

REFLECTIONS



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Letter from the President

by Jim West

As I write this, we're already well into the month of August and about to enter Stony Brook's 41st season as a photography club. I must say that I'm honored to be chosen as your president this year and will do my best to make it an engaging and enjoyable season for all, regardless of whether you're a photography novice or a more advanced photographer.

First of all, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Tony Mistretta and his Program Committee for putting together an excellent program for this upcoming season. Serving on the committee with Tony are Ann Crawford, Joe Kennedy, Rob DeRobertis, Phil Giordano, Ed Gooltz and David Marshak. My appreciation goes out to all of them as a lot of work went into putting this program together. The committee met twice per week through the summer months and after many emails, telephone calls and brain storming put together a diverse program with a number of interesting speakers, both from within our camera club and from the outside. Also included are a number of interactive workshops and in collaboration with Ray Guillette the committee incorporated some changes and more diversity in the format of our Image Study sessions. A copy of the 2010/2011 program can be found at the end of this Newsletter and should also be posted on our website by the time you read this.

I also feel I need to mention Rob DeRobertis and the tireless work he has done for our club.

In addition to his time put into the Program Committee he has spent many hours of late revamping our website. We've had a nagging problem with a computer virus infecting our website and Rob has worked hard to clean that up. Menus have been cleaned up and a new feature called the "News Blog" has been added. <http://www.stonybrookcc.com/News/announcements2.html> Rob will be sending out an email outlining the changes he has made.

Speaking of our website, there's been a growing number of members, 50 at last count, on our Stony Brook Facebook group. You should feel comfortable that this site is accessible only by invitation as we've restricted its use to our club members, friends of the club and those on our membership waiting list. I see quite a bit of member activity there including sharing of images and mini field trips. If you're interested in joining, there's a Facebook link on the home page of the Stony Brook website. For further questions or comments about our Facebook group you can contact Rob DeRobertis at webmaster@stonybrookcc.com.

I'm sure each incoming president has some ideas for changes that may reflect some of the feelings that are important to them. Additionally, feedback from members on past programs helps shape some of these ideas. I'm no exception in that regard and there are a few areas I can mention as being particularly important to me. First and foremost, I would like to remind us that we're all part of a community and are here because of a common passion, that of

photography. To that end, I would encourage you to reach out and engage in conversation with others in the room, particularly newer members. It wasn't that long ago that I was a new member and I can vividly remember feeling very lost until I finally mustered up the courage to speak with some of the other members.

This following idea is not new, but I think a good one as it has been a Stony Brook practice in the past. In order to help ease new members into our club Vicki Schepps has agreed to take on the role of 'Welcome Wagon Hostess'. She'll be seeking out new members in an effort to offer any assistance they may need and ease their transition into the club. It's just a simple practice but one I think will make new members feel more comfortable. My thanks go to Vicki for accepting this role.

Field trips are an area I'd sure like to see more members participate in. I've been on several Stony Brook field trips over the past few years. In addition to enjoying myself immensely I got the chance to meet and chat with a number of club members that I really didn't know prior to the trips. Denise Duhamel, Vicky Elliott and Bob Sheppard have agreed to plan a number of field trips. Hopefully, we can have a good turnout for the trips. Denise has already put together a Bar Harbor/Acadia trip for the beginning of October and already there have been a number of inquiries about it.

In writing this greeting I did a little research into past Stony Brook president's inaugural letters to the members. I saw a number of interesting items that I'd like to work on. Some simple things such as name badges and a mentor list were implemented in the past and seem to me a good idea to bring back. Please email or speak to me if you feel you have knowledge in a particular area of photography and would like to volunteer to act as a mentor to any club member that may need assistance.

Lastly, there's much more I would like to say and many more members I would like to thank. I will end by thanking all of our members that help make our club run smoothly. Until I became president, I don't think I was aware of how much

work it takes by so many individuals to make our club what it is. Thanks to all of you for your generous help and support of our club. I very much look forward to September 9th, our first meeting of our 41st year.

A Message from the Treasurers

By Ken and Eva Coop

We are honored to serve as your treasurers again this season. We are anxious to see everyone again and enjoy new images that have been collected over the summer. We remind all members that due to the new bylaws approved by the membership last season, we are required to enforce an earlier deadline for dues payment, which is now Oct. 1. This is critical, as delinquencies will result in your membership being offered to someone from an ever-growing waiting list of eager folks. For your convenience, you can now pay your dues online through our web site, or you may still pay in person or by mail if you prefer. If you should choose not to renew, we will be sad to say goodbye, but please let us know as soon as possible.

