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## A Month of Competitions!

As we wrap up the season we have two back-to-back competitions scheduled for May: Competition No. 9 and the Year-End Competition. **Please** get out your competition rules so there are no disappointments or surprises. (See a quick summary on page two regarding entries into Year-End Competition.) We hope you will all attend... competitions are the best place to learn, not only from the judges (whom you may occasionally disagree with) but also from your fellow members. We are here to learn and inspire. To accomplish that goal, we need YOU!

Here are the scores through April. (Note: Total may include make-ups.)

DIGITAL - B&W	Apr	Total
Anastasia Tompkins*	19.0	142.5
Dennis DiBrizzi	17.5	139.0
Harvey Augenbraun	17.5	134.0
Inese Moore	17.5	133.5
Michael Brummett	17.0	132.0
Mel Wilner	18.0	131.0
Teena Miller	16.5	129.5
Todd Berman	17.5	126.0
Martin Lewis	---	113.0
Linda Koebner	17.0	104.0
Rudy Finelli	16.0	99.5
Raymond Flood	15.0	44.5
Madge Haynes	---	71.0
Veronica Saunders	---	50.0
Stephen Berger	---	46.0
Bob Schwartz	---	16.5
Kristina Thorstenson	---	16.0
Doreen Rose	8.5	8.5
Lynne West	---	7.5

\*Image of the Month: "Hippo"

DIGITAL - A	Apr	Total
Veronica Saunders*	18.5	140.0
Teena Miller	17.0	135.0
Andrea Nelson	17.0	132.0
Erwin Krasnow	17.0	126.5
Martin Lewis	---	116.0
Dolores Roddy	---	74.0
Frank Price	16.0	62.5
Augie Schiavone	---	41.0
Fred Fanelli	---	14.0

\*Image of the Month: "White Flower"

DIGITAL - AA	Apr	Total
Anastasia Tompkins	17.5	146.5
Bob Schwartz	18.0	139.5
Annabelle Washington*	18.0	139.0
Harvey Augenbraun	17.5	137.5
Linda Tommasulo	18.0	136.5
Har Er Huang	18.0	134.5
Suzanne Carter	16.0	128.5

\*Image of the Month: "Rancunculus 2"

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DIGITAL - B	APR	Total
Inese Moore*	18.5	139.0
Mel Wilner	17.5	133.5
Michael Brummett	17.5	129.5
Raymond Flood	17.0	128.5
Lynne West	17.0	126.5
Todd Berman	17.0	124.5
Linda Koebner	17.5	117.0
Rudy Finelli	17.0	111.0
Madge Haynes	---	82.0
Stephen Berger	---	45.5
AnneMarie LaScala	---	45.0
Kristina Thorstenson	---	16.0
John Martino	---	7.5

\*Image of the Month: "Mad Baby"

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### THIS MONTH:

May 2nd - Competition #9 - Theme: "Street Fair"  
Judge: Lila Polinger  
May 9th - End of Year Competition  
Judges: Adolfo Briceno, Elinor Stecker-Orel  
& Marie Kane

## April Scores - Continued

DIGITAL THEME	Apr	Total
Harvey Augenbraun	18.0	140.0
Raymond Flood	18.0	132.0
Anastasia Tompkins	16.5	131.5
Inese Moore	17.5	129.5
Linda Tommasulo	16.5	129.5
Andrea Nelson	17.5	124.5
Har Er Huang	17.5	123.0
Linda Koebner	17.0	112.0
Teena Miller	---	96.5
Michael Brummett	9.0	94.5
Mel Wilner*	18.5	91.5
Annabelle Washington	9.0	73.5
Todd Berman	16.5	73.0
Madge Haynes	---	65.5
Rudy Finelli	---	63.0
Lynne West	16.5	58.0
Veronica Saunders	---	53.5
Stephen Berger	---	50.0
Bob Schwartz	---	49.5
Suzanne Carter	9.0	41.5
AnnMarie LaScala	---	40.5
Frank Price	16.5	32.5
Kristina Thorstenson	---	16.5
Ana Quinones	---	14.0
Christopher Capucci	---	14.0

\*Image of the Month: "Paws Feet"

SLIDES	Mar/Apr	Total
Robert Potter	34.0	114.0
Myron Gersh	17.0	104.0
Martin Lewis*	36.0	51.5
Suzanne Carter	---	51.0
Frank Price	---	32.0

\*Slide of the Month

**Themes - '09/'10**

We haven't assigned the months yet, but you can start shooting for next year's themes. The votes are in and tallied - and the winners are (not necessarily in competition order):

*Song Title*  
*Patterns in Nature*  
*Rough Texture*  
*Sports Action*  
*Animals at Work*  
*Standing Out From the Crowd*  
*Numbers*  
*Fog*  
*Reflections*

*Details will be forthcoming by Year-End.*



Theme - Hands and/or Feet: "Paws Feet" ©Mel Wilner

## END OF YEAR COMPETITION:

This month (May 9th) is our End-of-Year Competition. It is important that everyone read and understand the rules regarding submission of images for End-of-Year. Please take out your Competition Rules and review them one more time before uploading your entries. To quickly summarize:

- You must have participated in a minimum of six (6) full competitions (12 images) during this season to enter End-of-Year.
- **ONLY** images entered into your regular competition category (i.e. Black & White, Digital A, etc.) may be entered into End-of-Year.
- THEME images MAY NOT be entered into Year-End competition, *unless* they were also entered and scored in regular competition.
- You may enter a total of four (4) images into **your regular competition category**.
- You may also enter a total of two (2) images into the "Nature" category (which will be for all group levels combined). Only first place receives a award.
- You may also enter one (1) image into the "Landscape/Cityscape" category (which is also all groups combined). Only first place receives a award.
- Entries submitted into the "Nature" and/or "Landscape/Cityscape" category **cannot also be entered into your regular competition category** (i.e. Black & White, Digital B, etc.).

