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## The Info Sheet

# FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB

... in our 35th year

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**www.flushingcameraclub.org**  
**Web Master:** Ron Caldwell

Meetings: 7:30 pm, 1st, 3rd, 5th Wednesdays at Flushing Hospital, 45 Ave & Parsons Blvd., Flushing. Park on street or in lot across the street from Hospital. Parking ticket MUST be validated by the Camera Club.

**Dues:** \$35.00 for individual  
\$57.50 for family; \$20.00 for students: up to 23 yrs.

*Member: Photographic Federation of Long Island (PFLI)*

*Member: Photographic Society of America (PSA)*

*"Together in friendship may we learn the art of photography"*

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Happy Holidays!

As I'm writing the president's message, my thoughts turn to the great photographic opportunities available to us in the winter. Soon the holiday lights will be glowing all around us and people hustling to get the shopping done.

When it snows: instead of staying indoors and feeling down, grab your camera, dress warmly and head for one of our many parks. Snow on trees and benches can be very photogenic. There are several ponds and small lakes in our area that present great photo ops.

The Manhattan skyline from Gantry State Park on a crisp evening can be stunning, particularly if a party cruise happens along. After a freeze, the pilings at Gantry can offer an amazing ice-covered abstract. Head out to Jones Beach and shoot the dunes with snow covering.

If you find the weather just too bad to go on a field trip, then what about that setup you had planned for so long and just haven't had the time to do? How about learning something new? Go online or to the library and get that photo-editing article or book and practice enhancing images.

Winter can be a great time for photography if you make it so, but remember dress warmly and in layers and it will be much more enjoyable.

For additional ideas and techniques visit the New York Institute of Photography website: [www.nyip.com](http://www.nyip.com).

Jimmy Li, Vice President, is back at work and his schedule conflicts with our meetings. Of course, employment takes priority over our hobby. While Jimmy cannot be with us at this time, we're looking to the time when his schedule will permit his return.

At our November 30, 2005 meeting, Bob Uss was elected as our Vice President. Many thanks to Bob for accepting this very crucial position.

Also at our November meeting Gary Speilvogel, Education, enlightened us by providing several photo "how-to" sites and an in-depth exploration of FLICKR. Thanks Gary for this great information.

- Ron Caldwell

**Happy Hanukah**

**Merry Christmas**

**Happy Kwanzaa**

**Happy New Year**



**Happy Birthday To You!**



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| 2: Gary Spielvogel | 23: Selma Mirsky   |
| 3: Iris Figueroa   | 27: Bob Green      |
| 3: Tom Mrwik       | 29: Sarah Williams |
|                    | 30: Joe Mancher    |

**MEMBERS' NEWS**

**Sally Cawley:** suffered a stroke a few months ago and continues in rehabilitation. We send our best wishes for her full and speedy recovery.

**Michael Sender:** entered the North Shore Hospital Competition and received the following:  
 Honorable Mention: "My Monet"  
 5th Place: "Gates W/Gapstow Bridge"

We'll miss Michael at the December 7th FCC meeting ...he'll attend the Reception to honor him on that date at North Shore Hospital, Community Drive. **Michael: Congratulations ... wish we could be with you to celebrate on Dec. 7th!**

**Stan Starkman** left NY for his winter in Florida ... we'll look to his return in the spring. He's not far from Joe and Miriam Mancher.

**Bob Fragman:** Bob Fragman: Is back in USA till mid-December when he'll travel to Bangkok, Thailand, and then to Manila, Philippines for New Year's events. He hopes "to get some really interesting pictures during his time in Tondo: which is the worst, toughest and poorest neighborhood in Manila ... and probably most of Asia. However, they have the best New Year's celebration. It's usually on TV there and I'm looking forward to doing a whole story on it."  
 Additionally, Bob has invested in an ice cream manufacturing company in the Philippines and it will take up a lot of his time during the next few months. He "needed something to keep me busy .. not that I don't have enough, but this sounded like fun."

**Mary Thompson:** " I just wanted to let you know that I won \$50. in a photo contest sponsored by The Voelker Orth Museum, Bird Sanctuary and Victorian Garden, 149-19 38th Avenue, Flushing, NY. The theme of this First Annual Photograph Contest was Faces and Places in Queens. I selected an image that I had taken on a field trip with the FCC to Gantry State Park in Long Island City. I just want to point out to the membership that it

*Mary Thompson continued ...*

doesn't matter what the "Judges" think of your picture, it's more important if you like it. I had put this Gantry Park image in our last restricted competition in May, 2005 and only got a "6."

