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The Info Sheet

FLUSHING CAMERA CLUB

... in our 36th year

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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

The Holidays have come and are now past. Soon the colorful festive lights will be returned to storage for another year. Many of us have received new photo toys and are anxiously waiting to try them out. Some have made resolutions to do some things better or some new things in the coming year. For now, we are basking in the goodwill that others have wished us and we have wished others.

Wouldn't it be great if throughout the year, we could hold the feeling of joy and the hope for peace that overwhelms us during the Holiday Season? Yet we know that will fade as the memory of the bright and colorful lights will when the cold of winter digs deep into our bones, and the dreadful feel of icy cold water in a shoe when we were sure the puddle we stepped on was frozen solid!

Of course, winter has some highlights for the hardcore FCC photographers. We can head to the zoo where the animals are now in their luxurious winter garb. Gardens can be quite nice with small seedpods and grasses poking through the snow. Our local indoor gardens and nurseries also offer great photos. We can even use some of our household items and tools for photo setups.

Before long, spring will be on our minds with all that it offers with new life. As spring comes, winter will also be pushed from our minds.

If we all make just one resolution for the coming year: to sincerely greet each other with a handshake and a heartfelt "How are you?" before launching into the "I want... I need... You said...." If we can do this in our FCC community then, for us, the joy and goodwill will not be stuffed into storage, and who knows maybe, just maybe, we'll continue to spread it outside of our community.

Wishing for you and yours a Healthy and Happy New Year.

- Ron Caldwell

2007:

JANUARY

3: Competition #5: Judge, Eli Rivera

17: Education Program: "Introduction to the FCC Library," by Stan Strauss

31: FCC Round Robin

FEBRUARY

7: Competition #6: Judge, Dick Hunt, Wantagh Camera Club

21: "Outside the Box Competition" ... *Illustrate Your Creativity*

MARCH:

7: Competition #7

21: FCC Auction, Joe Muratore, Auctioneer



Happy Birthday To You!



3: Victor Fichera	17: Bob Uss
9: Stan Goldstein	27: Grace Tucci
12: Joe Muratore	30: Susan Zigman

MEMBERS' NEWS:

Ruth and Dave Greenstein: are continuing to enjoy life in California. No immediate plans to visit NY ... especially in cold weather. They send greetings.

June Conticchio: It was good to see June and Bob at the Holiday Party. They'll still settling into their new home ..will try to keep in touch with FCC.

Lucy Pearce: "I'm in sunny Florida. Have a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year. See you in the Spring."

Mary O'Conner's friend: Adrienne Van Dyke has traveled with Mary on most of her domestic and international trips and has attended several of our FCC events. Following medical procedures, Adrienne is progressing well and is currently discussing plans for her next trip with Mary. That's a good sign! Our best wishes to Adrienne .. continued healing.

TROUBLE GETTING STARTED?

"It's All About Photography"

Stan Goldstein teaches beginners what they want to know .. what they should know about photography. Lessons: 7:00pm—7:30pm, just prior to our Competitions or Programs.

Check it out! Bring your questions, images, concerns and chat with Stan.

FCC ROUND ROBIN, January 31:

What a wonderful opportunity for us to gain photo information. With several events in place, we'll be free to attend many of them. There's something for everyone.

Bob Green: Photo Set-up

Anne Grodman: Matting

Mary Thompson: Matting with Form Board

Ron Caldwell and Stan Goldstein: "Ask the Canon Experts"
.... bring your questions and camera

FCC PHOTO LIBRARY

Through the Administration Committee— Tom Mrwik— the FCC has a fairly large photo library: books, videos, articles are there for you to use. Just sign them out and take advantage of all the photo information. Any questions, contact Tom, Chair, Administration Committee.

INTRODUCTION TO THE FCC LIBRARY: January 17, 2007

On January 17th we'll have an Education Program: "Introduction to the FCC Library" and Stan Strauss, our Education Chair, will lead us step-by-step through this valuable resource.

FCC AUCTION, March 21, 2007, by Mary Thompson

In anticipation of the FCC Auction on march 21, start looking at that excess camera equipment and accessories you might want to sell: "one man's trash is another man's treasure!" Please be sure the equipment is in good working order. I'm bringing in a ton of picture frames so figure out what sizes you could use and buy mine for \$2.00 each. Joe Muratore will be collecting the items to be auctioned off by the FCC. If you're donating items to the Auction, you can drop your stuff off AT Joe's home, 156-01 33rd Ave., Flushing—call first to make sure he's home: 718-762-5790.

