphere for interaction among photographers.

October 3rd, 2013

“Camera Basics and How to Critique Your Photos ”

A round table format proved very helpful for club photographers, with over 15 attendees working on fine-tuning their craft through open discussion. These informal venues prove to be not only educational, but also fun and entertaining for all.



“Lovely Lighthouse” by Danielle Amato

November 7th, 2013

“Newtown Historical Society – Matthew Curtis House ”

What an interesting and fun night of picture taking! A big “Thank You” to the volunteer Docents, which did a great job of staying in character, which enhanced the Newtown Historical Society experience at the Matthew Curtis House.



“Backyard Visitor” by Doug Bilisky



“Caution Wet Paint” by Mark Ashbolt



Founded in 1985, the Flagpole Photographers' mission is to enable members to share their images and expertise, to learn and grow in their photography, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow photographers. We come from diverse backgrounds, with photographic skills ranging from beginning novices to professional photographers.

Program lectures and workshops center on both traditional and digital photography techniques, and post-processing. Further learning occurs through the monthly competitions, which include critiques by a team of 3 judges. Other activities involve field trips and community service projects.

Please visit our website for the latest schedules and programs. Our site also contains current and previous issues of our newsletter, a gallery of member images, and by-laws www.flagpolephotographers.com

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NECCC - Fall 2013 Inter-club Print Competition

The fall 2013 inter-club print competition was held on Oct. 24th at the Stony Brook Camera Club in Wrentham, Massachusetts. A total of 160 prints were submitted... 49 class "A", 23 class "B", and 88 Color. Participating were 22 clubs... 13 in class "A", 6 in class "B", and 22 in Color. A total of 24 prints received awards... 8 class "A", 4 class "B" and 12 in Color. Congratulations to our Flagpole Photographers Camera Club members!

Black & White: Class A

Flagpole Photographers tied in 5th place against Boston Camera Club, with 86 points.

Color

Flagpole Photographers came in 5th place with 95 points.

Individual Black & White: Class A

Flagpole Photographers' Rick Tyrseck came in 3rd with "Great Egret" photo.



Individual Color

Flagpole Photographers' Sue Bonacci came in 3rd with "Sarasota Ibis" photo.



Congratulations!

Darrell Harrington received an "Honorable Mention" for his photo submitted to the NECCC Conference Model Photo Competition.



"A Rebound Battle"
by Don Brooks



"Great Blue Heron"
by Rick Tyrseck

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