The contest selection committee liked it enough to give me 2nd place plus a check. I had entered another contest in 2003 that the Huntington Township puts on during their tulip festival .. I won first place and \$350. That was another image I took on a field trip with the Club to Hick's Nursery. *I encourage everyone to enter contests. Not just for the opportunity to win money, but for your own pride and satisfaction. It's a real ego boost and it reminds you of why you decided to embark on this hobby in the first place.*

**Mary: Congratulations on winning and for your encouraging words for members!**

**Jimmy Li:** has returned to full time employment, readjusted to life in the workplace ... and truly loves his fulltime position. As the new employee, he's at the bottom of the list and cannot get desired days off. Of course, this interferes with his camera club time! He has mounted his first hurdle and is beyond the probation period.

**Jimmy: We truly miss you and your warmth in the FCC! At the same time, we realize that you must do what is required for your job! We'll hold a spot for you so when you have days off, you'll be able to return to the FCC. Missing You!**

**Susan Zigman:** "I was excited to be at the well-attended Flickr workshop at Media Noche Gallery in Manhattan, given by Gary Sielvogel. He opened our eyes to the many possibilities of posting and viewing photos of others on internet websites.

There are several ways of exhibiting and categorizing photos on the web. The entire session opened a creative eye to the many options and illustrated the process so that we could create it at our leisure. Gary explained and illustrated the process so that we could re-create it at our leisure."

**Susan: Thanks for sharing the information on Gary's presentation and for bringing the 3 visitors to our last meeting.**

**NEW MEMBER:**

**June Conticchio:** Is a long-time member and has been away for awhile. We're so pleased that everything has worked out and she has rejoined us. **June: Welcome Back!**

**IMAGE GUIDELINES** by the late Felix Occhiuto  
 A good image should have:

- Impact
- Composition
- Technique
- Originality
- Print Quality
- Complimentary Mounting



**Members: 62**  
**Goal: 10% Increase**



Flushing Camera Club Standings after Competiton #3 -- November 2, 2005									
Judge: Andrew Kurchey									
Position	Maker	Points	Entries	Images of Month	Position	Maker	Points	Entries	Images of Month
<b>Honor Class Slides</b>					<b>B Black &amp; White Prints</b>				
1	Ettore Trauzzi	10	6	0	1	John Baratta	9	6	1
2	Dennis Golin	9	4	1	2	Stan Strauss	8	4	1
3	Joan Egan	9	6	0	3	John Ruffins	7	4	1
4	Gary Spielvogel	8	4	1	4	Ann Strauss	6	4	0
5	Bob Green	7	6	0	5	Helene Sender	2	2	0
6	Martin Fleischer	6	6	0	6 (tie)	Victor Fichera	1	1	0
7	Russ Burden	5	2	1	6 (tie)	Irs Figueroa	1	1	0
<i>Image Of The Night: "Coopers Hawk" by Russ Burden</i>					8	Suzanne Abruzzo	0	1	0
<b>A Slides</b>					<i>Image Of The Night: "Great Town" by John Baratta</i>				
1	Joe Crupi	14	6	1	<b>Honor Class Color Prints</b>				
2	Michael Sender	13	6	2	1	Gary Spielvogel	15	6	2
3 (tie)	Neil Berzak	9	6	0	2	Bob Green	13	6	1
3 (tie)	Susan Zigman	9	6	0	<i>Image Of The Night: "New Year Dragonette" by Gary Spielvogel</i>				
5	Jim Cullen	8	4	0	<b>A Color Prints</b>				
6 (tie)	Tom Mrwik	8	6	0	1	Helen Repstad	13	6	0
6 (tie)	Roy Woelfel	8	6	0	2	Michael Sender	12	6	1
8	Ron Caldwell	6	4	0	3	Ron Caldwell	11	6	1
9	Barney Zukowski	5	6	0	4	Barbara Shea	11	6	0
10	Bell Smith	4	6	0	5 (tie)	John Baratta	9	6	0
11	Phyliss Backer	3	2	0	5 (tie)	Bob Uss	9	6	0
12	Joe Muratore	2	2	0	7	Nat Howard	8	6	0
13 (tie)	Selma Mirsky	2	4	0	8	Stan Goldstein	7	4	1
13 (tie)	William Pritchett	2	4	0	9	Neil Berzak	7	6	0
15 (tie)	Stan Goldstein	1	2	0	10	Mary Thompson	5	4	0
15 (tie)	George Hercules	1	2	0	11	Terrence Howard	3	2	0
<i>Image Of The Night: "Blue Star" by Michael Sender</i>					<i>Image Of The Night: "Flying Home" by Ron Caldwell</i>				
<b>B Slides</b>					<b>B Color Prints</b>				
1	Bob Uss	9	6	2	1	Joan Egan	12	6	2
2	John Binseel	7	6	1	2	Jim Cullen	7	4	1
3	John Ruffins	6	4	0	3 (tie)	Iris Figueroa	7	4	0
4	Sylvia Hodge	5	2	0	3 (tie)	Stan Strauss	7	4	0
5	John Baratta	5	6	0	5	Ann Strauss	6	4	0
<i>Image Of The Night: "Angles" by Bob Uss</i>					6	Martin Neff	5	4	0
<b>Honor Class Black &amp; White Prints</b>					7	Suzanne Abruzzo	5	6	0
1	Gary Spielvogel	15	6	2	8	Rae Jang	3	2	0
2	Bob Green	14	6	1	9	Vic Fichera	2	1	0
<i>Image Of The Night: "Jers-Eye View" by Gary Spielvogel</i>					10 (tie)	Nick Fichera	2	2	0
<b>A Black &amp; White Prints</b>					10 (tie)	Kathleen Goldner	2	2	0
1	Helen Repstad	11	6	1	10 (tie)	Helene Sender	2	2	0
2	Neil Berzak	9	6	2	13	Judy Diaz	1	1	0
3	Stan Goldstein	7	4	0	<i>Image Of The Night: "Vermont" by Joan Egan</i>				
<i>Image Of The Night: "Kansas Kastles" by Neil Berzak</i>									