If you desire to sell your own items and need a table, let me know. FCC is to receive 10% of your total sales.

Joe is a terrific Auctioneer and it's always a lot of laughs. If this is your first FCC Auction, don't miss it—you'll have a great time! Mary Thompson: any questions, call: 718-353-0876.

HOLIDAY PARTY: What a gathering of friends at our Holiday Party as we enjoyed our 3 foot long heros. June and Bob Conticchio, Grace Tucci's friend Martha (who also joined us at our dinner), Stan Goldstein's wife, Roberta (she traveled to Pennsylvania Dutch area with us on our field trip), all celebrated with us. It was a fun and relaxed evening and we had time for small talk with members.

Ron Caldwell shared with us several digital images and we participated in the scoring. This introduced us to the projection of the digital images and methodology for digital competition.

PHOTOSHOP SESSIONS

We're still waiting for a response from Queens College regarding the Photoshop classes for us. They're looking at their schedule to determine when best to offer the classes. As soon as the information with the start date, time, cost, etc. is received, we'll share the information. All interested members will be able to register directly with Queens College.

Several members have participated in past Photoshop courses at Queens College and have high praises for the instructor. The tentative plan: 6 sessions, 3 hours each. The fee has not yet been determined. The course will be open to other camera clubs.



Membership: 62

**Membership Goal: 75 to include 3
under 35 years of age**



JUDGE: John Brokos

Position	Name	Points	Entries	IOTM	Position	Name	Points	Entries	IOTM
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Class B B&W Prints

1	Stan Strauss	18	8	2
2	Martin Neff	15	8	1
3	John Ruffins	14	8	
4	Michael Sender	12	8	1
5	Ann Strauss	11	7	
6	John Baratta	6	4	
7	Suzanne Abruzzo	4	2	

* **Stan Strauss - "Moon over Zion"****Class A B&W prints**

1	Ann Grodman	23	8	3
2	Stan Goldstein	21	8	1
3	Helen Repstad	16	8	

* **Stan Strauss - "Dunes 1050"****Class H B&W Prints**

1	Bob Green	20	8	4
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* **Bob Green - "Turning"****Class B Color Prints**

Name	Points	Entries	P/M	
1	Martin Neff	21	8	3
2	Ann Strauss	17	8	1
3	Stan Strauss	16	8	
4	Uris McKay	11	8	
5	Sylvia Hodge	10	4	
6	Nick Fichera	8	5	
7	Suzanne Abruzzo	7	7	
8	Maria Putorti	5	4	
9	Lucy Pearce	3	3	
10	Judy Diaz	2	6	
11	Elaine Bongiou	1	1	

* **Martin Neff - "Arches"****Class A Color Prints**

1	Ann Grodman	19	8	
2(tie)	Stan Goldstein	18	8	2
2(tie)	Bob Uss	18	8	
4	Joan Egan	17	8	1
5	Michael Sender	16	8	1
6	Helen Repstad	15	7	
7	Mary Thompson	14	8	
8	John Baratta	6	4	
9	Terrance Howard	5	4	

* **Michael Sender - "Home Sweet Home II"****Class H Color Prints**

1	Bob Green	21	8	3
2	Barbara Shea	19	8	
3	Ron Caldwell	15	8	1

* **Bob Green - "Brown Owl"****Class B Slides**

1	John Ruffins	11	8	2
2	John Baratta	7	6	1
3	Lucy Pearce	4	4	1

* **John Ruffins - "Close-Up"****Class A Slides**

1	Joe Crupi	20	8	2
2	Selma Mirsky	16	8	
3	Ron Caldwell	15	8	
4(tie)	Tom Mrwik	13	8	
4(tie)	Ann Grodman	13	8	
6(tie)	Roy Woelfel	11	6	
6(tie)	Bell Smith	11	8	
8	Stan Goldstein	10	6	1
9	Bob Uss	9	8	1
10(tie)	Joe Murature	8	4	
10(tie)	Susan Zigman	8	6	

