



InFocus

The monthly newsletter of The Indian River Photo Club

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“Dynamic Photography in Action, August 22” Sharing “The Rest of The Story”



The Presenters are...



Brian Drinkwater



Jeff Howe



Kathy Graham



JR Williams



Donna Green



Stefania Wright-Osment



Lynn Luzzi



Bill Ocker



Susan Wright

The President's Snapshot

We have just concluded the "Destination Unknown" offered at the July Monthly Meeting. It was a huge hit and Donna Green and Louie Cizek really put together a great and instructional outing. We are hoping to have photos from the event for you soon. Thank you Louie and Donna.

You are going to love our August program "Dynamic Photography in Action". You will see some of our best photographers showcasing their favourite works and sharing with us how they did it. Best of all, you can ask questions of them as they give the presentations. It will be the best of the "each one teach one" concept! Be sure to let them know how much you appreciate their effort on your behalf.

We have a very special program for you in September featuring the work of retired professional portrait photographer and photography instructor Louie Cizek. It will be a highlight of the year and a great evening to bring guests.

Working together, your board has developed our Monthly Meeting Photo Awards into a fun and educational contest with more personal critiquing than we have ever had. We are continuing to

train our own members as judges, also. We have had multiple "Outside the Box" photo events, photo excursions, community based photography competitions (and our members did very well), "Destination Unknown" photo events and great programs for our Monthly Meetings. All this and more to come. We are making membership a rewarding personal development and fun, too!

As we go forward we could use some help from members. We are very appreciative of the help we have received so far from our wonderful members, but there is even more we could do. On those occasions when you can lend a hand, please let one of your board members know. We are a team and we are building the best photo club for you we possibly can. Everything we have is the result of members helping members. Your participation can make us even better. Thank you.

Smile,
Bill

Bill Menzies, Club President

Our September Program

The September 26th Monthly Meeting Program is titled "Fresh Eyes" and will be presented by Louis Cizek.

Louis is a retired professional photographer with numerous credentials who has taught photography at the Vero Beach Museum of Art as well as being featured at Art Shows in area many Art Galleries.



A New Exciting Type of Business Card



A third side - inside!

We came across this new and very interesting approach to the business card recently and thought you might be interested. ***The mouse trap can be made better!***

When you present your business card to someone, you're offering a little piece about yourself - but with an NFC card it can be a great big piece of yourself.

Embedded in the card is a tiny microchip. When the card is touched to a smartphone, the chip tells the phone to do something. Something you've programmed it to do. Perhaps download your photo portfolio, play music or video, load web pages, maps or apps, as well as save your contact details - the possibilities are endless. Think of it like an enormous, dynamic and exciting third side to a business card.

And.....it works!



From Across the Pond #1



An exploration of the close-up world.....

We would like to draw your attention to a fellow countryman of the editor of this newsletter, who has an outstanding photographic site which we recommend you visit. A retired computer specialist, he has devoted his time to taking photographs of the many things which we just take for granted. His site link is given below, and please prepare yourself to spend some time at the site. There is much to view and think about. Many of his ideas you might develop upon and follow *his*

“thinking outside the box “!

<http://www.macromeister.co.uk>



From Across The Pond #2

Photography Clubs Reaching Out to those Less Fortunate

Prof. Robert Winston
<http://www.robertwinston.org.uk/>

Also see what we can do on page 4

Summer took a long time arriving here, but it did come, and at first, with a vengeance. After some days reaching the upper eighties the weather has returned to being quite “British”! Those of you who have “done” the British Isles in summer, know exactly what is meant by that!

However, summer does not bring photo club activity to a halt. On the contrary. The monthly review meetings still happen. Not at the usual club venue but at the local “Conservative” Club in one of their dining areas. There, opinion gets well oiled and adjusted with a tippie or two! That does not reduce the depth of discussion at all, but enhances it tremendously! It is two hours of very serious stuff!