PFLI Competition November 11, 2005					
Name	Title	Score	Name	Title	Score
<b>A Slides</b>			<b>B Color Prints</b>		
Ettore Trauzzi	Encounter With The sun	22	Ron Caldwell	Flying Home	22
Neil Berzak	Canon De Chelly	20	Joan Egan	Vermont	23
Dennis Golin	Red, Blonde and Blue	25	Martin Neff	Through Caverns Measureless to Man	19
Gary Spielvogel	Soft Tulips	23	Barbara Shea	Butterfly 101	22
Joan Egan	Water Lilly #101	20	Nat Howard	Like What U See	22
<b>B Slides</b>			<b>A B&amp;W Prints</b>		
Phyllis Backer	Norwegian Fishing Port	24	Sylvia Hodge	Twin Crane	21
Michael Sender	Blue Star	21	Michael Sender	Time Warner w/Globe	22
John Ruffins	White Coral	20	Helen Repstad	Water Lily #10	22
George Hercules	Wild Flower	21	John Barrata	Happy Trio	22
Susan Zigman	Entrance	20	Jim Cullen	Sunset at Half Dome	20
Bob Uss	Angles	21	<b>B B&amp;W Prints</b>		
Sylvia Hodge	Down on the Farm	23	Gary Spielvogel	Jers-eye view	24
Barney Zukowski	Caged	20	Gary Spielvogel	Centripetals	24
Ron Caldwell	Another Christmas Catcus	25	Bob Green	Portrait	24
Joe Crupi	Pea Soup	21	Helen Repsted	Point of Light	20
<b>A Color Prints</b>			<b>B B&amp;W Prints</b>		
Gary Spielvogel	Duet at Sunset	23	John Ruffins	Pine Bonsai	22
Gary Spielvogel	New Year Dragonette	22	John Ruffins	St John's - Barbados	22
Neil Berzak	Tuba City Navajo	20	John Barrata	Side by Side	22
Neil Berzak	Snoopy Come Home	20	Iris Figueroa	Reflections	21
Bob Green	Futuristic	23	John Barrata	Great Town	21

**Summary of Action: Executive Committee meeting:**

New award ribbons purchased: purple, red  
 Nominee for FCC Vice President to be voted on Nov. 30  
 Field Trip Chair to serve on Executive Committee  
 Display/Show Committee to be formed; chair to serve on Executive Committee  
 By-Laws Committee formed: Joan Egan, Joe Crupi  
 Digital Committee to be formed  
 Members Forum: Feedback will be organized and appropriate data sent to each committee chair for implementation.  
 Holiday Gifts for Security and Parking Lot: Mary Thompson volunteered to handle

**Gadgets, December 21, by Mary Thompson**

On December 21, 2005, the FCC will have another “Gadgets” night. This night of surprises gives everyone an opportunity to show off their ingenuity.