* **Joe Crupi - "Just Another Flower"****Class H Slides**

1	Dennis Golin	21	8	2
2	Bob Green	20	8	1
3	Martin Fleischer	12	8	
4	Russ Burden	11	4	1

* **Russ Burden - "Solitary Yucca"**

December Competition: PFLI Judges: Ken Bausert, John Brokos, Nelson Burack

Name	Title	Score	Name	Title	Score
Digital B			Digital A		
Helen Repstad	Remember	22	Ann Grodman	Normal Day Workin	24
Michael Sender	Enchanted Willow	22	Bob Green	Motorcycle Racing	23
Marie Putorti	Foliage Two	22	Joan Egan	Fisherman	21
Ron Caldwell	Redtail Head	22	Joan Egan	Red Rocks	19
Richard Trapani	Death Valley Landscape	21	Ann Grodman	Drawing	19
CSB			CPB		
Joe Crupi	Sand Dune 2	24	Helen Repstad	Lily's Heart	23
John Barrata	Six Point Landing	23	Sylvia Hodge	Ebony Langur	21
Ron Caldwell	Aussie Bird	21	Terrence Howard	Fish Eye Beijing	21
Selma Mirsky	Flame & Hot Air Balloon	21	Michael Sender	Home Sweet Home II	21
Tom Mrwik	Early Morn Vermont	21	Barbara Shea	Wild Cat	21
Joseph Muratore	Rose 2	20	Stan Goldstein	Kimberly Brown Dress	20
Bob Uss	Crossing Time	20	Marty Neff	Arches	20
John Ruffins	Sea Wall	19	Ann Strauss	Death Valley	20
Susan Zigman	Freedom	19	Mria Putorti	Dune 1	19
Stan Goldstein	Window	17			
CPA			CSA		
Ann Grodman	Stan Strauss Walking By	23	Bob Green	Jennifer	22
Bob Green	Brown Owl	22	Bob Green	Lantern	20
Bob Green	Coming At You	20	Roy Woelfel	Rocks And Bird	20
Ron Caldwell	Jennifer	19	Ann Grodman	Sky Marker	19
			Bell Smith	Redish Glow	19
BWB			BWA		
Stan Goldstein	Dunes 1050	22	Ann Grodman	Dancing	21
John Ruffins	The Day Of Departure	21	Bob Green	Turning	21
Marty Neff	Staris	20	Bob Green	Old NYC	20
Michael Sender	Chrysler Building Framed	20	Helen Repstad	Flower In Black & White	19
Stan Strauss	Mill In BW	19	Helen Repstad	Rose 15	19

FCC "Outside the Box" COMPETITION: February 21

Project: To encourage FCC members to share their creative "Outside the Box" images through a special competition.

"Outside the Box" will enable us to stretch our "photographic mind." This competition will be a time for play, experimentation, creativity, and to move away from our structured photography. As you stretch your "photographic mind" the only limitation will be your imagination.

"Outside the Box" can be: creative, photojournalism, street photography, abstracts, panning, zooming the lens, multiple exposures, sandwiching images, shooting through other objects, etc., etc. Regular FCC competition rules apply.

Rewards: If the "Outside the Box" scores are higher than 2 of our lowest scores from our regular competitions, you can replace the 2 lowest scores.

PFLI Competition: The Selection Committee—with members' consent—may hold images that have been scored at FCC to send to PFLI competition later. This will enable us to broaden our pool of images for PFLI comps.

Illustrate Your Creativity!

START SPREADING THE NEWS

FCC offers much for beginners in photography as well as for those who are advanced.

Let's spread the news to folks who do not know of the Flushing Camera Club. In sharing our information, there's a role all of us can play.

FCC Brochures: describe our activities, provide meeting details and provides contact information. Will you take a few to share with camera stores and others in your area? .

FCC Calling Cards: contains our basic information. When you're out photographing and persons contact you about your hobby, why not share one of our FCC calling cards.

The brochures and calling cards are available at our Greeters' Table ... take a few and share in your neighborhood ...and with friends and family.

PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION OF LONG ISLAND (PFLI)*- 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.

JANUARY MEETINGS: 12: Competition; 26: Delegates Mtg.

COMPETITIONS: Plainview-Old Bethpage Library, 999 Old Country Road, Plainview, NY.

In inclement weather, contact the Plainview-Old Bethpage Library if there's a question about Competitions.

If the Library is Open, PFLI Competition will be held.

The Library's phone number: **516-938-0077**

PFLI SPRING SPECTACULAR: Sunday, April 22, 2007, 9am—4pm, Commack High School, Commack, NY, sponsored by Canon Camera with Rick Sammon and a second photographer to be named. Tickets: \$25.00 in advance; \$30.00 at the door.

We hope you'll plan to attend and will share information on the Spring Spectacular with other photographers.

