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The Info Sheet

FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB

... in our 36th year

FCC Executive Committee Officers:

President: Ron Caldwell, APFLI
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Treasurer: Joe Crupi, 718-343-0280

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Committee Chairpersons:

Administration: Tom Mrwik, 718-343-8387

Competition: Bob Uss, 718-468-8238

Education: Stan Strauss, 718-423-2825

Field Trips: Joan Egan, 718-441-6210

Membership: Dorothy Gist, APFLI
516-328-3776

Programs: Mary Thompson, 718 – 353-0878

Publicity: Selma Mirsky, 718 – 575-0809

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Marty Fleischer: 718-591-8246

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Mary O'Connor: 718- 939-4963

PFLI Delegate: Ron Caldwell,

Alternate: Mary Thompson

The Info Sheet: Dorothy Gist, Ron Caldwell

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

Welcome Back!

Our summer was busy as Stan Strauss, Education Chair, held a great series of presentations on Photoshop Elements 4. We learned so much. This was Stan's introduction to his role as Education Chair ... showed us what we're in for this season with educational events. Thanks Stan!

We have an exciting season planned with some changes in content for our meetings based on what has been asked for at our members' forums. Our emphasis will be on educational programs on most program nights instead of only on the 5th Wednesdays. We will have the travelogues and fun shows at special meetings such as party nights and our dinner. Mary Thompson is the Program chair and will be booking the travelogue and fun shows and Stan Strauss as Education chair will book the educational shows. If you know of a show you think we should have, let Mary or Stan know.

Helen Repstad, Vice President, and I will share responsibility for the overall functioning of the FCC. Much of my time will be spent in planning for FCC. The members' forum discussed a format for the display of members' images .. I'll form a committee and work with them to move ahead. We're in the midst of making necessary changes to our By-Laws and I'll work with that committee. Helen will work closely with our committee chairs to insure their jobs run smoothly.

I have been following the PFLI's progress toward digital competition very closely and it looks as though there will be some trial runs this season with full expectation that the digital competition will start with the 2007 – 2008 season. The Executive Committee at its next meeting will discuss FCC digital competition and schedule trial competitions this season in order to be ready to compete digitally at PFLI in October 2007.

Joan Egan has graciously agreed to take the Field Trip chair and we can expect some great trips coming up. The first is the Adirondack Balloon Festival, September 22-24. If you have not signed up you should. This is a must do trip!

Barbara Shea has agreed to Chair our Dinner Committee for next year. We're looking to all members to assist Barbara in identifying a restaurant for our dinner.

Membership and Publicity Committees are working together to more actively recruit members on college campuses.

Our own Dorothy Gist has moved up to President of the PFLI. First let's congratulate her and secondly work with her as she takes on this new responsibility. As we all know Dorothy is a firm believer in using committees to spread the work and develop future leadership; therefore, if you are asked to serve on a PFLI committee try to find time for it.

We're off to an exciting season.

Ron Caldwell

FCC: CALENDAR ...What's Going On!

September, 2006:

6: Program/Party: Victor Goldmintz, Red Rock Country, Western National Parks

15: PFLI Presidents/Delegates Meeting

20: FCC Competition: Judge, Andrew Kurchey, Lindenhurst Camera Club

22-24: Field Trip: Balloon Festival, Glens Falls

October

4: FCC Competition

13: PFLI Competition: Plainview Old-Bethpage Library, 999 Old Country Road, Plainview

18: Education

22: Photorama, PFLI, Planting Fields (details on page 5)

27: PFLI Delegates Meeting

November

1: FCC Competition

3-5: PFLI Trip: Cape Ann

10: PFLI Competition

15: Education

29: Program



Happy Birthday To You!



3: Barbara Shea

15: Irv Gordan

7: Rae Jang

MEMBERS' NEWS:

Grace Tucci: Entered the hospital this summer, but all is well. She's well on the road to recovery. *"Thanks so much for your concern, card and good wishes. So appreciated! Really! So nice of you and it always "makes my day." I'm better (slowly) and I do have to take it easy, but I'll get there. Thank you again. Grace."*

Verdell Lawton: Also entered the hospital ... returned home the next day! His wife and family are staying close to "guarantee" his full and complete recovery.