If you have any questions, please bring them up at the May 2nd meeting, so we can clarify the rules for everyone.



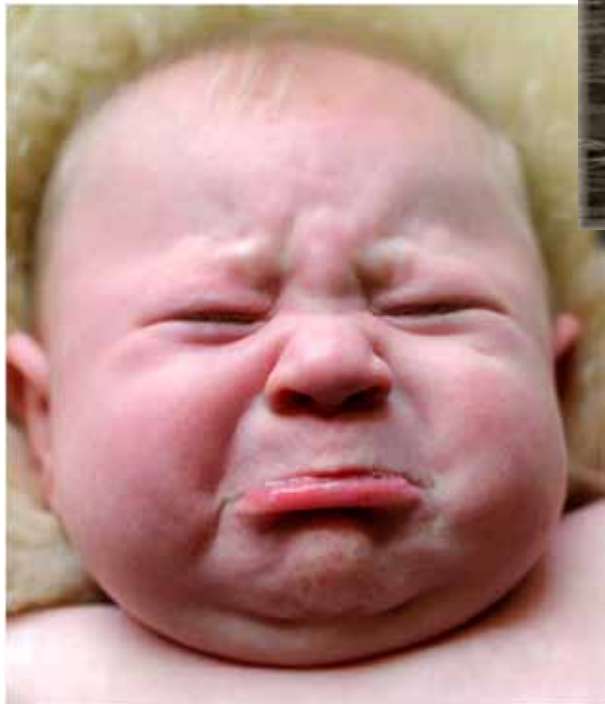
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**APRIL  
DIGITAL WINNERS**  
**Judge:**  
**John Wazeter**



*Black & White: "Hippo"*  
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*B: "Mad Baby"*  
©Inese Moore



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©Veronica Saunders



*AA: "Rancunculus 2"*  
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### **April 18th Meeting**

Thanks to all who attended our "business meeting" and provided input into the direction(s) you would like our Club to take. Any suggestions regarding presenters or other Club matters can be brought to any Board Member at any time. Please keep the dialogue going.

Also a special "Thank you" to our Own Harvey Augenbraun for showing us some of his Photo-shop "tips and tricks" re: dodging and burning. As well as a brief instruction on sizing images for digital competition. Keep those secrets coming, Harvey

## Cape Ann in July '08

By Annabelle Washington

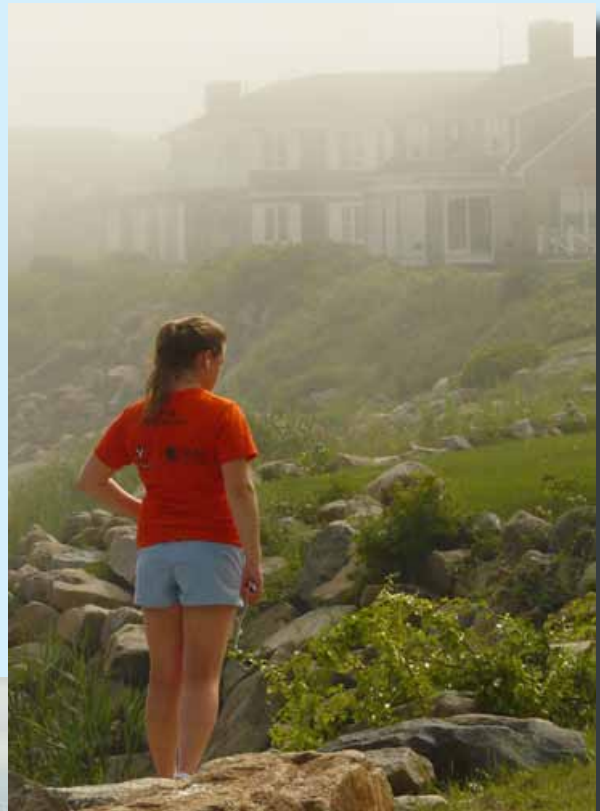
...During a downpour, I arrive in Rockport on Cape Ann, along the coast of Massachusetts, with my camera and tripod in tow. "Oh well", I muse, "tomorrow is another day."

...The next morning my room appears bright. Alas, after peering through the blinds, I can see only a few feet of grass beyond the window. As I venture out of the cabin, a damp, gray wall presses against me. Farther on, I can discern no horizon line. The ocean and sky have melded into a seamless ghostly mass.

...Where are the boats I plan to capture with my magic box? Who "Photoshopped" out the craggy rocks, which were visible through the sheets of rain the previous day? Oh, I so wanted to photograph a lighthouse.

...Carl Sandburg created a wonderful image with "the fog comes in on little cat feet."

Pardon me. This kitty brought along its adult littermates. Sandburg continues, "It sits looking over harbor and city on silent haunches and then moves on." Yes, after another day of rain, the fog moves on...my day of departure.



"What a Day!"  
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"The Fog Lifts"  
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