**In the past:**

Jimmy Li has demonstrated his right angle viewer  
 Eli Rivera has shown us a macro rail  
 Mary O'Connor has gels  
 Do you know what a plamp is?  
 Do you use anything special for a background? I have a camping clothesline. Want to see what I can do with it?  
 I also use a crocheting hoop  
 Do you have special lighting fixtures?  
 Do you know what flower twisters are?  
 Do you have a bottle of “dew?”  
 What kind of filters do you use?  
 Dig down deep in those camera bags and in the back of your closet where you keep your camera stuff and share it all with your friends and fellow photographers.

**Remember: December 21, is the date!**

**Round Robin: January 18, Mary Thompson**

Watch for news on our exciting Round Robin photo elements. This promises to be an evening with something for everyone!

**FLICKR, by Gary Spielvogel**

The club's FLICKR group bulletin board pages of "The Flushing Camera Club" are now content-rich with photography education goodies. These include Russ's weekly series of Photo Tips, all of last year's Info Sheet photo tip articles by Bob, Joe, and Ron, reviews, and some new stuff, plus many clickable links to all sorts of good things available within Flickr and on the internet. Just log in to your own free personal Flickr account, click on "Groups" at the top, and explore the club's pages. Don't have a Flickr account? Then email me (gaspi9@verizon.net) to get it!

**FCC Selection Committee**

The FCC Selection Committee selects the FCC images to be judged at PFLI competitions.

**The 2005-06 Selection Committee: Joe Crupi, Neil Berzak, Helen Repstad, Ron Caldwell, Bob Uss (Competition Chair) ... and they've started this season with a bang!**



## FCC: Calendar ...What's Going On!

### December

7: 7:30pm: Competition, Judge: Chuck Pine, Park West CC

9: 7:45pm: PFLI Competition, Old Bethpage Village

21: 7:30pm: Share Your Gadgets; Holiday Party

### January, 2006

4: 7:30 pm: Competition, Judge: Eli Rivera

13: 7:45pm: PFLI Competition, Old Bethpage Village

18: 7:30pm: Round Robin

27: 8:00pm: Delegates' Meeting, East Meadow

### February

1: 7:30 pm: Competition, Judge:

10: 7:45 pm: PFLI Competition, Old Bethpage Village

15: 7:30 pm: FCC Program - TBA

24: 8:00 pm: PFLI Delegates' Meeting, East Meadow

### March

1: 7:30 pm: Competition, Judge:

10: 7:45 pm: PFLI Competition, Old Bethpage Village

15: 7:30 pm: FCC Auction, Joe Muratore, Auctioneer

24: 8:00 pm: PFLI Delegates' Meeting, East Meadow

29: 7:30 pm: Education Program—TBA

### April

5: 7:30pm: Competition, Judge:

19: 7:30pm: FCC Program

21: 7:45pm: PFLI Competition, Old Bethpage Village

28: 8:00pm: PFLI Delegates' Meeting, East Meadow

### Restricted Competition

The May competition is a Restricted Competition. The theme is: "Reflections" and only images of "Reflections" will be accepted for the competition. If you have questions about the Restricted Competition, contact Bob Uss, Chair, Competition Committee

### FCC Field Trips: Tuesday Morning Shoots

Stan Strauss is in charge of FCC Field Trips and Tuesday Morning Shoots and he been busy identifying places for us to photograph. Field Trips are a great way to strengthen our skills. FCC and other club members are willing to assist and answer photo questions on these trips. If you have trip suggestions to offer, contact Stan.

### "Shutterbug" Message:

"Due to the major change and shifts that the photo/imaging market has undergone in recent years, we have made the very difficult business decision to cease publishing Petersen's Photographic after the December 2005 issue."

### PFLI (PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION OF LONG ISLAND)

The PFLI consists of 20 camera clubs from Brooklyn to Long Island and our images are selected by our Selection Committee for submission to the PFLI competitions. Competitions are usually on 2nd Friday of each month: check PFLI/FCC calendars.

