

# Infocus April 2015



A Newsletter for The Members of The Indian River Photo Club Inc. Po Box 1491 Vero Beach FL 32961

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## Is Photography Important?

What in this world compels us go to the ends of the earth and back taking photographs? Is it a total waste of time and money, a mere self-aggrandizing form of entertainment, or is there something important about taking photographs?

In his article, *6 Reasons Why Photography Matters*, Declan O'Neill, a professional photographer in South Island, New Zealand, says:



***“When you ask people what possessions they would rescue from their burning house, one of the most frequent answers is the photograph album or a computer with their digital images.***

***When in panic mode it's interesting that we would probably grab photos rather than valuable jewelry.***

***This impulse to save our recorded memories is a powerful force which tells us much about the role of photography in our lives and our constant desire to distill our most precious moments into images.”***

Photographs play an important role in recording memories and circumstances. Photographs can change how we see the world, help give us a sense of who we are, and even give us a sense of purpose.

So, here is a challenge for each of you this week and every week. Pick up your camera with a purpose. Record some important memories. Better yet, think about the changes you would make in this world if given a chance. Then take some photos that may affect those changes.

Don't be indifferent.... make a difference! Take some photos that matter to others. Capture a moment or circumstance that will improve their lives.

Keep your camera ready, your flash cards clean and your batteries charged,

*Billy Ocker, President*

**Class A – Color**

William Lord	Sparking Interest
Earl Evans	Turning Right
Christine Wickham	A Passion Flower Taking a Swim
Bobbi Whitlam	A Love Affair
Bill Conway	Incan Weaver

1st  
2nd  
3rd  
HM  
HM



**Class A - Monochrome**

William Lord	Chrome-Plated Pleasure
J.R. Williams	Giant Swallowtail
Christine Wickham	A Windy Day at Bathtub Reef - Stuart

1st  
2nd  
3rd



**Class A – Special Techniques**

Helen Aponte	Dreamscape
Earl Evans	Psychedelic Peacock
Shelley Stang	Electrifying Water View

1st  
2nd  
3rd



**Class B – Color**

Skip Murphy	Devotion
George Huizinga	Quebec Winter
John Sahlman	Looking Down
Arlene Brooks	Shadow in the Moonglow
Nancy Alderman	Yin/Yang

1st  
2nd  
3rd  
HM  
HM



**Class B – Monochrome**

Rene Donars	Ta Prohn Temple
Greg Speck	Blue Sky & Weathered Tree
George Huizinga	Pingtung City – Sweeping Her Porch

1st  
2nd  
3rd



**Class B - Special Techniques**

Sue Hansen	Eating on the Fly
Nancy Alderman	Blue Lagoon
Bob Konczynski	Birds of a Different Era

1st  
2nd  
3rd



“AN ILLUSTRATIVE TOUR OF SEBASTIAN INLET STATE PARK”.

<https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Sebastian-Inlet>

# Our Program This Month

By Ed Perry, State Park Ranger



Ed Perry, a Ranger with the Sebastian River Inlet State Park will be with us to present an inside view of what joys await us when visiting this great location.

He will talk about the available facilities, wildlife, programs, important dates to remember and photo opportunities in the park.

He has been a Ranger at the park for over 25 years and runs the McLarty Treasure Museum and has a wealth of knowledge about the park and surrounding area. He is a true fountain of information.

JR has seen several of his programs including one on what to find in the park on a monthly basis and another on fishing for flounder in the Inlet. He recently gave another program on fishing for pompano. All have been very well attended and much enjoyed. So do not miss this. We have, as a club, had several photo-opp's at this location, and you will now get the chance to learn about some nifty locations you may want to set up at.



**The 11th Annual McKee Botanical Garden Water Lily Festival is June 20, 2015.**

**The gardens will open early (8:30AM) for photographers on Thursday, May 28th.**

# Greg Hills Was Fantastic.....with our February program!

By J.R. Williams  
3-18-2015



**G**reg Hills, our February speaker, showed up with his "A" game and many of our members commented that he gave the best presentation they have seen in some time. He was witty and entertaining while still informative and very knowledgeable.



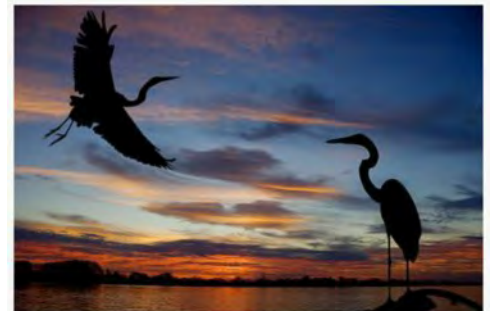
The examples of his work on display were inspiring and his talent, life experiences and prestigious credentials were apparent in every image. In particular, the large



format canvas prints emphasized his mastery of photography, printing and framing. It is no wonder that they are in great demand and when looking at his images you say, "Wow, I wish I'd taken that".



If you haven't been to his gallery in Sebastian or visited his web site, please do, you are in for a treat. Also, the March issue of Vero Beach Magazine is featuring some of his outstanding architectural photographs of a barrier island home.