HONORS COMMITTEE will resume our Honors Recognition Event. Awards will be presented during the Spring Spectacular, Sun., April 22. If you are a Sidney Goldstein (27 points), or Leonard Victor, All Star Winner, your award will be presented. Additionally, those who are presented for an APFLI and FPFLI will be honored.

PFLI EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS: The PFLI will provide educational seminars for camera club members and the community. At each session, we'll have 2 one-hour seminars and time will be allowed for questions and answers. The seminars will utilize the expertise of the PFLI members and will be free.

When: Sunday afternoon: 1:30 pm—4:00 pm

Where: Plainview-Old Bethpage Library, 999 Old Country Road, Plainview, NY, Meeting Room, Lower Level.

Seminar Dates:

Session I: February 25, 2007

Session II: March 18, 2007

Session III: May 20, 2007

Details to follow on text for each session.

Requirements: Knowledge of your camera; basic computer skills for Photoshop.

PFLI EXHIBIT: For the month of September 2007, the PFLI will exhibit images at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Library. Information will be sent to Camera Clubs on the number of images requested from each club for the Exhibit. Details will be available shortly.

PFLI FIELD TRIP: Cape Ann, MA, Nov. 1-4, 2007. Details to follow.

PFLI DELEGATE: Ron Caldwell; Alternate Delegate: Mary Thompson

PFLI WEBSITE: includes the Newsletter and other related information: www.pflionline.org

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, et

TUESDAY EVENING HOUR, INC. Slide Lectures, World-wide adventure by local artists. Begins at 6:30pm, 45 Fulton St., (Block south of South Street Seaport), NYC, \$2. donation.

Www: tuesdayeveninghour.com; 212-385-3650

February: 6: Afghanistan & Pakistan, Before the Soviets by Miriam Balmuth

13: City Architecture of Poland, George Berry

20: World Cities—Icons, Tim Sutherland

27: Photographic society of America Showcase 2004 Winners, Laverne Muzelak

PAUL EFFENBEIN, artist/photographer and former teacher at School of Visual Arts, NYC, will speak on Wed., February 14, 8:00pm, Port Washington Library, 245 Main St., Port Washington, sponsored by: Photography Club of Long Island. His works and bio: www.paulelfenbein.com

HICKS NURSERY: Spring Flower Garden and Show: March 9-18, 2007, free parking and admission.

VINCENT LA FORET, NY Times photographer will present at Plainview-Old Bethpage Library, Plainview, NY, Wednesday, March 28, 2007. Vincent LaForet presented at '06 Amherst and was very well received. Sponsored by the Nassau County Camera Club.

NIKON SCHOOL: It offers 2 courses that cover a wide range of technical and creative territory:

Introduction to Digital SLR Photography. The ideal starting point for new digital camera owners and anyone considering digital photography. \$119.00

Dates: March 10, June 2, 2007

Streamlined Workflow Techniques. Will address current trends, technology advances and streamlined workflow techniques. Both courses are seminar style ... no camera equipment is required. \$159.00

Dates: March 11, June 3, 2007

Attendees: anyone new to digital SLR photography or considering the purchase of a digital SLR camera.

Fee includes day-long session, resource materials, lunch (cannot accommodate special dietary requests). 9:30 am—4:30 pm
Contact: 631-547-8666; Www.nikonschool.com

ECOTOPIA features works of 40 artists from 14 countries who address the urgent challenges arising from global environmental change. Some of the exhibition's most striking works propose alternative futures for the earth and its inhabitants, prodding us to imagine the consequences of human & natural interaction as this new century unfolds. Intl. Center for Photography, 1133 6th Ave. @ 43 St., NYC, 212-857-0000; www.icp.org

TOURS by Russ Burden

April 21-27, 2007: Monument Valley, Slot Canyon

May 12-18: Arches and Canyonlands with Photoshop

May 26-June 4: Oregon, Northern Calif., Redwoods

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

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

NATURE & DIGITAL WEEKEND SEMINARS WITH

JOHN SHAW: Philadelphia, PA, April 14-15, 2007. Saturday will include Nature Photography. Inn at Mendenhall, Rte. 52, Kennett Pike, Mendenhall, PA. 9am—4:30pm; Sunday will include: Digital Photography and the Digital Workflow 8:30am—4:30pm.

Fees in advance: \$139. for 1day; \$199. Week-end.

At the door: \$159. for 1 day; \$219. Week-end.

