



May 2009

May Judging Workshop

Our May 18th meeting will be a judging workshop, focusing on "Tips for Evaluating Photography—or What Makes a Great Photo Great." In this interactive session, workshop leaders—SPS members Bill Meeker, Bob Peak, and Cynthia Winter—will guide small groups through discussions about color, black-and-white, and enhanced images. We will explore such elements as line, texture, balance, and repetition. Each workshop group will choose favorites in each category. At the end of the meeting we will compare notes on what each group liked best and why. This workshop will help new members feel more comfortable judging. In addition, this overview evening could lead to future workshops that focus in greater depth on such pivotal elements of photography as light.

Tip of the Month

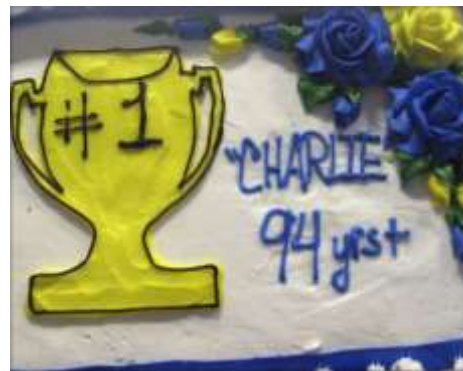
Tanya Barton gave the tip-of-the-month in April. She reminded us to always, always back up our work, preferably to external devices as well as offsite storage. One option for offsite storage is Flickr, a photo sharing and storage site. Check it out at www.flickr.com. The service is free for an account limited to 200 images, or \$24.95 yearly for unlimited storage of your files. SPS has a group on Flickr, so check us out at <http://www.flickr.com/groups/shenandoahphotographicsociety/>.

There are many other options for storage, just be sure to protect your photographs the best way possible.

From the April Meeting

Many thanks to Amir West, who spoke on how to pack and choose camera gear for a long trip. I'm sure we all came away with tips to make our next photo excursion easier. A bonus was Amir's slideshow of his photos from his recent trip to Alaska. He has some absolutely magnificent shots of eagles, glaciers, mountains, and bays. From all of us at SPS, thanks again!

SPS member Charlie Lillis was honored at the meeting, and recognized for his many years of service to the club and to photography. He was presented with a keepsake scrapbook, and we all enjoyed some delicious chocolate cake. Thanks, Charlie, for all that you do for our club.



Calendar of Events for 2009

DATE

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 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.penncamera.com	Retail & online equipment sales, classes
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.onOneSoftware.com	http://www.picnik.com/

Services

www.flickr.com	Photo sharing and storage
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
Three Towers
Chet Lewandowski



Second Place
Rain
John Zimet

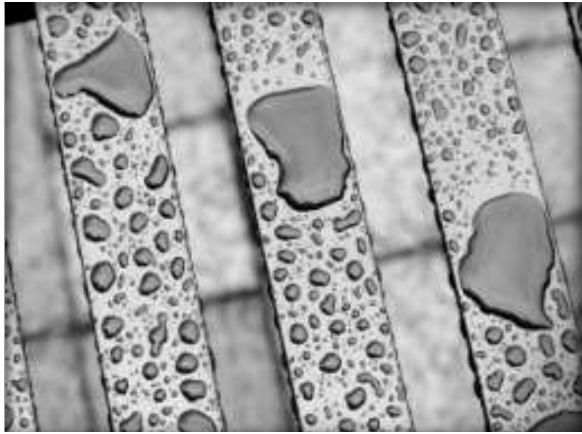


Third Place
Three Donkeys
Karl Mueller



Honorable Mention
Thrice Dice
John Monroe

Winning Images Monochrome Class A



First Place
Water Drops & Bench Slats
Leo Schweiger



Second Place
Topiary Serpent
John Zimet



Third Place
Antique Ladles
Jim Planck



Honorable Mention
Four 3's
John Zimet

Winning Images Color Class B



First Place
3 Daffs
Laura Patten



Second Place
3 Tulips
Mike Potter



Third Place
The Rug Weavers
Kristen Zimet



Honorable Mention
The Same But Different
Liz Browning

Winning Images Monochrome Class B



First Place
3 Narcissus
Bob Way



Second Place
Safe Harbor
Chet Lewandowski



Third Place
The Kiss
Kristen Zimet



Honorable Mention
Simply Cocoa
Ellen Zimmerman

Winning Images Color Class C



First Place
Feed Me
Earl Cockerham



Second Place
Lily
Earl Cockerham



Third Place
Donkeys
Zita Winzer

Winning Images Monochrome Class C



First Place
Barn
Earl Cockerham

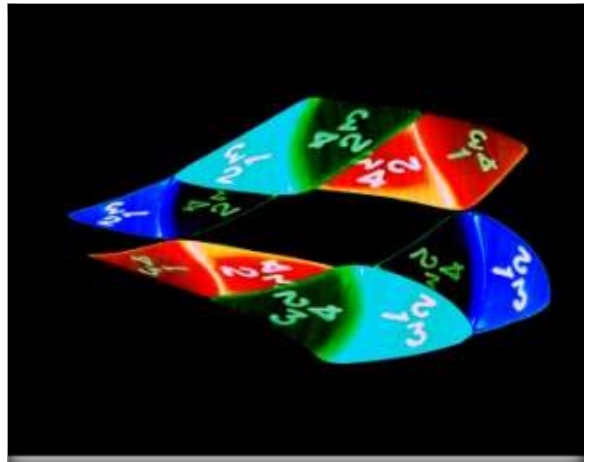


Second Place
Family
Carl Cockerham

Winning Images Enhanced



First Place
3 for Love
Erik Zimmerman



Second Place
Exotic Fish
John Monroe



Third Place
3 Eves
Earl Cockerham



Honorable Mention
Freedom
Sandra Ashton

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