The Indian River Photo Club
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President's Snapshot   Nov. 22, 2010

Wow, what a great December meeting we had. The food was very good (thanks to Pam Price), the number and quality of photos displayed, and the judges, Wallace Weeks and John Buck, comments and critiques wrapped up a wonderful evening.

We held the elections for the new directors and I am pleased to announce the following directors for 2011: George Bollis, David Garrett, Hazel Lacks, Mike Ricciardi and JR Williams.

I would like to thank the past directors that served with me this year: Curtis Jensen, Hazel Lacks, Bill Menzies and Mike Ricciardi. In addition to the directors there are many others that serve the club in many different capacities: Newsletter - Keith Wright Osment & Boris Robinson; Welcoming Committee - Nancy Seabol; Linda Leonard; Susan King; Roger Sobkowiak; Competition - David Garrett; Meetup group - Bob Randal and many unlisted volunteers. Thank You for all you have done and continue to do for the club.

As for me, I plan to continue serving the club doing programs, workshops, field trips, maintaining membership list, assisting with the MeetUp group and club web-site also printing of membership ID badges. Please consider how you can assist the new directors to improve the club for the benefit of everyone. First remember that we have to be having FUN! If a club is not fun then no one wants to come and be involved. Your directors and the others that serve on the Executive committee are NOT paid to put in the countless hours so please help them to keep things fun.

Speaking of fun it was great to see so many of our newer members receiving awards at the last meeting for their photography. I love seeing the progress that you are making with your photography and would encourage you to keep on taking photos. If you haven't already done so, visit our club's print exhibit at the Vero Beach Museum of Art, we have 50 prints hung in the Studio gallery.

Remember to have fun over the Christmas season. Go out and create some great photos I know I will be trying to do so and you can follow what I am shooting on my website: www.jprimages.com

Happy Trails,
Pat Rice -president@irphotoclub.org

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Best Photo of the Year Contest, 2010

First Place Overall
"Hold That Pose"
By Mike Ricciardi

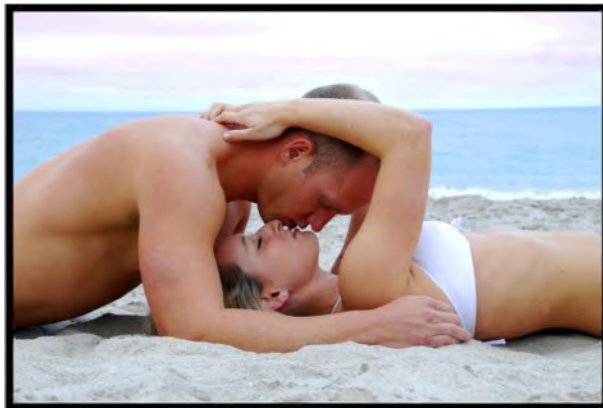First Place, People's Choice
"A Vanishing Sight"
By Barbara duPont

Class A, Color

First Place Award
"Double Bee Bottoms Up"
By George Bollis

Second Place Award
"Palenque Woman"
By Tom Smoyer

Honorable Mention
"A Vanishing Sight"
By Barbara duPont

Third Place Award
"Summer Lovin'"
By Stefania Wright-Osment

Honorable Mention
"A Friendly Face"
By
Linda leonard

Honorable Mention
"The Man from Gwent"
By
Stefania Wright-Osment

Honorable Mention
"Sharing The Light"
By Earl Evans

Class A, Monochrome

First Place Award
"Probiscus circle"
By George Bollis

Second Place Award
"Three's a Crowd'
By Barbara duPont

Third Place Award
"Doe in the Fog"
By JR Williams

Honorable Mention
"Saved You a Seat"
By Earl Evans

Honorable Mention
"Redneck Bud Vase"
By George Bollis

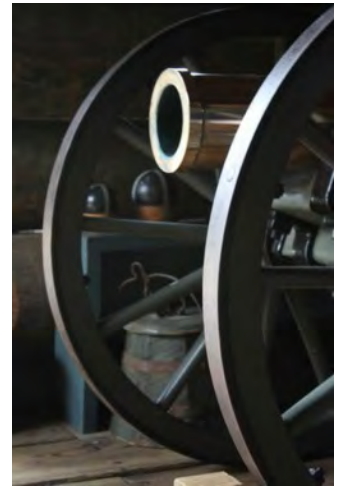Honorable Mention
"Rolaids Please"
By JR Williams