There are so many photo ops available in the summer months that it is hard to decide where one should go each day. The annual fair visits, weekly motor cycle charity events, county agricultural shows, ballooning events, sailing regattas, motor racing, traditional dancing displays, bicycle races, horse racing, athletic competitions, antique steam engine fairs plus children’s and community activities on the green, and that is to name only a few. Then, we must not forget the “for ever” destinations such as castles, stately homes and the always enduring landscapes and sea vistas. The photographer is spoiled for choice.

Meanwhile, the local club members are busy preparing for the next season by selecting their submissions for the series of awards which start at the first of the weekly meetings at the end of September. The club has just installed a display of photographs at the local hospital and this week end are busy raising money for an overseas charity (see the outline below from the club secretary regarding this.)

So the summer rolls on and the writer hopes you are all busy taking and making great photographs ready for our main season.



The Old Barn Hall
Galmpton, Devon U.K.

Photo exhibition charity event, By Anna Goodchild, Paignton Photo Club Secretary, with permission.

The Brixham and Galmpton Christian Society approached The Paignton Photographic Club to see if the two organisations could stage a combined venture to raise funds for an ultrasound scanner for Teule Hospital in Tanzania.

This was proposed and co-ordinated by Brenda Eyre who is a member of both clubs. The Paignton Photo Club saw this as a great opportunity to do a lot of good for many people and launched an appeal to its members to submit their best work to exhibit. In total, 162 photos were displayed in the Church Barn Hall, Galmpton, from over 20 photographers, whose subjects ranged from portraits of Miss England to derelict helicopters, from sea and landscapes to motorbikes, and from architecture to nature.



Miss England 2012 – 2013, Charlotte Holmes, was delighted to be associated with the exhibition because she was one of Professor Robert Winston’s first IVF babies and when he heard that she had come in the top 15 of the Miss World pageant, asked her to be his ambassador for the Genesis Research Trust. The trust aims to improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of devastating conditions including miscarriage, premature birth, brain damage, genetic diseases and cancer. So the link could not have been stronger!

Considering the fact that hospital medical scanners can be obtained from a range of prices, the lowest being £600 on Ebay to £7000 from the original manufacturers, we have to sell a lot of photos as well as teas, coffees and cakes!

On the first day of the exhibition, we made £15 on teas and coffees, £25 on photo sales and about £25 in donations. So, only £6935 to go!





" A presentation was made at our last meeting by Doug Borrie, Executive Director of Youth Guidance. This is an organization that has been working with disadvantaged youth in our county for 40 years. It is a mentoring program where they strive to match kids from single parent homes with a same sex adult for a period of time. Although many matches do exist there is still a waiting list of youngsters who would like to have a mentor. Therefore Youth Guidance provides group programs to provide opportunities for youngsters to meet adults and at the same time learn and obviously stay off the streets.



Such an activity is photography. This new pilot program is underway with classes being held Monday evenings with 8-10 participants. It appears to be drawing a lot of interest and will be expanded in the fall.

Two individuals from our club (Dick Robertson & Louie Ciszek) have volunteered to help judge a photo contest they are having in early September. What is needed at this time are "point & shoot" cameras that you no longer have use for.



Printing paper and mats for 8 x 10 images would help enormously.

Youth Guidance has volunteers that will help the kids put their entry together, but the success of the program will depend on having some of our members provide initial help with the program. Please bring any materials you wish to donate with you at our next meeting.

