

The Newsletter of the New York Botanical / Zoological Photographic Society

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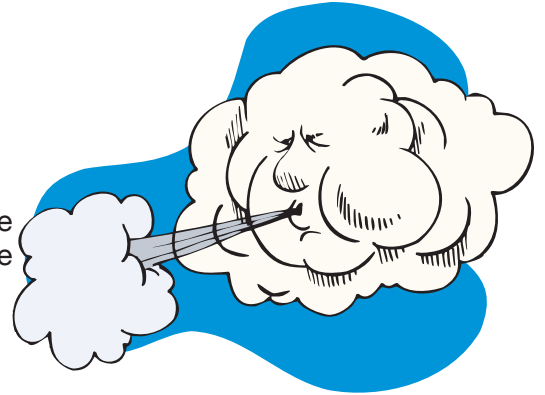
Our 58th Year!

Summer 2011

Update from the President...

First the Storm ...then the Fun!

A lot has happened over the summer, not the least of which was Hurricane Irene—who is blowing outside right now as I start this newsletter. Let's hope that everyone came through unscathed! And your Board had a busy summer as well, getting everything set for our new season and beyond..



Opening Day - Saturday, September 10, 2011

Ronnie has done it again, securing a top-rate presenter for our season opener: photographer, educator and technologist, Shiv Verma, who will be travelling from Massachusetts to do a presentation on Macro Photography. Shiv has been photographing since he was a teenager but with the advent of digital he has evolved his photography to express his intense devotion to wildlife and nature. Since 2003 he has been capturing images exclusively in the digital realm and over the years has earned numerous awards and recognition both nationally and internationally. In his own words:.

"I think of photography as art – represented by the vision of the photographer. Photography gives me the ability to express and to communicate ideas that cannot be expressed in words."

Shiv devotes a great deal of his time formally reviewing photography-related products, educating in digital photography, speaking and competition judging. He belongs to multiple photographic clubs and associations and serves as Chairman of the Nature Division, PSA (Photographic Society of America); Director of the slide, instructional and essay sets, PSA; Director of the Nature Division Permanent Image Collection, Vice President of the Digital Circuit NECCC (New England Camera Club Council); a member of the Greater Lynn Photographic Association, the Stony Brook Camera Club and the Massachusetts Camera Naturalists. Shiv is a past President of the Stony Brook Camera Club; and the Gateway Camera Club.

Macro is my passion, so I am particularly excited to have Shiv present for us. Check out his images at: <http://www.opalescencephoto.com/>.

We're on Facebook!



At one of our summer meetings the Board agreed it would be fabulous if we could have a Facebook page...another outlet for the Board to communicate with members and for you to communicate with each other. So if you haven't checked it out yet, please do so at <https://facebook.com/NewYorkBotanicalZoologicalPhotographicSociety>. Generally all special announcements will be posted to Facebook, as well as to our website at www.nybzps.org.

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THIS MONTH:

Sept. 10th - Opening Day - Shiv Verma
Followed by Brunch

Sept. 24th: Competition #1

Theme: Beach(es)

Judge: Roz Rosenblum

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Update from the President - Continued...

Scott Kelby Photo Walk

At the suggestion of our Photo Shoot Coordinator, Conrad Tinney (who has also agreed to lead the walk), our Club will be participating in the 4th Annual Scott Kelby Worldwide Photo Walk on Saturday, October 1, 2011 (rain date: Sunday, October 2nd). For those of you not familiar with “the Walk”: organized by Scott Kelby in 2007, the Worldwide Photo Walk is a social photography event where photographers get together in any public area to walk around, shoot photos, and generally have fun with other photographers. There are “walks” literally all over the world. Ours will commence after our October 1st meeting at the New York Botanical Gardens. You must register to participate. For more details:

About the walk: worldwidephotowalk.com

About our walk: <http://worldwidephotowalk.com/walk/new-york-ny-united-states-new-york-botanical-gardens/>

It should prove to be a fun day and an opportunity to meet other photographers. Not to mention great publicity for our Club. You can also submit your images for some great prizes. I do hope a number of our members will participate.