Class B Color

First Place Award
"Logerhead Shrike"
By Patti Corapi

Second Place Award
"Reflections on a Lily Pond'
By Arlene Wilnow

Third Place Award
"Circles of Doom"
By
Jennifer Lahman

Class B Monochrome

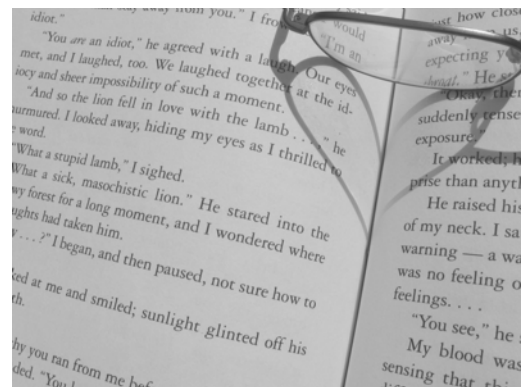First Place Award
"Road's Reflections"
By Pamela Price

Second Place Award
"All in a Row"
By Donald Schuster

Honorable Mention
"Seed Thief"
By Christine Martire

Third Place Award
"Quechee Gorge"
By Sarah Kappel

Honorable Mention
"Shadow of Love"
By Christine Martire
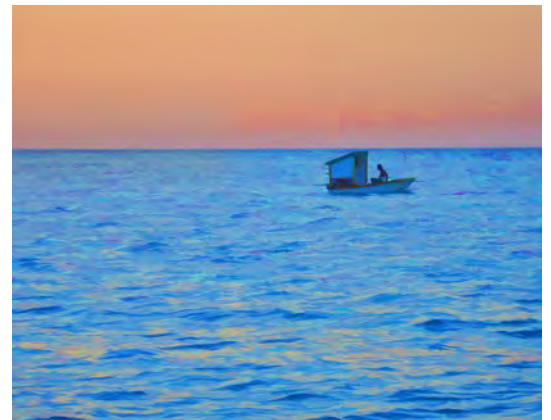
Classes A & B Special Techniques

First Place Award A
"Flaming Wheel"
By Jim Riley

Second Place Award A
"Water Lilies in Oil"
By Dave Garrett

Third Place Award A
"Mom"
By Jim Cohoe

Honorable Mention A
"Bahamian Fisherman"
By Linda Leonard

First Place B
"Ybor City"
By Patti Corapi

Second Place B
"Our Independence Day 234 Years Ago"
By Christine Martire

Third Place B
"The Thrill of it All"
By Jennifer Lahman

Combining two photographs into one…..
Making a silk purse out of a sows ear, sometimes !!!!!!!

How To Blend two images together

Often after a photoshoot and while examining the recently taken photographs, one realizes that "if only you had done that or taken that" then the picture might have been perfect or at least what you would like. Perhaps you can see that you have all the elements you need, but they are in two different shots. No, all is not lost! You do not have to travel back to Arizona to retake the shots which would never be the same any way!

You can combine the best parts of two (or more) photos to create a perfect (?) picture and by using your photo processing program on your computer it is generally a simple but effective process.

Here we run though one way on how you can achieve great results. We shall use some wedding shots to just give you an idea of what can be achieved. It does take a little time and will take some patience and practice, but you will feel very accomplished when it is completed!

Open the two images you wish to combine in your photo management program (we use PhotoPlus X4 in this example) and place them on the same canvas. If any image is on the Background Layer, right-click on the Layer and click "Promote to Layer". Resize, move and crop the images until they are the right size and in the right place. At first this takes a little bit of manipulating! After a couple of times it will become second nature!

You then need to create a Mask on the top Layer. With the Mask selected, click the Gradient tool in the toolbar. Click on the Gradient tool and select the Black to White Gradient. Then drag on your image where you want the blend to start and finish.