We're looking to Grace's and Verdell's return to the FCC.

Norma Goetz: She is spending time with her mom who is getting special care. Hopefully, mom's condition will improve enough to enable Norma to return to us.

Tommy DiDonato: is with Con Edison and during the Astoria electrical problem, we sent him a note to "keep cool." His response: "...keeping cool in 103 degrees is "Mission Impossible!" He's doing well.

Bob Green: PSA International-digital images projection salons 2006, received 2 acceptances: Color—Open: - Softness;

Black/White—Creative: "blue tone balloon." **Bob: Congrats!**

Barney Zukowski: "Many thanks for your thoughtful goodbye card. It was a pleasant and heartwarming experience seeing your names and reading your gracious comments. I must apologize, however, for letting you all beat me to the "goodbye." I so wanted to make the last meeting and the Best of the Best" competition, but the demands of packing forced me to do otherwise. Then, there was the dinner. As I told Barbara, I really wanted to make it, but alas, the time demands of unpacking prevented my attending.

We are finally seeing daylight with regard to unpacking and getting organized. The house is beginning to look more like a home rather than a warehouse! Maybe I'll soon be able to start taking pictures again. There is a Princeton Camera Club which I'm looking into joining.

Again! Great to hear from you all. Good shooting and God bless. Yours Truly, Barney Zukowski: 60 Wiltshire Dr., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, phone: 609-882-6924"

Joe Mancher: has served in the FCC for many years. During his time with us he has unselfishly worked in several areas, including time with Al Robbins as they created and developed the FCC Musical Show. Joe and Al have traveled to share the Musical Show with those who are confined to nursing homes and to senior centers. It has brought joy and laughter to many. Our Musical Show is our primary involvement with the community.

During his annual winter visits to Florida with Miriam, Joe kept in touch with us about the life of the FCC. He also wanted to insure that we had the scoring equipment was in proper working order for our Best of the Best competition in June. He continued to participate in our competition, while in Florida, by leaving his images with us.

Joe has kept the life and functioning of the FCC as an integral part of what he is about and his contributions have meant so very much to us.

Based on Joe's many involvements over the years in the FCC, the Executive Committee has unanimously voted to grant Joe Mancher FCC Life Membership.

CONGRATULATIONS

NEW MEMBER:

Uris McKay: Welcome as a member of the FCC. Uris is also an active member of the newly-formed Southeast Queens Camera Club. She travelled with FCC on our Pennsylvania Dutch trip and she also attended our summer Photoshop Elements 4 sessions. We look forward to Uris joining us in competitions .. and in many other areas. **Uris: Welcome!**

Officers elected for Sept. 2006—August 31, 2007

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Committee Chairpersons appointed by Ron:

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Program: Mary Thompson
Publicity: Selma Mirsky

FCC, Summary, Executive Committee, July 12, 2006

Revised FCC Structure :

Ron Caldwell: will do FCC planning, form committee to display images, finalize by-laws, move FCC to digital competition.

Helen Repstad: will handle FCC operational events

Competition: utilize more members; increase PFLI standings.

Education events will occupy the majority of our meeting time.

Programs: will continue some of our "general" programs (auction, Tell A Story, etc.)

Membership: Joe Mancher granted Life Membership, based on significant contributions to FCC. Maintain membership at 75 members of which 3 will be under age 35. Field Trips: 1 mid-week trip per month; 1 day trip every 2 months, 1 weekend trip every 6 months; 1 5-7 day trip per season. Picnic to be held this summer.

Publicity: explore advertising focused on young people, colleges, high schools

Dinner: Barbara Shea to Chair 2007 Committee; all FCC members asked to identify locations for dinner

Ron to write Parks Department, City and State for photography regulations



Members: Ended last season with: 73

Goal: 75 Members (to include 3 under 35 years of age)



At the Annual Dinner: Stan Strauss



FCC at NECCC: Joan Egan

FCC & friends at NECCC : Joan Egan



At the Annual Dinner: Verdell Lawton



When the storm came, Stan Goldstein traveled to Delaware Water Gap area to be in the midst of the storm for photography. Here are some of the images. Stan: Glad you were safe .. thanks for sharing the images with us.