Greg's gallery is located at 1614 US Highway 1 in Sebastian. It is just North of Captain Hiram's and is on the east side of the street.



His web site is [www.greghillspphoto.com](http://www.greghillspphoto.com) and is well worth visiting.

The phone number there is 786-212-7050.



# Your Involvement is REALLY needed

Youth Guidance will again have a photography class for disadvantaged children between the ages of 10 and 13. These children are all disadvantaged who come single parent homes in our community.

The classes will be held every Monday evening from 5:30 PM to 6:45 starting on May 4th and ending on June 22nd.

A short period of instruction will be held by Dick Robertson followed by hands-on training with their mentors afterwards.

Photo sites are all located within the Vero Beach City limits.

Please volunteer to join fellow club photographers: Helene Haessler, Kathy Graham, Paul Gallagher and Rene Donars as participant mentors. Call or e-mail Rene at the following.



Rene J. Donars  
[donarsr@bellsouth.net](mailto:donarsr@bellsouth.net)



## Enter the A.E. Backus Museum's Juried Photography Show 2015

Open to all photographers/ \$25 Entry Fee per image  
Work must be delivered between 10am & 3pm  
Wednesday through Saturday and Sunday noon to 3pm  
April 15<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015

### Six Categories

- Digital - Great Outdoors, Plants, Wildlife and Animals
- Digital - Great Outdoors, Scenery, Structures, Cars, Boats etc.
- Digital - Color Still Life / Portrait
- Digital - Black and White, any subject
- Manipulated Imagery - Digital and Film
- Film - Color & Black and White, Traditional Raw Photography - any subject



*Also.....accept the challenge and enter Oculina Bank "Florida Calendar" Competition  
If selected among the Best of The Best, your photograph will be published and admired  
by thousands of Oculina customers.*

Prizes will be Awarded!  
For more information call Backus Museum at 772-465-0630  
Or visit [BACKUSMUSEUM.COM](http://BACKUSMUSEUM.COM)

# The Waussauk

Competition 2015



Here is the letter forwarded to us by the Secretary, Anna Goodchild, of The Paignton Club of Great Britain which was sent to their members in their last newsletter. (***Now, what shall we do? Do you want to try it again? Please let's have your thoughts and suggestions.***)

The International Waussauk Competition has ended for this year. I shall publish a full report with photos from all the clubs as they celebrate their victories.

You will be thrilled to know that Australia and South Africa have asked, nay pleaded, for the competition to be held again next year. What shall we say?

We have the following message from Australia:

*Hi to you all,*

*Just like to say congratulations to all clubs – a great effort. Well done **Indian River**, not surprised you won, you had some great images and well deserve the win .....until next time!!!*

*I hope we do this again, it was great from our club's point of view giving exposure to what is happening in other clubs around the world and who doesn't like a competition.*

*Congratulations to the overall winner from Indian River – the leaping tiger was very special.*

*Happy Easter to all clubs*

*Regards, Leonie, Albany Photographic Society*

Yes, The Indian River Photo Club was the overall winner of the Inter Continental Photographic Competition. We not only scored the highest number of points but one of our members had the highest scoring photograph. Congratulations Charles Newman with your ***Flying Tiger*** image which out scored the competition easily.



# Are you ready to secure our Club's financial future?



The building blocks of our club's future

**A reminder!**

THERE'S NO BETTER TIME THAN RIGHT NOW.  
**IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR ANNUAL DUES.....**  
**...PLEASE DO SO TODAY!**  
DUES ARE NOW **LONG** OVER DUE.

IF YOU PLAN ON ENTERING THE MONTHLY AWARDS  
EVENT,.....OR  
TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY PLANNED PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES  
YOU DO NEED TO HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP PAID UP TO DATE !

## HERE'S HOW:

PAY AT THE DOOR ON THE 23RD OF THIS MONTH .  
SEND A CHECK IN THE MAIL.  
PAY BY PAYPAL ONLINE THROUGH OUR CLUB WEB SITE.



The Indian River Photo Club Inc., (The Treasurer), P.O. Box 1491, Vero Beach, FL 32961-1491



## JUST A QUICK NOTE TO SAY

**Thank You!!!**  
**to those of you who attended our**  
**Sensor Cleaning and Used Equipment**  
**Buy-back day over the weekend.**

**We hope you felt you got a good value and we want you to know that we REALLY**  
**appreciate**  
**your business and support.**

**If you should have any questions, or need**  
**us for anything, please don't hesitate**  
**to give us a call at 772-461-0872.**



**Thank you again Indian River Photo Club!**  
**Mike, Janie, Ginny, Lance & Mari**  
**THE JIFFY PHOTO & FRAMING CREW**  
**Janie Hinkle**  
**Jiffy Photo & Framing**  
**940 S. US #1 Ft. Pierce, FL 34950**

# The Awards Subjects for the remaining months of 2015



With Time to prepare your selections.

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

Texture

Atmosphere

Open

Retro

Abstract/Still Life

Open

Crooked

**This Month's Theme**



Join Now and Benefit  
for Ever After

# You will not regret it!