**PFLI Competitions will begin at 7:45 pm**

**PFLI NEWS newsletter will be posted on the PFLI website:**

<http://www.pflionline.org>

PFLI Judges/Speakers List is being updated and should be available to all camera clubs early in '06.

*PFLI continued .....*

Discussions are underway on the following PFLI events ... more details in future Newsletter:

Honors Night

Round Robin

Spring Spectacular

Use of Digital Projector for competitions

**NOTE: The December 18 PFLI Delegates' Meeting has been cancelled.**

PFLI Delegate: Barney Zukowski; Alternate Delegate: Mary Thompson

### PHOTOGRAPHY HAPPENINGS

**The following events are provided for information purposes only; contact event for hours, fees, other details:**

#### **JOHN BROKOS, Rockville Center Library, December 1-30, 2005.**

The Library has invited John to exhibit again ...this is his 5th year in a row! We know what a great photographer John is, so we'll want to visit the exhibit. Library: 221 N. Village Avenue, Rockville Center, about 1/2 mile north of Sunrise Highway. 516-766-6257; [www.rvc@nassaulibrary.org](mailto:www.rvc@nassaulibrary.org).

#### **CONTEST: Smithtown Township Arts Council**

Annual Juried Photography Exhibition April 1-30, 2006, Mills Pond House Gallery, St. James, New York. Entry deadline: Feb. 15, 2006. Juror: World renowned photographer/author, Joyce Tenneyson. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place cash & exhibition prizes. Entry fee: \$45 for up to 3 entries. \$30 for member of the Smithtown Township Arts Council, up to 3 entries (artists may join STAC at time of entry) For a prospectus, please send SASE to STAC, 660 Route 25A, St. James NY 11780 or visit [www.stacarts.org](http://www.stacarts.org) Mary Burk, Smithtown Township Arts Council, 660 Route 25A, St. James NY, 11780 email : [stacprograms@earthlink.net](mailto:stacprograms@earthlink.net), phone : 631 - 862 - 6575 fax : 631 - 863 - 8730, [www.stacarts.org](http://www.stacarts.org)

#### **Photoshop Classes**

2nd Wednesday in each month, 7:00 pm, free Photoshop Classes, at Bethpage Public Library, 47 Powell Avenue, Bethpage. Why not check out these classes .. sure can't beat the price!!

**Jones Beach Holiday Light Spectacular:** Annual drive-through animated light display at the West End. Theme: "Santa On The Go." Till January 1. Tickets: 516-221-1000

**Southeast Queens Camera Club** as partners with Southern Queens Park Association, presents: "Colors in Black" Art Exhibit: December 29 - January 16, 2006, Roy Wilkins Park Center, 177-01 Baisley Blvd., Jamaica, NY. M-F: 9am-12:30 pm for schools. 1-8pm: general public; Sat. 10am -5pm; Sun. 1-5:00 pm. Sponsored by Depart. Cultural Affairs and Borough President, Helen Marshall.718-276-4630



### Russ Burden says ....

"I want you to know about my most recent articles in Petersen's PHOTOgraphic. In November issue, I had a 4 pager on the topic of FRAMING. 5 tips are given and each is illustrated with an image. If you still have the issue, take a moment to give it a quick review. If you don't have it, try to borrow a copy from a fellow photographer or check the library .. give it a look.

The December issue, focus of 6-page article is BACKLIGHTING. It covers 8 tips that demonstrate different situations in which to use it. Tips include how to use backlight indoors, outdoors, how to emphasize texture, how to create silhouettes, and more. Each tip is illustrated with a photograph that shows its use. Again, try to get your hands on a copy. I hope the article helps you in your photographic endeavors. "

### 2006 TOURS by Russ Burden

Apr. 22-28: Monument Valley/Slot Canyons

May 13-19: Arches National Park/Monument Valley

May 27-June 5: Oregon Coast

June 17-23: Tetons & Yellowstone Natl. Parks in Spring

Sept. 22—Oct. 1: Tetons & Yellowstone Natl. Parks in Fall

Oct. 7-13: Vermont in Autumn

For information on group rates and full trip details, visit:  
www.russburdenphotography.com

Russ' phone: 303.791.9997; e-mail: rburden@ecentral.com

### International Center for Photography Events:

1. **"The Body at Risk: Photography or Disorder, Illness, and Healing,"** significant photographic projects from the last 100 years that depict the vulnerability of the human condition. Shows how individual lives are shaped by range of challenging circumstances, including war, disease, poverty, pollution, age, labor. Dec. 9- Feb. 26, 2006

2. **"African American Vernacular Photography: Selections from the Daniel Cowin Collection"** ...offers a glimpse into the rarely seen everyday lives of African Americans through a variety of photographic genres and poses: snapshots, children, weddings, uniformed soldiers, etc. 1860-1930. Dec. 9—Feb. 26, 2006.