FCC TRIPS : Hold the Dates ...

BALLOON FESTIVAL, Glens Falls, NY Sept. 21-24, 2006. The FCC trip will begin on Friday, Sept. 22 and will return home on Sun., Sept. 24. Joan Egan, coordinator, has sent a detailed flyer on each day's events and hotel information.

FALL FOLIAGE, Details to follow ... Joe Crupi in charge ...

PFLI (PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION OF LONG ISLAND) -

by Dorothy Gist

The PFLI consists of 21 camera clubs from Brooklyn to Suffolk County. FCC participates in the PFLI Competitions which are usually held on 2nd Friday of each month: check PFLI/FCC calendars for dates.

PFLI Update:

Following Leon Hertzson's resignation as PFLI President in June, I became the PFLI President and Jim Grant, Freeport Camera Club, is now the 1st Vice President. I have served as 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents and have chaired several PFLI committees.

My vision: To engage as many people as possible in PFLI projects. To explore ways to utilize the expertise of PFLI to support the individual member camera clubs. To make personal contact with camera clubs that are on the fringes.

I formed my Board of Directors and exciting plans are in place for the season. Several Committees are at work:

Program, Jim Grant: To plan Spring and Fall Spectaculars

Field Trip, John Brokos: Week-end trip planned for November

Honors, Ron Caldwell: Will award honors; will restore Honors Recognition Event

PFLI Exhibit, Joanna Gazzola: 2007 Exhibit to be held at Plainview-Old Bethpage Library

History, Jim Grant/John Brokos: To write PFLI history.

By-Laws, Pat Walsh: To review and revise, as necessary

PFLI Competitions: New Location: Plainview-Old Bethpage Library, 999 Old Country Road, Plainview, NY. NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES ALLOWED IN AUDITORIUM. NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ALLOWED.

PFLI Digital Competition: Based on specifics yet to be worked out for the digital competition, the Board voted unanimously to postpone the digital competition. Much work is in process relative to digital competitions ... details will be forthcoming.

PFLI PHOTORAMA, Sun., October 22, 2006, 9am— 4pm

The Photorama replaces the "Round Robin" and it will be an all day event at: Horticultural Center, Planting Fields, Oyster Bay, NY.

The morning will consist of table top set-ups: Flowers; Rear Projection and Glassware; Orchids; Parrots from the Long Island Parrot Society; Models; Dancers.

The afternoon will consist of a variety of "How To" presentations: Digital Projection; Photograph Butterflies; Color Prints. Parking fee: \$6.00 per car. Bring Your Lunch.

PFLI Leonard Victor Competition, June '06 - FCC Winners

Black/White Prints B: 1st Place: Stan Goldstein "Desert Sunset II"

Color Prints B: 2nd Runner Up: Ron Caldwell "3 Thugs"

Slides A: 2nd Runner Up: Dennis Golin "Eye of the Beholder"

Slides B: 1st Place: Susan Zigman "Illuminated"

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Slides B: 1st Place: Tom Mrwik "Show Time"

Slides B: 1st Runner Up: Ron Caldwell "Another Christmas Cactus"

CONGRATS to all of our Winners During Last Season!

PFLI Delegate: Ron Caldwell; Alternate Delegate: Mary Thompson

PFLI Website: includes the Newsletter and other related information: <http://www.pflionline.org>

Jim Pion, Great Neck Camera Club, has been a member of the Great Neck Camera Club for over 27 years; he has held almost every position imaginable, including President and has been a Salon worker for over 20 years. Jim has won his share of awards from the PFLI, PSA, Metropolitan Camera Club Council, Cosmopolitan Chapter of PSA. "The awards are nice to have, but have never been as important as the people he has met."