Website Member Gallery

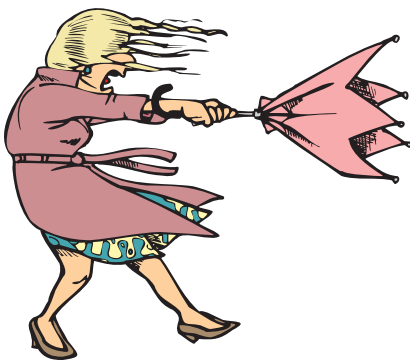
Another discussion by the Board at one of our summer meetings had led to the creation of a Member Gallery on our website. It will be an opportunity for members, many of whom do not have their own photographic website, to select and display their images along with contact information. More details will be forthcoming at our Opening meeting in September. We envision three levels of membership as follows:

- Basic - 20 images with no updates.
- Basic Plus - 20 images / a maximum of two (2) updates per season
- Premium - 30 images / a maximum of two (2) updates per season

The cost to members will be \$20, \$35 and \$50 respectively for the initial gallery, the season of which will run through September 30, 2012. Renewals would be \$15 per season. No prices will be displayed; however, members are free to sell images with no commission or payment due to the Club. Obviously the Gallery will be available only to members in good standing, and an agreement will have to be signed by the member.

I hope this will be a good opportunity for members to get their images “out there.” Personally people have asked me if I have a website - and I’ve had to say, “no.” I’m looking forward to letting interested parties know they can, in fact, view my images on line. Hopefully many fellow members will take advantage of this opportunity as well.

Photo Shoots



We’ve had a few interesting and fun photo shoots this summer, including Eastern State Penitentiary, Donald Kendall Sculpture Gardens at Pepsico in Purchase and the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery at the Old Dutch Church in Sleepy Hollow, NY. Although the weather didn’t cooperate completely at our last photo shoot (we were rained out before we could take the tour of the Tarrytown Lighthouse), a good time was had by all. Many thanks - once again - to Conrad for organizing these shoots.

Details will be forthcoming on more Photo Shoots during the 2011-2012 season, tentatively including Harriman State Park in October and Central Park in November. As they come up, we’ll disseminate the information at our meetings, on the website and on our Facebook page.

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Executive Board	
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Photo Shoot Coordinator	Conrad Tinney



Basic Workflow and After the Capture Photo Classes

We've twisted the arm of our resident instructor, Harvey Augenbraun, to teach some photo classes after our regular meeting sessions. Dates are 10/22, 11/5 and 11/19. Tentative program, which will be based on Photoshop Elements 9 (also, of course, applicable to standard Photoshop), will be as follows:

Session 1: Basic Image Capture / Understanding Your Camera

*Camera settings - Color space - Image quality - F-stops and shutter speeds
Correct exposure - reading your histogram*

Session 2: Basic Workflow 1

*Opening an image in Elements - Using Adobe Camera Raw - Image editing**

Session 3: Basic Workflow 2 / After the Capture

Image Editing Continued - Preparing to Print and (time-permitting)*

Converting to Black & White

**Image editing will include cropping, levels, curves, cloning, burning & dodging and layer masks.*



Pricing will be \$30 for members (or \$10/session). Non-member's pricing will be \$70.00, which will include membership for the 2011-2012 season. Dates will be forthcoming soon.

Member List

Want to contact a fellow Club member? A full listing of members is posted to the website, and password protected. To access the list, click on the Members Tab on the Home Page - and scroll down to Current Members List. (Right now the list will have members from the 2010-2011 season.) You can e-mail me or Sharon Gumerove for the password - and we'll also disseminate it at our first meeting.

Promote Your Club

A flyer announcing the 2011-2012 season was e-mailed to all members, and mailed to all Libraries in the Bronx. Do you know any venues to post it where we can possibly attract new members? If so, please print it out and do so. I'll also bring some copies to the meetings.

Competition Rules and By-Laws

Minor revisions (basically clarifications) were made to the Rules of Competition for the 2011-2012 season, as well as updates to the By-Laws. Updated copies are available on the website (also under the "Members" tab).