3. **"Ken Light: Coal Hollow: ..black/white images portray the culture of state's small towns after the mines closed where people are devastated by unemployment, drug use, mine-related diseases.** Dec. 9—Feb. 26, 2006.

4. **"Snap Judgments: New Positions in Contemporary African Photography"** ..focuses on photo-based artwork from Africa since 1996. More than 200 works by 35 artists. March 10-May 28, 2006

**Bronx Zoo, Holiday Lights,** "When the nights grow chilly and dark comes early, what better way to brighten your spirits than at the Bronx Zoo's Holiday Lights extravaganza! New for this year is "The Land of Narnia at the Butterfly Garden.

"Dec. 30, 31, January 1: A WILDLife New Year's Celebration. Join us each evening as we count down the final days of 2005 and welcome 2006 with a costumed character parade on Astor Court."

**The Perfect Medium: Photography and the Occult"** 120 photographs focusing primarily on the period: 1860 to World War II. Till Dec. 31. Metropolitan Museum of Art, 5th Ave. & 82 St., NYC, 212-535-7710

**William Wegman Fashion Photos** showcases the internally renowned photographer's elaborately stated photographs of his Weimariner, Fay Ra, and her numerous descendants. The dogs wearing human costumes, enact a variety of scenes. Till Feb. 5. Nassau County Museum of Art, Contemporary Gallery, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor: 516-484-9337.

**"Arthur Leipzig On Assignment"** photographic retrospective. Thru Dec. 23. Hillwood Art Museum, LIU-CW Post, Northern Blvd., 516-299-4073.

**"At the Controls: The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Looks at Cockpits"** photographs by Eric F. Long and Mark Avino thru Dec. 11. Cradle of Aviation, Charles Lindbergh Blvd. (Mitchell Field) 516-572-4111

**"The Mythic City: Photographs of New York by Samuel H. Gottscho, 1925-1940."** Till Feb. 26, Museum of the City of NY 1220 5th Ave., NYC, 212-534-1672

**Egypt: The Soul of a Country,** Exhibit by Roberta Small, Great Neck Camera Club. Reception: Fri., Jan. 6, 7-9pm, Foyer Gallery, South Nassau Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 228 South Ocean Ave., Freeport. Exhibit: Jan. 6—Feb. 17, 2006: Tues-Fri: 9am—1pm; Sun. 10am-12 Noon. 516-378-0621; Rsmallphoto.com

**Tuesday Evening Hour:** Slide Show Lectures, 49 Fulton St., corner South Street Seaport, 6:30pm, \$2.00 donation.

### January

3: Shooting" for the New York Sun, Konrad Fiedler

17: Around the World, Part I

24: Around the World, Part II Ron & Cricket Parker

31 "Santas" Chasing Santa around the world, Lois Robinson  
212-385-3650; www.tuesdayeveninghour.com

**Nikon School of Photography, NYC:** 9:30am—4:30 pm

**Sat. Introduction to Digital SLR Photography \$119.00**

**Sun. Next Steps in Digital Photography; Streamlined Workflow Techniques - \$159.00**

March 11, 2006 June 3, 2006

631-547-8666; www.nikonschool.com/registration

**Annual Spring Flower and Garden Show, March 10-19, 2006,** Hicks Nurseries. It became an oasis of flowering trees, fragrant flower-lined paths and walkways and flowers, flowers, flowers and more flowers. 100 Jericho Turnpike, Westbury, 516-334-0066; www.hicksnurseries.com

**2006 Amherst:** hold the dates: July 14-16, 2006

**To take great holiday photos in this season of lights,** we offer you these four tips:

1. Turn off your strobe (flash) unless you have a very good reason to use it.
2. Use fast film - we suggest ISO 800.
3. Avoid camera shake. Use a tripod...or, at least, brace the camera.
4. Trust your camera's built-in meter.

*(Excerpt from NYIP article)*