Jim has developed the following philosophy, over his many years of working in the photography community:

"Photography is more than a mere craft. Photography is, or can be, a way of life. Beyond cameras and equipment, beyond film and chemistry lie the mysteries of the creative life shared by those who strive to communicate and express themselves clearly. For me, there is an added attraction: the people I meet along the way. For they are truly the 'icing on the cake.'"

Jim: Thanks for sharing!

PHOTOGRAPHY HAPPENINGS

The following events are for information purposes only. FCC assumes no responsibility for the events. It's your duty to contact them directly for details, hours, fees, etc.

Photo Painting with Fay Sirkis, Mon., Sept. 18, 2006

For beginners to intermediate ... should be comfortable with basic Photoshop tools. No experience with Painter or the Wacom Tablet is necessary. A love and passion for the art is a must.

Fay will show how to transform a photo into a painting! Using Photoshop and Painter as your canvas, you'll learn how to turn your photos into beautiful water color and oil paintings. Seminar will be geared toward portrait, landscape, pet and wildlife photography as well as artists and hobbyists.

Fee: \$79.00 for members; \$99.00 –non-members;...after Sept. 10 add \$20.00 to fee. Fee includes breakfast and lunch, begins at 8am with breakfast and trade show and concludes at 5pm.

Hilton Garden Inn, 3485 Veterans Memorial Highway, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779; 631-738-7800; www.spgny.org

Mary Wynn-Ball: 516-248-9277

COSMO: - Fall FotoFest, Sunday, October 29, 2006, 8:30am, Skyline Hotel, 49 St. & 10th Ave., NYC

Roz Rosenblum—"Australia and New Zealand"

Lisa & Tom Cuchara—"Digital Workflow" as it applies to "the field" and "the digital darkroom."

Afternoon: Photo Ops: Live models, Rear Projection. Bring cameras (film and digital), tripods, slides for rear projection.

50/50 Raffle—\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

In Advance: \$25.00; at the door: \$30.00

Robert Hamilton, APSA, 212-879-0952; ChapterPSA85@aol.com

Www.Cosmo-psa.org

2006 TOURS by Russ Burden

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

Oct. 7-13: Vermont in Autumn

Nov. 4-10: Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks

December 4-10: Bosque Del Apache and White Sands National Monument

January 3-9, 2007: Death Valley, Alabama Hills, Mono Lake

For information on group rates and full trip details, visit:

www.russburdenphotography.com

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

"Canon Presents 2006 Outdoor and Digital Photo Seminars

Oct. 14-15: Boston: Rick Sammon, Darrell Gulin

Nov. 11-12: Hasbrook Hgts, NJ: Vincent Laforet, Rick Sammon

1 day: \$69.00; 2 days: \$99.00; www.outdoorphotographer.com

Long Island "Picture Perfect Photo Contest" Open to amateur photographers who are legal NY State residents. All photos must: (a) be taken from a Long Island location; (b) include brief description of location where picture was taken; (c) be an original. Limit: 1 entry per person. Mail photo with your full name, address, daytime phone number, area code to: Long Island Rail Road, Picture Perfect Contest, Sales & Promotions, Dept. 1424, Jamaica Station, Jamaica, NY 11435. Deadline: Nov. 30, 2006.

Contest prized donated by Canon: 1st prize: Canon EOS 30D Digital Camera Kit; 2nd prize: Canon EOS Digital Rebel XT Camera Kit; 3rd prize: Canon Powershot SD550 Digital Camera

Chihuly at the NY Botanical Garden, "Gardens and Glass" till

Oct. 29, 2006. Experience a garden straight out of a dream. Glass masterpieces by the world's most famous contemporary glass artist, Dale Chihuly. He has created installations of his large-scale extravagant works inside the Haupt Conservatory & outside in formal reflecting pools and smaller gardens. Chihuly's "Neodymium Twisted Reeds" & hand-blown glass blue herons, ikebana forms are on view. "These eerily lifelike objects, ensconced amid vegetation, are Chihuly's glass creations ... who is making his first large-scale foray in NYC." *Art and nature together as one.* 718-817-8700; advanced tickets thru Ticketmaster advised 212-220-0503. nybg.org

