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April Showers Bring May Flowers

All this rainy weather can be depressing. But not for us photographers. We all know that the wetter the weather the happier and more beautiful the Spring flowers. You can shoot them soon at our neighboring New York Botanical Gardens, or travel out to Long Island to Hicks Nurseries (www.hicksnurseries.com) where the tulips should be out and in full bloom by mid-April. And, while you're there, pick up a few plants for yourself.

Here are the scores through March. Only two more regular competitions to go! (Note: Total may include make-ups.)

DIGITAL - B&W	Mar	Total
Anastasia Tompkins	17.5	123.5
Dennis DiBrizzi*	17.5	121.5
Harvey Augenbraun	16.5	116.5
Inese Moore	15.5	116.0
Mel Wilner	16.0	113.0
Martin Lewis	15.5	113.0
Teena Miller	15.5	113.0
Michael Brummet	17.0	107.0
Todd Berman	16.5	100.0
Linda Koebner	16.0	87.0
Rudy Finelli	---	75.0
Madge Haynes	---	71.0
Veronica Saunders	---	50.0
Stephen Berger	---	46.0
Raymond Flood	15.0	44.5
Bob Schwartz	---	16.5
Kristina Thorstenson	---	16.0
Lynne West	---	7.5

*Image of the Month: "Race"

DIGITAL - B	Mar	Total
Inese Moore	17.0	120.5
Mel Wilner	15.0	116.0
Michael Brummet	15.5	112.0
Raymond Flood	15.0	111.5
Lynne West*	17.5	101.0
Todd Berman	15.5	99.5
Linda Koebner	14.5	99.5
Rudy Finelli	---	94.0
Madge Haynes	---	82.0
Stephen Berger	---	45.5
AnneMarie LaScala	---	45.0
Kristina Thorstenson	---	16.0
John Martino	---	7.5

*Image of the Month: "Longwood Dragon Fly"

DIGITAL - A	Mar	Total
Veronica Saunders	16.0	121.5
Teena Miller	16.5	118.0
Martin Lewis	16.5	116.0
Andrea Nelson	16.0	115.0
Erwin Krasnow	16.0	109.5
Dolores Roddy	---	74.0
Frank Price	15.0	46.5
Augie Schiavone	---	41.0
Fred Fanelli	---	14.0

No Image of the Month

DIGITAL - AA	Mar	Total
Anastasia Tompkins*	18.5	129.0
Bob Schwartz	17.5	121.5
Annabelle Washington	16.0	121.0
Harvey Augenbraun	16.5	120.0
Linda Tommasulo	16.5	118.5
Har Er Huang	16.5	116.5
Suzanne Carter	15.5	112.5

*Image of the Month: "Gotcha"

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THIS MONTH:

April 4th - Competition #8

Theme: "Hands and/or Feet"

Judge: John Wazeter

April 18th - Workshop (TBA)

March Scores - Continued

DIGITAL THEME	Mar	Total
Harvey Augenbraun	18.0	122.0
Anastasia Tompkins	16.0	115.0
Raymond Flood	17.0	114.0
Linda Tommasulo	16.0	113.0
Inese Moore	12.0	112.0
Andrea Nelson	14.5	107.0
Har Er Huang	13.5	105.5
Teena Miller	---	96.5
Linda Koebner*	18.0	95.0
Michael Brummet	---	85.5
Mel Wilner	15.5	73.0
Madge Haynes	---	65.5
Annabelle Washington	---	64.5
Rudy Finelli	---	63.0
Todd Berman	---	56.5
Veronica Saunders	---	53.5
Stephen Berger	---	50.0
Bob Schwartz	---	49.5
Lynne West	---	41.5
AnnMarie LaScala	---	40.5
Suzanne Carter	---	32.5
Kristina Thorstenson	---	16.5
Frank Price	16.0	16.0
Ana Quinones	---	14.0
Christopher Capucci	---	14.0

SLIDES	Feb*	Total
Myron Gersh	16.5	87.0
Robert Potter	16.0	80.0
Suzanne Carter	---	51.0
Frank Price	16.5	32.0
Martin Lewis	---	15.5

(No March Competition)



Call for photos: River Otters on long Island

Mike Bottini, Wildlife Biologist, is seeking photos of the River Otter for his ongoing study. If you happen to have any, please contact him directly at: mike@peconic.org.

