



May 2010

Gene Taylor Presentation

The April meeting of SPS treated us to a presentation by Gene Taylor, a professional photographer who uses a special method of color breathing with transcendental meditation. He feels textures with his eyes in order to produce the amazing shots that are his trademark.



Gene gave us an exercise for our eyes, which can make us more aware of the colors and textures surrounding us. See page 4 of this newsletter for this chart. Gene left us with these words, "Open your eyes and receive the light." Thank you, Gene, for a very thought provoking talk.

Thank you judges! The judges for the April meeting were Bill Meeker, Bob Peak, Jim Planck, John Poe, and Cynthia Winter. Thanks for your service to the club!

May Meeting Reminders

Our speaker for the May 17th meeting will be Mark Jenkins, who will present a photofeast of his favorite images. Mark Jenkins has been a fan of art and photography his whole life, but recently has taken photography more seriously - though it's still just a hobby. He has spent his career in the highly technical world of satellites, so photography provides a much needed creative outlet. He shoots a wide variety of photos and doesn't really favor any particular type (landscape, macro, etc.). To him, it's all about trying to present something a little different and he enjoys the challenge of that. Currently he shoots with a Canon 5DII. He has slowly become proficient in various software tools such as Photoshop and Photomatrix and he attempts to turn every day boring images in to new and different presentations. He has a website <http://www.inmymindphotography.com/> where you can find some of his latest images.



The competition topic for May is open, and we look forward to seeing many great photos at the meeting.

Calendar of Events for 2010

DATE	TOPIC
JANUARY 18	OPEN
FEBRUARY 15	STILL LIFE (POSED ARRANGEMENT OF INANIMATE OBJECTS)
MARCH 15	PLAY OF LIGHT
APRIL 19	CHAIRS AND BENCHES
MAY 17	OPEN
JUNE 21	STREET PHOTOGRAPHY
JULY 19	OPEN, NO TIME LIMIT
AUGUST 16	SPORTS AND GAMES
SEPTEMBER 20	OPEN
OCTOBER 18	CELEBRATIONS
NOVEMBER TBD	BANQUET END OF YEAR COMPETITION
DECEMBER TBA	SOCIAL, NO COMPETITION

7:00—Open doors and meeting room set-up

7:00-7:15—Register images for competition

7:15-7:30—Judging

**7:30—Start program, business meeting,
and announce results**

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month

Rules for Monthly Competitions

Photographs must be signed in by 7:15. Entries will not be permitted after that time. Photos must be matted or mounted, and frames and glass covers are not allowed. The submissions must be taken within the last two years, except for the July competition when there is no time limit. You may enter 2 images per division in which you belong.

As a reminder, Class A is for the advanced photographer, Class B is for the intermediate photographer, and Class C is for the novice photographer.

Websites of Interest

Equipment and Supplies

www.nikonusa.com	Nikon news and equipment
www.usacanon.com	Canon news and equipment
www.wacom.com	Wacom tablets and pens
www.bhphotovideo.com	Online retail equipment
www.adorama.com	Online retail equipment
www.crumplerbags.com	Camera bags
www.visibledust.com	Sensor cleaning supplies
www.expodisc.com	White balance tools

Software

www.niksoftware.com	www.photomatix.com
www.adobe.com	www.topazlabs.com
www.alienskin.com	http://www.picnik.com/

Services

www.flickr.com	Photo sharing
www.istockphoto.com	Stock photography
www.mpix.com	Photographic and press products
www.BorrowLenses.com	Equipment rental
www.fotolia.com	Stock images
www.LC-tech.com	Photorecovery for digital media
www.moo.com	Business cards, mini cards, etc.
www.PerfectPosters.com	Large digital prints

Blogs, Training, and Tutorials

www.photoshouser.com	www.kelbytraining.com
www.planetphotoshop.com	www.digitalphotoacademy.com
www.photoshopseminars.com	www.scottkelby.com/blog/
http://davecross.blogspot.com/	http://www.moosenewsblog.com/

Winning Images Color Class A



First Place
Antique Chairs
Karl Mueller



Second Place
Come Sit a Spell
John Monroe



Third Place
Tender Loving Care
Leo Schweiger



Honorable Mention
Park Benches
Karl Mueller

Winning Images Monochrome Class A



First Place
A Place to Watch
Rip Smith



Second Place
Weary Traveler
Chet Lewandowski



Third Place
Waiting for Spring
Chet Lewandowski



Honorable Mention
Lotsa Chairs
Jim Planck

Winning Images Color Class B



First Place
Race Track Chair
John Norton



Second Place
Aftermath
Kristen Zimet

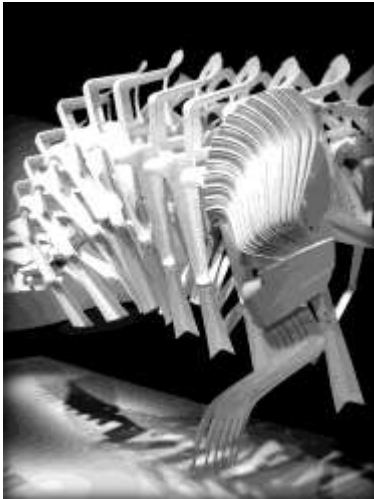


Third Place
One Size Fits All
Tanya Barton



Honorable Mention
Waiting
Mike Potter

Winning Images Monochrome Class B



First Place
Chair Monster
Kristen Zimet



Second Place
Lines and Shadows
Ellen Zimmerman



Third Place
Invisible Man
Kristen Zimet



Honorable Mention
Bench Sleeper
John Norton

Winning Images Color Class C



First Place
Shenandoah Resting Place
Spencer Ridings



Second Place
Lunch Break
Lisa Pinalto



Third Place
The Fan
Lisa Pinalto



Honorable Mention
Front Porch Pickin'
Jody Jackson

Winning Images Monochrome Class C



First Place
Puerto Vallarta Seaside
Lisa Pinalto



Second Place
Takin' a Break
Jody Jackson

Winning Images Enhanced



First Place
Twilight
Cathie Carnahan



Second Place
Night on the Town
Kristen Zimet



Third Place
Inner Harbor Dining
John Norton



Honorable Mention
After Hours
Ellen Zimmerman

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Photo Ops:

Check out the Asian Festival on the Mall in DC. This would be a great chance to do street photography for the June competition!

This has been a great spring for wild flowers. Get out to your local gardens, national or state parks, or even your own back yard and enjoy!