Joseh Van Os Photo Safaris: 206-463-5383;
www.photosafaris.com

COLORADO GOLD RUSH, FIELD TRIP TO

COLORADO: July 7-22, 2007, by Park West Camera Club "to shoot everything in our path in: Denver, Colorado Springs, New Mexico border, Four Corners area, Grand Junction." Per person, double occupancy \$2100.; if 16 persons: \$2300.; if 12 persons: \$2500. for 8 persons. Contact: Chuck Pine: 212-932-7665; bohpin@aol.com

AMHERST, July 13-15, 2007. The '06 event had 1166 attendees which included 214 new attendees. It includes many, many workshops you'll spend your time sorting through the schedule to determine which workshop you'll take.

ROD PLANCK PHOTOGRAPHY

Spring Wildflowers, Forests and Lake Superior Shoreline, Munising, MI, May 13-19, 2007

Old Growth Forest, Summer Swans and Insects (Advanced); Aug. 5-11, 2007, Seney Natl. Refuge and Environs, Germfask, MI

Foggy Bogs and Dewy Insects, Aug. 19-25, 2007, Tahquamenon Watershed, Newberry, MI.

Ultimate Autumn Forests and Foggy Bogs (Advanced), Oct. 6-'07, Tahquamenon Watership and Pictured Rocks Natl.

Lakeshore area, MI. Rod Planck Photography, 906-293-3339; office@rodplanck.com

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Central Park West at 79 St., NYC, 212-769-5100.

"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 Feb. 18.

"The Butterfly Conservatory: Tropical Butterflies Alive in Winter." Through May 8

ART OF NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY; IT AIN'T JUST BIRDS! Weekend How-To Seminar, with Arthur Morris,

August 18-19, Crowne Plaza JFK Hotel. Weekend cost: \$169.00 ... with lunch cost is \$199.00. Members of "qualifying camera clubs are invited to apply a \$10. discount." Sponsored by Canon, Hunt's Photo, etc. Contact Arthur Morris for application, discount, reservations, etc.: P.O. Box 7245, Indian Lake Estates, Florida 33855; 863-692-0906.

MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, 11 W. 53 t., NYC, 212-708-9400. "New York at Night: Photographs from the Collection," more than 25 images ... through March 5.

SMITHTOWN TOWNSHIP ARTS COUNCIL, JURIED PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION, March 31-May 4, 2007. Open to all photography. Entries may not have been shown previously at Mills Pond House Gallery; may not exceed 54" in width.

Deadline: Feb. 9. Fee: \$45. for up to 3 entries; \$30. for STAC members. 1st prize: \$500. Excellence in Photography Award; 2nd prize: \$200. Award of Merit. For entry form, all specifics, contact: 631-862-6575, www.stacarts.org.

NY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 5th Ave. & 42 St., NYC, 212-869-8089, "Where Do We Go From Here? The Photo League and Its Legacy (1936-2006)," exploring the effects of the political climate on cultural life through works by photographers including: Ansel Adams, Helen Levitt, Lee Sievan, Aaron Siskind, David Vestal, etc.

PHOTOGRAPHY RESOURCES**Great Photos by Russ Burden:**

www.takegreatpictures.com

Instant Memories: 188-08 Northern Blvd. (at Utopia), Flushing, 718-7058 Mon-Fri. 9am-7pm; Sat. 10am-6pm, for photo supplies, printing and so much more.

Hi-Tech Photo: 36 Middle Neck Rd., Great Neck, NY, 516-466-5885, or 1002 Old Country Rd., Plainview, NY 11803, 516-681-0262; www.Hi-TechPhoto.com; custom framing/mounting, slide processing, b/w film processing, digital printing

East Coast Camera, 180 W. Merrick Rd., Valley Stream, NY 11580; 516-825-0492. Closed Saturday.

NeptuneCamera, 837 Franklin Ave., Garden City, NY; 516-741-4484

COSTCO—Photo Center— for prints.

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

PHOTOGRAPHY LINKS

Flushing Camera Club: www.flushingcameraclub.org

PFLI: 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

Online Display and Review: www.flickr.com

Digital Photography Review: www.dpreview.com

Canon Camera: www.usa.canon.com

Nikon Camera: www.nikonusa.com

Adobe Photoshop: www.adobe.com

Natl. Assoc. Photoshop Professionals: www.photoshopuser.com

B&H: www.bhphoto.com

International Center for Photography: www.icp.org

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