



February 2009

February Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on February 16. The speaker will be Erik Zimmerman, graphic designer and member of SPS. Erik's topic will be "Shooting and Producing HDR (High Dynamic Range) Images."



Erik studied graphic design at the Art Institute of Philadelphia, and has worked in the corporate world and as a freelance since 1995. He currently is the President/CEO of his own company, White Spider Design, Inc. He incorporates his photography into his graphic design business, offering photographic services to his clients.

Looking Ahead

We have several exciting programs and speakers lined up for the months ahead. In March, our speaker will be Nicole Green, whose topic will be "Finding the Unusual in the Usual." April's speaker will be Amir West, who will speak on "Choosing Photography Gear for Long Trips." If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics, please let us know!

News from the January Meeting

Not even the first real snow of the year could keep these hardy souls from attending the first club meeting of the year.



The membership voted on an updated set of bylaws, which will be placed on the website.



We were treated to an excellent presentation by John Gyovai, photographer and videographer. John shared with the group how his love for the ministry and missions led to a career in videography and photography as a way to tell a story and help those in need.

John also talked about the equipment he uses and some logistical issues that he deals with in his travels. We were treated to a showing of some of his beautiful photographs and videos.

From our Members

From Leslie Patten:

The Magic Lantern Series at the Handley Library will be showing *Encounters at the End of the World*, a film by Werner Herzog about Antarctica's McMurto Sound. This sounds like it would be good, and something of interest to our Members. The film will be shown on March 15th at 2:00pm and 7:00pm at the Handley Library.

From Mike Potter, Head Judge:

As you can see from the chart below, we need people to sign up to judge. Please pick a month (or two), and let Mike know that you are willing to help. Thank you!

Month	Main Judge	Assistants	Assistants	Topic
Jan	Mike Potter	Cynthia Winter		Open
Feb	Karl Mueller	John Zimet	Charley Lillis	Food and Drink
Mar	Bill Meeker	Ellen Zimmerman	Earl Cockerham	Open
Apr		Tanya Barton	Sandra Ashton	Three
May		Kristin Zimet	Karen Swortzel	Open
Jun		Chet Lewandowski		Abstract
Jul				Open (no time limit)
Aug				Seen Better Days
Sep				Open
Oct				Water

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Calendar of Events for 2009

DATE

COMPETITION TOPIC

JANUARY 19	OPEN
FEBRUARY 16	FOOD AND DRINK
MARCH 16	OPEN
APRIL 20	THREE
MAY 18	OPEN
JUNE 15	ABSTRACT
JULY 20	OPEN, NO TIME LIMIT
AUGUST 17	SEEN BETTER DAYS
SEPTEMBER 22	OPEN
OCTOBER 19	WATER
NOVEMBER BANQUET, TO BE DETERMINED, END OF YEAR COMPETITION	
DECEMBER SOCIAL, TO BE DETERMINED, 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

American Red Cross

561 Fortress Drive

Winchester, Virginia 22603

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 June competition when there is no time limit. You may enter 2 images per division in which you compete.

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.

Winning Images—January 2009

Color Class A



First Place
Untitled 2
Bob Peak



Second Place
Gannet
John Zimet



Third Place
Lerwick Harbor
John Zimet



Honorable Mention
Long Neck Girl
Chet Lewandowski

Winning Images—January 2009
Monochrome Class A



First Place
St. Magnus
John Zimet



Second Place
Coffee Server--Cairo
John Zimet



Third Place
Lobster Shack
Karl Mueller



Honorable Mention
Clear Night
John Monroe

Winning Images—January 2009

Color Class B



First Place
Tree at the Vortex
Kristin Zimet



Second Place
Holiday Bells
Mike Potter



Third Place
Foggy Morning
Ellen Zimmerman



Honorable Mention
Colorful Playtime
Tanya Barton

Winning Images—January 2009

Monochrome Class B



First Place
Long Boats
Chet Lewandowski



Second Place
The Sculptor
Kristin Zimet



Third Place
No Sailing Today
Chet Lewandowski



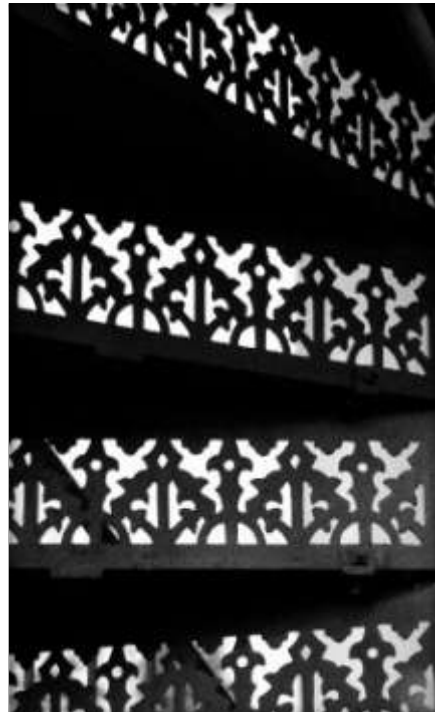
Honorable Mention
Water Drops
Earl Cockerham

Winning Images—January 2009
Color Class C
No Competition

Winning Images—January 2009
Monochrome Class C



First Place
Holding on to Yesterday
Karen Swortzel



Second Place
Riser Detail
Tanya Barton

Winning Images—January 2009

Enhanced



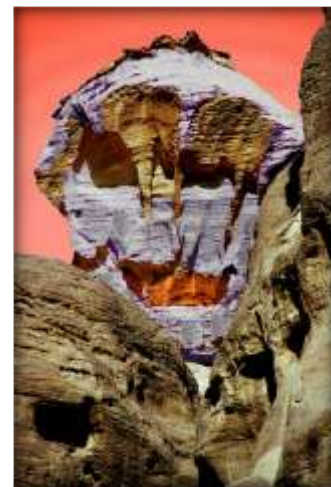
First Place
Ascension
Earl Cockerham



Second Place
Lifetime Career
Chet Lewandowski



Third Place
Ginkos
Chet Lewandowski



Honorable Mention
Skull Rock
John Zimet

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.photoshoper.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/

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John Monroe would like to get a trip together to Washington County, Pennsylvania, to shoot stone arch bridges and covered bridges in the area. If you are interested, please contact John to talk about a time.

John also would like to visit and shoot the wineries of Frederick, Clarke, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Loudoun, and other nearby counties. Please check with John for more information.

Leo Schweiger and Joe Alderman will be teaching a couple of photography classes at Shenandoah University, beginning on February 11, 2009. The first class will be Black and White Photography, and the second will be Successful Pictures from Your Digital Camera. Each class runs for 4 weeks. Please call Leo at 667-2889 for more details, or email him at oleo8@comcast.net.

To sign up for the classes, call Jo Miller at Shenandoah, 665-5422, or email her at jmille3@su.edu.

Check out the Meadowlark 2009 Nature Photography Expo, March 7-8 in Vienna. This is a fantastic chance to photograph hawks and owls up close. There are lectures and free camera sensor cleaning. Wil Hershberger will be one of the lecturers, speaking on "Ten Steps to Better Macro Photography." See their website, www.meadowlardphotoexpo.org, for more details.

If you have any announcements that you would like to have included in the newsletter, please sent them to cwinter@visuallink.com.