"Geometry of Color," photographs by Meryl Spiegel, through Oct. 31, 2006. Galerie BelAge, 8 Moniebogue Lane, West Hampton Beach. 631-288-5082

Photograph America Newsletter: Where, when, and how to discover the best nature photography in America. \$45.00 per year, 6 issues. Published bimonthly by Robert Hitchman, P.O. Box 86, Novato, CA 94948-0086; 1-415-898-3736

PhotoPlus Photography and Design Conference, Nov. 2-4, 2006, Javits Center, NYC. "It has the products and education you need to be a leader in the photography and imaging industries—today and in the future. Whether you're a professional or advanced amateur, you'll discover a marketplace of solutions that is unrivaled worldwide." Register free til Oct. 10, 2006 ... www.photoplusexpo.com

Amherst, July 13-15, 2007. The '06 event had 1166 attendees which included 214 new attendees.

Trip to The Berkshires: October 6-9, 2006, sponsored by Park West Camera Club. \$250.00 per person includes lodging 3 nights, double occupancy, breakfasts. Detailed information: 212-932-7665; bohpin@aol.com

NYC Marathon: Sun, Nov. 5, 2006, 6:00am start, Staten Island

American Museum of Natural History

"Yellowstone to Yukon"—more than 40 photographs by 11 photographers documenting the animals, vegetation, and geology of the regions affected by one of the world's largest wildlife initiatives. Thru Jan. 15

"Lizards and Snakes: Alive!" more than 25 species from tropical lizards to Burmese pythons. Thru Jan. 7

"Voices From South of the Clouds" - photographs of life in the Yunnan Province in China, taken by villagers. Thru Jan. 2. Central Park West & 79 St., NYC, 212-769-5200; www.amnh.org

"Walker Evans: Carbon and Silver" 80 photographs taken 1935-36 documenting American life during Great Depression. Till Nov. 17. UBS, 1285 6th Ave., NYC, near 51 St., 212-713-2885.

Basta Pasta Restaurant: Large black and white prints of NYC scenes and locations in Italy by Francesca Magnani. 37 W. 17 St., NYC, 212-366-0888.

Queens Farm Museum: Sept. 10: Antique Motorcycle Show

Sept. 16-17, Annual Queens County Fair. 73-50 Little Neck Parkway, Floral Park, 718-347-3276; www.Queensfarm.org

Tuesday Evening Hour, Inc.—Slide Lectures, Worldwide Adventure by Local Artists, 49 Fulton St., South Street Seaport area, NYC, begins at 6:30pm, \$2.00 Donation

September:

12: Driving the Queen Mary 2—View from the Bridge Ben Lyons, 2nd Officer, Travel Writer

19: Castles & Places of Austria & Bavaria, Horst Staudner

26: Nepal—Mountains & Buddas, John Brzostoski

October:

3: Great Smoky Mountains, & Joyce Kilmer National Forest, NC, Louise Luger

10: The "George" On top of George Washington Bridge to celebrate its 75th Birthday, David Frieder

17: L-I-B-Y-A, Ron Nelson

24: Prague & Budapest, Rita Zimmerman

31: Trains and Nature, Allan Roberts

Photography Resources—Links

Flushing Camera Club: <http://www.flushingcameraclub.org>

PFLI: <http://www.pflionline.org>

PSA, Cosmo: www.Cosmo-psa.org

Stan Strauss: <http://www.stannich.com>

Ron Caldwell: <http://www.fotosbyron.com>

www.photoplugins.com

Russ Burden: www.russburdenphotography.com

Digital Photography Review: www.dpreview.com

Canon Camera: www.usa.canon.com

Nikon Camera: www.nikonusa.com

Adobe Photoshop: www.adobe.com

B&H: www.bhphoto.com

For additional links, check the Flushing Camera Club's Website.

IMAGE GUIDELINES by the late Felix Occhiuto

A good image should have:

Impact

Composition

Technique

Originality

Print Quality

Complimentary Mounting