Scholarship Report

by Billi Manning

In June, SBCC awarded four scholarships to area high school seniors.

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| <u>Brittany Phillips,</u> | Mansfield High School \$500 |
| <u>Emily Chadwick</u> | Smithfield High School |
| \$500 | |
| <u>Meredith Kelley</u> | Nipmuc Regional High School |
| | \$200 |
| <u>Katie Ann Miles</u> | Milford high School \$100 |

By-Law changes

Please review the recent changes in the by-laws of the camera club. They are listed under "about us" category in the Stony Brook Camera Club website.

Rob DeRobertis, Webmaster

Jim West President
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Vicky Elliott Secretary
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Ken and Eva Coop Treasurer
sbcctreasurer@gmail.com
Rosemarie Marsh Past Presidents
Glenn Browning

Meeting Minutes...by our members

By Carol Adiletto

Greetings and welcome back to our entire Stony Brook camera club membership. This year I am hoping that several club members will be willing to write up a brief article after attending one of our programs. It can be a fun experience and the writer will get full credit for the article. As newsletter editor, I will be more than happy to assist in this undertaking. I would ask that you write me at sbcceditor@yahoo.com expressing which program you are willing to write-up. You may want to reference previous newsletters for suggestions.

COMMITTEES:

Program Committee Tony Mistretta, Chairman; Joe Kennedy
 Ed Goltz, Phil Giordano, Anne Crawford, Jim West
 Ann Bertulli, Rob DeRobertis and David Marshak
Slide/Print study Ray Guillette, Andre Bourque
Equipment Dan Charbonnet
Field Trips Denise Duhamel, Vicky Elliott, Robert Sheppard
Reflections Carol Adiletto
NECCC Rep. Ray Guillette neccrep@stonybrookcc.com
Judge: John Fuller
Refreshments Melba Armour, Linda Massey,
 Robert Lehanka
PSA Rep. John Fuller

Database Dan Charbonnet
Nominations Bob Doyle
Scholarship Fund Billi Manning, Joe Cormier, Peyton Roberts,
 Vicki Schepps, Glenn Browning, Jim Jones
Digital Ann Bertulli
Mentoring: Jim West
Webmaster Rob DeRobertis
Website Ann Bertulli, Phil Giordano,
 Ray Gingras, Joe Kennedy,
 Chuck Noel, Randy Ranaudo

Hospitality Vicki Schepps
Competition Mike DiStefano, Dan Charbonnet,
 Rob DeRobertis
Announcements Ann McEvoy amcevoy1@aol.com

COMPETITIONS:

Color Slides Mike DiStefano
B&W Prints Bob Doyle
Color Prints Ray Guillette, Rob DeRobertis
Digital Ann Bertulli
PSA/NECCC Dan Charbonnet
Quad Robert Lehanka

STONY BROOK CAMERA CLUB

PURPOSE: To promote enjoyment and proficiency in all aspects of photography through education, fellowship, exchange of knowledge and experience; and a broad appreciation of nature and our environment.

MEETINGS: Meetings will be held every Thursday of each month; no meetings in July and August. Consult SBCC Calendar of Events. All meetings start at 7:30 P.M. The regular meeting place is the Wrentham Senior Center, 400 Taunton Street, Wrentham. Mailing address: Stony Brook Camera Club, P.O. Box 20, Wrentham, MA 02093-0020

DUES: Individuals: \$50.00, Families: \$75.00, and \$25.00 for students and members over 65 years of age. To be eligible for competitions, dues must be paid before the first competition.

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WEBSITE: Visit our website at www.stonybrookcc.com for the latest schedule, updates, and breaking news, and photographs from our competitions, members, and activities throughout the year.

OFFICERS: Elected annually and serve as the executive committee with two past presidents. SBCC is affiliated with the N. E. Camera Club Council and is a member of the Photographic Society of America.



