



September 2009

August Meeting

Our guest speaker for the August meeting was Scott Yost, Associate Professor of Art at Bridgewater College. Scott shared his experiences in developing projects where history and photography meet. Through oral history and current interviews he combines his passion for ecology/land use and photography to create projects that showcase in horizontal exhibits and then also translate into published books.



Scott said that he asks himself these 4 questions to find subject matter that will lead to a project that will evolve over time and have impact. 1. Is it visual? 2. Is it practical? 3. Do I know enough about it? 4. Is it of interest to others?

Some of his projects are: *Passing, Still* (featuring trains), *Shenandoah Valley Apple Orchards and Landscapes*, *Blacks Run of Harrisonburg*, and *Teaching Through the Lens*.

Thank you, Scott, for such an interesting presentation.

Chet Lewendowski to Speak at the September Meeting

SPS member Chet Lewendowski will speak at the September 22nd meeting. His topic will be "How Trip Planning Leads to Better Photos."



While stationed abroad with the Air Force in the 1960s, Chet purchased a 35mm reflex camera so that he could share his travel experiences with his parents and relatives and send family pictures home. His photographic activity waned after returning to the U.S., and what he did shoot was mainly family snapshots. His interest in photography was rekindled a couple of years ago after receiving his first digital camera, a simple point and shoot, from his son and family. He took the camera with him on a visit to

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Website Update

Our website is finally up and running at www.shenandoahphotographicsociety.org. Many, many thanks to those of you who worked so hard on this project.

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 16	END OF YEAR COMPETITION & BANQUET
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.

Images from Charlie's Annual SPS Pool Party





Thank you, Charlie, for sharing your home with us! (Photos by Chet Lewendowski)

News and Notes

From Rip Smith:

Digital Photography Workshop: High Dynamic Range Imaging (HDRI)
At the Old Firehouse Gallery, 108 N. George St, Charles Town, WV
Instructor: Sterling "Rip" Smith
Workshop fee: \$145.00
Preregistration required, Maximum of 8 seats are available.

In this two-day workshop you will learn how to create stunning images that capture and display the full range of light and detail in the scene.

Day 1 (Saturday, Sept. 26, 10am-4pm)

- What is Dynamic Range?
- What is High Dynamic Range Imaging?
- Why HDRI?
- HDR Image Capture Techniques
- Group Field Trip to Capture Images

Day 2 (Sunday, Sept. 27, 10am-3pm)

- Software Tools (Participants Eligible for 20% Discount on Photomatix Pro)
- Processing High Dynamic Range Images

Workshop Requirements: Capturing HDR images requires a digital camera with manual settings or settings for exposure bracketing. Also a tripod and a laptop computer for viewing and processing images are strongly recommended.

Details and registration information is available at: www.sterlingimages.com

For more information email sterlingimageswv@gmail.com

From Jim Planck:

"I suffer if probably overly, from the lost lens cap syndrome. They just seem to disappear during a shoot. Sometime I find them, or not.

I Googled all versions of "Lens Cap," and got this: <http://www.camerafilts.com/default.aspx>

I ordered lens cover from them, and instead of the \$12 Canon lens cover, I got a nice 58mm for \$2. A 77mm for my wide angle was also \$2.

They also have good prices on filters."

Reminder

The September meeting will be on a Tuesday, due to a scheduling conflict at the Red Cross.

The date is September 22, 2009, at 7:00pm.

Banquet Reminder—The Awards Banquet will be held on Monday, November 16, 2009. It will be held at the Focaccia Grill in Berryville.

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.onOne.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
Hope
Bob Peak



Second Place
Recycling
Chet Lewandowski



Third Place
Old Wall
John Zimet

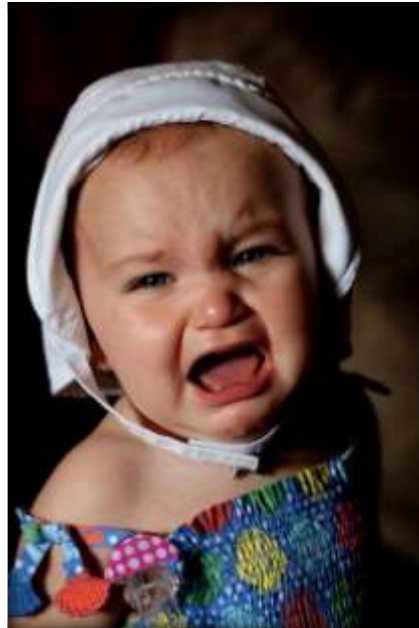


Honorable Mention
Film Flop
Leslie Patten

Winning Images Color Class B



First Place
The Pot
Mark Jenkins



Second Place
My Way
Cathie Carnahan



Third Place
Forgotten Corner
Ellen Zimmerman



Honorable Mention
We Remember
Kristin Zimet

Winning Images Monochrome Class B



First Place
Seen Better Days
Chet Lewandowski



Second Place
Abandoned
Cathie Carnahan



Third Place
Through the Lenses
Sandi Fanning



Honorable Mention
Barber Chair
Ellen Zimmerman

Winning Images Color Class C



First Place
Little Boy Blue
Lisa Pinalto



Second Place
Nice House
Zita Winzer



Third Place
Deserted
Melissa Lease



Honorable Mention
Growing Old Together
Earl Cockerham

Winning Images Monochrome Class C



First Place
Jennifer Gaylor
No Vacancy



Second Place
Stone Boy
Irene Cockerham



Third Place
Curt's Wagon, Sepia
Earl Cockerham



Honorable Mention
Rusty Wheels
Earl Cockerham

Winning Images Enhanced



First Place
Praying for Healthcare
Earl Cockerham



Second Place
The Old Bus
Kristin Zimet



Third Place
Chains
Earl Cockerham



Honorable Mention
Hot Car
Chet Lewandowski

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Chet Lewandowski

Poland, where he cut his teeth on the concept of landscape and architectural photography. Stung by the digital photography bug, he purchased his first DSLR, a Nikon D-40x, to upgrade his images and enhance his enjoyment. He took that camera on trips to Washington State, Costa Rica, Arizona and Utah, another trip to Poland, two visits to New England, and finally an extended voyage to Thailand and Japan.

By the end of last year, Chet showed that he was really addicted to photography by upgrading his equipment to a Nikon D300 and a couple of better lenses. He continued to hone his skills by shooting various subjects in the extended local area and studying Wildlife Photography under Professor Rob Simpson, participating in courses offered by Leo Schweiger and Joe Alderman, and shooting with friends in the Shenandoah Photo Society. His most recent travel, inspired by a video about Ansel Adams, took him to Yosemite National Park, where he thoroughly enjoyed capturing the sights in that magnificent location.

Chet has produced picture books of the places he has visited and has shown his work at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Berryville and at the Clarke County Fair. He has won several awards at the Fair over the past two years.