Season Calendar and Themes - on page 4

The season calendar is almost complete. We have a great line-up this year...many presentations not to be missed! Please come out and support our presenters. There's so much to be learned at each and every session. We are truly blessed that so many gifted photographers are willing to share their secrets with our Club.



Check the website for program and photo shoot updates...and for schedule changes in the event of inclement weather.

**HAVE IMAGES FROM A SUMMER PHOTO SHOOT TO SHARE?
I'd love to feature them in future newsletters.
Please e-mail to iriseditor@incprinting.com - 4x6 @ min 200 dpi**

Announcements:

Movin' Up

Congratulations to the following winners who will be moving up this season:

Doreen Rose, Bob Feldman & Lynne West: Digital Color B to A

Inese Moore: Digital Color A to AA

For Sale

Brand NEW (still in box) Singh Ray 7-Stop Variable Neutral Density Polarizer 77mm, thin mount. \$200.

Contact: Dennis DiBrizzi at dennisdibrizzi@gmail.com.

Schedule - NYBZPS '11/'12 Season

**Mark your calendars. The schedule is now confirmed.
As we had last season, there are five (5) Altered Reality Competitions.
Of course, please check the website for updates and cancellations due to weather.**

2011

- September 10..... Opening Day/Shiv Verma
Member Brunch
- September 24..... *Competitions: Digital #1*
Theme #1: Beach(es)
Judge: Roz Rosenblum
- October 1..... *Competitions: Digital #2*
Theme #2: Graffiti
Altered Reality #1
Judge: Ann Harper
- October 22..... Presentation: Photographer
Tim Grey
- November 5..... *Competitions: Digital #3*
Theme #3: Broken Things
Judge: Vinnie Kempf
- November 19..... Photographer Ron Wyatt:
Beijing Olympics
- December 3..... *Competitions: Digital #4*
Theme #4: Face(s)/Real or
Abstract
Altered Reality #2
Judge: Rob Dublin
- December 17..... Holiday Party/Business Meeting
"Short Shorts" (Member
Presentations)

2012

- January 7..... *Competitions: Digital #5*
Theme #5: Baby/Babies
Altered Reality #3
Judge: Phil Echo

2012 - Cont'd

- January 21..... Program: Enid Alvarez, NY
Daily News Photographer
- February 4..... *Competitions: Digital #6*
Theme #6: Xmas Decorations
Judge: To be announced
- February 18..... Ridgewood International
- March 3 *Competitions: Digital #7*
Theme #7: Abandoned Structures
Judge: Jon Brokos
- March 17To be announced
- March 31..... *Competitions: Digital #8*
Theme #8: Set Up/Still Life
Altered Reality #4
Judge: Walter Kimmel
- April 21.....To be announced
- May 5..... *Competitions: Digital #9*
Theme #9: Photojournalism
Altered Reality #5
Judge: Lila Pollinger
- May 12..... *End-of-Year Competition*
Judges: Adolfo Briceno, Chuck
Pine & Marie Kane
- June 12.....End-of-Year Party
Awards Luncheon &
Slide Presentation:
"The Best of 2011-2012 Season"

Themes '11/'12 Season

September - "Beach(es)"
October: "Graffiti"
November: "Broken Thing(s)"
December: "Faces" (*Real or Abstract*)

January - "Baby(Babies)"- *not necessarily human*
February: "Christmas Decorations"
March: "Abandoned Structures"
April: "Set-Up/Still Life"
May: "Photojournalism"

**Have a story (with photos) to share? E-mail it to: iriseditor@incprinting.com.
Suggestions or comments about club activities? Feel free to contact any board member.**

The New York Botanical/Zoological Photographic Society invites photography enthusiasts of ALL LEVELS to join us at our bimonthly meetings (Saturdays at 9:45 AM), Sept. thru June, at Fordham Prep, Room 243/244 (on the campus of Fordham University, Bronx, NY). Check the web site (www.nybzps.org) for program details, field trips and more!

Photos/articles/comments/suggestions for future editions of The Iris are always welcome.

E-mail text and photos (approx. size 4"x 6" at 200 dpi min.) to: iriseditor@incprinting.com.