*Theme - Puddles
"Long, Cool Drink" ©Linda Koebner*

Recent Presentations

Ridgewood Camera Club International

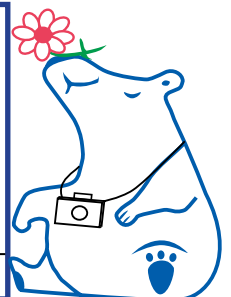
If you missed this marvelous slide show back in February you have another chance, It is now on line: http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/slide_shows.html. Select the RCC 26th International Exhibition Show. You'll need Flash Player and a broadband connection. Flash Player can be downloaded by clicking on the "Get Adobe Flash Player" icon.

There Ain't No Tin in Tintypes

Special thanks to our friend, Elinor Stecker-Orel for enlightening us (at our last meeting) on the history of photography. How lucky we are to be able to pop a battery and flash card in our cameras and print our own photographs at home. We're waiting for the sequel, Elinor!

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**MARCH
DIGITAL WINNERS
Judge:
Andrew Kurchey**



AA: "Gotcha"
©Anastasia Tompkins



B: "Longwood Dragonfly"
©Lynne West



Black & White:
"Race"
©Dennis DiBrizzi

THEMES '09-'10 - VOTING CLOSSES SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

Personally, I can't say enough about the theme competition. Besides being great fun, it gets the photographer shooting out of their "comfort zone." I, for one, was pretty well stuck in the Macro world, until I got out to shoot the themes. Trips to Yellowstone and elsewhere got me more into nature and landscapes, but I still must credit the themes for inspiring my more creative side.

I get enjoyment out of "stretching" the themes a bit. Sometimes it works...sometimes it doesn't. For example, I shot a close-up of a moth's wing for the "eye" competition (it worked!) and a macro shot of a Chevrolet for "Americana" (it didn't work!). If you haven't tried your hand at it, take a stab next season. And here's your chance to vote on the theme subjects. Vote for nine (9) maximum, and be sure to get them in to Harvey Augenbraun (MrScience9@aol.com) by Saturday, April 4th.

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| 1 - Song title - Interpret a song title in a single image. (Title will show with image.) | 21 - Graphic - delineated design (clear hard edge) |
| 2 - Tables and Chairs | 22 - Pop Art - a la Warhol or Lichtenstein (ordinary things made interesting) |
| 3 - Another Point of View - pictures of buildings and places that people know, captured in a way they're not used to. | 23 - Rocks, Ice |
| 4 - "Takin' it to the streets" | 24 - Snow |
| 5 - Cactus flower(s) | 25 - Smiles |
| 6 - New growth - can be physical or a metaphor | 26 - Rain |
| 7 - Stretch and/or relax | 27 - Tears |
| 8 - Duotone | 28 - Babies |
| 9 - Selective color | 29 - County Fair |
| 10 - Patterns in nature | 30 - Fireworks |
| 11 - Flowers with five petals (must show at least some of all the petals) | 31 - Eating Ice Cream |
| 12 - Sepia | 32 - Children Playing |
| 13 - Rough texture | 33 - The Writing is on the Wall |
| 14 - Tiling (tiles can be human-made or natural; must include more than one tile; this is not a technique in digital photography) | 34 - Tools of the Trade |
| 15 - Patterns in architecture (human-made structures) | 35 - Complement or Contrast in Color |
| 16 - Sports Action | 36 - Simplicity |
| 17 - Animals at work | 37 - Action Shots |
| 18 - Standing Out From the Crowd - Wide-open theme showing how any person or thing stands out from other people or things. | 38 - Reflections |
| 19 - Numbers - They're everywhere...signs, mail boxes, doors.... | 39 - Heavy Metal |
| 20 - Fog- Thick mist or hazy weather condition which includes reference subject (object or person) | 40 - Military |
| | 41 - Damage |
| | 42 - Patterns in Nature |
| | 43 - Marriage |
| | 44 - Through Glass |
| | 45 - Color on Color |
| | 46 - Old |
| | 47 - Tongue-in-cheek...let your imagination loose with ridiculous imagery |
| | 48 - Silhouette...back lighted subject with no hint of illuminated details |

The New York Botanical/Zoological Photographic Society invites photography enthusiasts of ALL LEVELS to join us at our bimonthly meetings (Saturdays at 9:30 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.

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