You may want to merge the colors of both images. To do this, merge the two Layers into one by selecting both Layers, then right-click and select Merge Selected Layers. Then Desaturate the newly-merged Layer using the Black & White option.

With the Layer still selected, click on the New Adjustment Layer icon on the Layers palette and select Color Balance. You can then play with Color and Blend Mode options to achieve the desired effect giving you a perfect, blended image.

Please note that not all photo programs are identical in the way they need to be used, and depending on the program you have it is certain there are variations, but, the results should be the same. As indicated above, we use PhotoPlus X4 by Serif, and get excellent results all the time and this demonstration was based on using that program. Having a problem then send us an e-mail!

FCCC Picture of The year Award 2010

Indian River Club Member wins FCCC award

Congratulations, go to Patti Corapi for her image "Lily" which won 2nd place in the beginner mono category for picture of the year. Again, congratulations Patti, and well done.

Themes for Monthly Awards Competitions for 2011

January	Forgotten Things	July	Shadows
February	The Road Ahead	August	Motion
March	Open	September	Open
April	Diamonds	October	In Between
May	Emotions	November/December	Best Photo of The Year
June	Open		

This next January's photo award subject is "Forgotten Things".

Once again our monthly awards subject has a word in it that we often use quite a lot in our daily vocabulary. As we all get older, perhaps, we use it more and more. Let's take note of its derivative. Five of its letters tell the tail of its true meaning…..FORGE! That means to move ahead or to move steadily on, which is what we do every day since the day of our birth. Moving further from, or more distant from, that first day. No wonder it is hard to remember and we forget!

True to form, we then tend to gradually forget what we should not forget. Thinking back you probably remember your mother reminding you that "your head would fall off if you did not remember to do what she had asked of you". But then you were so young and it did not seem to matter!

Forgetting is so easy for many of us. After all we are getting older and forging ahead. We lose things because we forget where we put "stuff". We forget people's names seconds after they have been introduced to us. We forget what the time is as it flashes bye during times we are absorbed in doing "things"! We forget the way to somewhere we have been to before. We forget birthdays and anniversaries, and often we forget what we are just about to say to someone. All forgotten things, truly.

To forget means to lose or "put away from" our memory, (not necessarily lost for ever though) but it can also suggest our neglecting someone or something. Painfully it is often someone. So this month the scope of your photo subject matter is really quite vast. "Forgotten things" could be quite personal in nature. Your subject might be something you at some time wanted to forget, and there are many of those things in our lives; ranging through people, sights, sounds or events. Many memories are quite forgettable but many can and will be re-kindled as you explore the possibilities of this month's subject. We hope they are pleasant memories though, which stir some excitement. But please do not allow yourself to forget your dignity, self control or become inattentive as you pursue the "forgotten"! Those three are often forgotten!

31st Annual REENACTMENT

"An Inexpensive Family Activity"

Welcome To The Brooksville Raid!

Past President Pat is proposing (if there is enough interest) that the club

charter a bus to take members over to the Brooksville Raid

which is held on the 3rd weekend in January every year.

This re-enactment is a recreation of a Civil War battle that happened in

Hernando County in July l864.

The Brooksville Raid has become the largest Civil War re-enactment in Florida with over 1500 re-enactors and their families.

They will have 28 cannons,60 horses, and over 50 sutlers.

The trip charge will be $35 a person plus $6.00 entry fee to the site.

Please let Pat know if you would like to go and the number in your party ASAP

Pat can then determine whether to charter a bus or not.

Contact Pat at prphotos@gmail.com today

The Hernando Historical Museum Assoc., Inc.

& North Pinellas County Scout Sertoma Club, Inc.

presents the 31st Annual Brooksville Raid Re-enactment

To

ALL THE INDIAN RIVER
PHOTO CLUB MEMBERS

WISHING YOU A VERY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

HAPPY AND PROPSEROUS NEWYEAR

THANKING ALL OUR MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT
AND ENCOURAGEMENT

FROM
THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS

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