Hospitality chairperson -- Vicki Schepps

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| Sep 9, 2010 | Summer Vacation Revisited |
| Sep 16, 2010 | Bob Yankee – Book of Photo Essays |
| Sep 23, 2010 | Competition, Class A&B Digital General, Digital Creative, Slide Creative, Class A&B Color Prints Digital Images Due Sun Sept 19 |
| Sep 30, 2010 | Image Study – Ray Guillette |
| Oct 7, 2010 | Macro Workshop – Roy Marshall |
| Oct 14, 2010 | Competition, Class A&B Digital Nature, Slide Nature, Black & White Prints Digital Images Due Sun Oct 10 |
| Oct 21, 2010 | Adam Jones, Canon Explorer of Light |
| Oct 28, 2010 | Image Study – Ray Guillette and Panel |
| Nov 4-5, 2010 | Mark Bowie, Light of Midnight, sponsored by Hunts, followed by Friday night field trip |
| Nov 11, 2010 | Competition, Class A&B Digital General, Slide General, Class A&B Color Prints Digital Images Due Sun Nov 7 |
| Nov 18, 2010 | Mike O'Connor, ProShow Gold – Educational Workshop |
| Saturday 10:00-3:00 Nov 20, 2010 | Rick Sammon Seminar Plymouth Plantations, Plymouth MA |
| Nov 25, 2010 | Thanksgiving, no meeting |
| Dec 2, 2010 | Ray Guillette, Dreams Come True |
| Dec 9, 2010 | Competition, Class A&B Digital Nature, Slide Nature, Digital Creative, Slide Creative Digital Images Due Sun Dec 5 |
| Dec 16, 2010 | Holiday Party and Member Show |
| Dec 23, 2010 | Holiday recess – no meeting |
| Dec 30, 2010 | Holiday recess – no meeting |
| Jan 6, 2011 | Shane Gutierrez – Instructor at RISD and Professional Photographer |
| Jan 13, 2011 | Competition, Class A&B Digital Nature, Slide Nature, Class A&B Color Prints, Black & White Prints Digital Images Due Sun Jan 9 |
| Jan 20, 2011 | Charlie Burke, Making Good Images Great |
| Jan 27, 2011 | Rick Cloran, Making Competitive Nature Images |
| Feb 3, 2011 | Educational Workshop Part I |
| Feb 10, 2011 | Competition, Digital Creative, Slide General, Slide Creative, Black & White Prints Digital Images Due Sun Feb 6 |
| Feb 17, 2011 | Educational Workshop Part II |
| Feb 24, 2011 | Steve Dunwell, Boston People, Places & Things |
| Mar 3, 2011 | Educational Workshop – Talk Photography |
| Mar 10, 2011 | Competition, Class A&B Digital General, Slide General, Class A&B Color Prints Digital Images Due Sun March 6 |
| Mar 17, 2011 | Scott Erb, Fine Art & Commercial Photographer |
| Mar 24, 2011 | Image Study – Ray Guillette (Format TBD) |
| Mar 31, 2011 | Dan Charbonnet - Africa |

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| Apr 7, 2011 | George Lepp, Canon Explorer |
| Apr 14, 2011 | Competition, Class A&B Digital General, Digital Creative, Slide General, Slide Creative Digital Images Due Sun April 10 |
| Apr 21, 2011 | Quad Club Competition |
| Apr 28, 2011 | Andrey Antov, Macro Made Easy |
| May 5, 2011 | Image Study – Ray Guillette (Format TBD) |
| May 12, 2011 | Competition, Class A&B Digital Nature, Slide Nature, Black & White Prints Digital Images Due Sun May 8 |
| May 19, 2011 | Dick & Joan Shirley Showcase |
| May 26, 2011 | Image of the Year |
| Jun 2, 2011 | Image Study – Ray Guillette (Format TBD) |
| Jun 9, 2011 | Voice of Photography |
| Jun 16, 2011 | End of Year Banquet and Member Show |

NECCC visitors : Vicky Elliott, Tony Mistretta and Anita Gilbert



NECCC proudly dedicates its 65th annual conference to John C. Fuller, FPSA, MNEC, AFIAP



Digital Quad Competition 2010 - 2011

All competition photographs must be taken May 1, 2010, or later.

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| Action | Foreign | Out of this World |
| Bubbles | Hands | Patriotic |
| Children at Play | High fashion | Public Event |
| Concert or performance | July 4 th | Riverview |
| Desserts | Lines or curves | Silhouette |
| Different angle | Multiple exposure | Stormy |
| Dog(s) | Natural pattern(s) | Water droplets |
| Fast | Night Photography | Yellow |



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