**Regards
Rene**

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Class A – Color

George Bollis	Having a Ball in the Shower	1st
Roger Sobkowiak	Paris Show Showers	2nd
Maria Heffernan	Tears of Heaven	3rd



Class A – Monochrome/Black&White

Roger Sobkowiak	Showers Coming	1st
George Bollis	Deluged	2nd
Linda Leonard	Serengeti Shower	3rd



Class A – Special Techniques

Mike Bobbitt	Monsoon	1st
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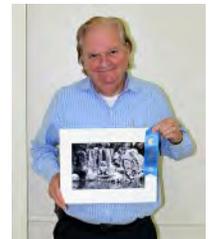
Class B – Color

John Sahlman	Showers on the 4 th	1st
Bill Conway	Reflections of a Summer Shower	2nd
Mia Arrington	Under the Umbrella	3rd



Class B Monochrome

Bob Konczynski	Showering Elephants	1st
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Class B Special Techniques

William Lord	The Downpour Penetrated the Dream	1st
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Awards Photographs - Class A - July 2013 - "Showers"



"Having a Ball in The Shower"
By George Bollis
First Place, Class A Color



"Serengeti Showers"
By Linda Leonard
Third Place Class A Monochrome



"Deluged"
By George Bollis
Second Place, Class A
Monochrome



"Monsoon"
By Mike Bobbitt
First Place Class A Special Techniques



"Showers Coming"
By Roger Sobkowiak
First Place Class A Monochrome



"Paris Snow Showers"
By Roger Sobkowiak
Second Place Class A Color



"Tears of Heaven"
By Maria Heffernan
Third Place Class A Color

Awards Photographs - Class B - July 2013 - "Showers"



"Showers on The Fourth"
By John Sahlman
First Place Class B Color



"Reflections of a Summer Shower"
By Bill Conway
Second Place Class B Color



"Under The Umbrella"
By Mia Arrington
Third Place Class B Color



"Showering Elephants"
By Bob Konczynski
First Place Class B
Monochrome



"The Downpour Penetrated The Dream"
By William Lord
First Place Class B
Special Techniques

Well done Bill!

“Looks like one of my photos made it into the local paper”

- “here's the scan plus the original shot for comparison”.....*Bill Conway*

Our Club Media Coordinator



Perfectly Timed.....some amusing photography!

Do you have anything to submit? We would love to have it!



Calling All Photographers – Professional and Amateur..... a chance to win prizes while helping to raise money for The Humane Society of St. Lucie.

Total of \$1500 in cash prizes

will be awarded, as follows:

Best of Show: \$500.00

Excellence Award (x3): \$200.00

Honorable Mention (x4): \$100.00

- Each photographer may submit (via digital upload) up to five photographs to the jurying panel for review and scoring.
- A non-refundable entry fee of \$20 (for TCPC members) and \$25 (for non-members) for each uploaded photograph is required. **Note: Indian River Photo Club members are not members of the TCPC.**
- Color, B&W or monotone images are acceptable.
- Due to the public display of this show, no nude or deemed inappropriate subject matter will be accepted. The jury panel decisions are final.
- Entries must be the photographer's original conception and execution and be at least 18 years old to enter.
- You may use post production editing software.
- You may use corrective functions to improve the natural appearance of the image, such as levels, contrast, brightness, curves, intensity, tone, hue, saturation, lightness, color balance and tint.
- You may use filters to sharpen, soften, blur, despeckle or remove noise from your image.
- You may not combine more than one image in your photos except when producing a high dynamic range (HDR) photograph using exposure bracketed images of the same scene taken at the same time of day.
- You may combine multiple images of the same scene to produce a panorama.
- Please submit your images at onlinejuriedshows.com.
Look for the Treasure Coast Photography Club link "From the Heart". Be advised you will need to sign up for a free account prior to uploading your images. All payments need to be made online when you submit your images.
- Uploaded file criteria: JPEG format, sRGB color space, 1920 pixels on the long side (horz. or vert.) at 72ppi not to exceed 4 MB.

Accepted Print Entries Display Criteria

- All photographs must be under glass and wired for hanging. Use industry accepted matting and framing techniques. Professional presentation is a must!
No saw tooth hangers.
- Minimum print size of 8" in one direction. Entries must not exceed 36" in height or width, including frame.
- Any quality fine art or photo paper is acceptable. Metal, canvas, wood or acrylic prints will not be accepted.
- **Submitted work that does not meet the above requirements will not be accepted.**