

The Newsletter of the New York Botanical / Zoological Photographic Society

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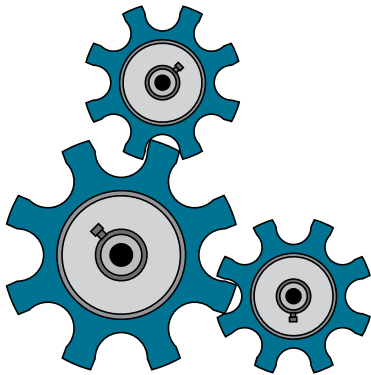


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Gearing Up for the '09/'10 Season

Incredible, but true...we are just about one month away from "opening day."

With a great season behind us, we are looking forward to '09/'10 with anticipation and enthusiasm. We plan a season mixed with presentations, competitions and field trips to encourage all of our members to participate, grow and enjoy their photographic pursuits. That's what it's all about: The art and fun of photography.

This newsletter includes a "rough" season calendar (dates are firm, programs/events are not yet completely scheduled), as well as details on the monthly themes.

We look forward to seeing everyone on September 12th when we open with world-renowned photographer, **Allen Rokach**. Allen has traveled the world since 1975 on photographic assignments that range from the bulb fields of Holland and the antiquities of Egypt to the vast Amazonian rain forest. An expert in location photography best known for his photographs of flowers, gardens and landscapes, his work has spanned everything from public relations and photojournalism to art and sculpture to travel and features about people. In the course of his career, he also served for fourteen years as the staff photographer and Director of Photography at the New York Botanical Garden and ten years as a Senior Photographer for *Southern Living* magazine.

With a host of corporate commissions under his belt, Allen has taught and lectured around the world. He hosted travel photography workshops in West Africa, Europe, India, East Asia, the Amazon, the Caribbean, Israel, Egypt and other parts of the Middle East. At home, Rokach has been an active photographic educator at the New School for Social Research, the American Museum of Natural History, the International Center of Photography, the Santa Fe Photographic Workshops and several colleges. He initiated and coordinated the Certificate Program in Nature and Garden Photography at the New York Botanical Garden; and founded the Center for Nature Photography (which has run instructional photography workshops in Maine, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and other prime locations around the U.S.) Author of eight books and the subject of many one-man shows across the U.S., it is an honor and an privilege to have Allen Rokach open our season. For more information and a peek at his work, log on to www.allenrokach.com.

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Season Calendar

Monthly Themes - and Explanations

Awards Luncheon Photographs

THIS MONTH:

Sept. 12th - Opening Day

September 26th - Competition #1

Theme = Patterns In Nature

Yellowstone 2x2 - Two Seasons, Two Photographers

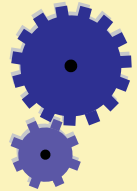
Linda Tommasulo/Stanley Benerofe Exhibit

Harrison Public Library (8/31-10/2)

Reception Sept. 12, 2-4pm

Schedule - NYBZPS '09/'10 Season

Mark your calendars. Meeting and competition dates are firm.
Some programs are to be announced (or subject to change).



2009

September 12..... Opening Day/Allen Rokach
Member Brunch
September 26..... Competition #1 (Judge: Vinnie Kempf)
Theme - Patterns in Nature
October 3..... Competition #2
Theme - Numbers
October 17..... Workshop: Photographic
Manipulation
November 7..... Competition #3 (Judge: Chuck Pine)
Theme - Standing Out from the
Crowd
November 21..... Program: Getting Started in
Black & White
December 5..... Competition #4
Theme - Reflections
December 19..... Holiday Party/Business Meeting
"Short Shorts" (Member
Presentations)

2010

January 9..... Competition #5
Theme - Animals at Work
January 23..... Program/TBA
February 6..... Competition #6
Theme - Rough Texture
February 20..... Ridgewood International
March 6..... Competition #7
Theme - Sports Action
March 20..... Program/TBA
April 10..... Competition #8
Theme - Fog
April 17..... Program/TBA
May 1..... Competition #9
Theme - Song Title
May 8..... End-of-Year Competition
June 5..... End-of-Year Party &
Awards Luncheon

Themes '09/'10 Season

September 26th: Patterns in Nature / No "hand of man."

October 2nd: Numbers

Must be actual digits, not number of digits (i.e. the number "2," not "two" flowers).

November 7th: Standing Out from the Crowd

Any person or thing standing out from other people or things.

December 5th: Reflections / Reflection(s) must be the dominant feature.

January 9th: Animals at Work

February 6th: Rough Texture / May be natural or man-made.

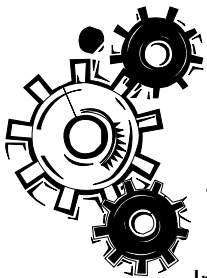
March 6th: Sports Action

April 10th: Fog

Thick mist or heavy weather condition which includes a reference subject.

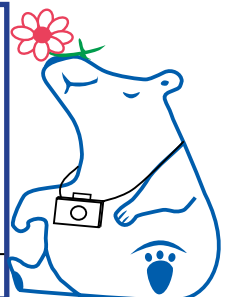
May 1st: Song Title

Interpreting a song title in a single image (title will be displayed with image).



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Field Trip Coordinator.....	Stephen Berger



2009
Party like It's 1995



Fun for one and all
at our End-of-Season
Celebration.
(More photos on back page.)

They Did Us Proud...

Kudos to Ray Flood and Martin Lewis, who took first and second place, respectively, in the PFLI Digital B End-of-Year Competition.

The "B" Group placed second (out of 16) at year-end;

Group A placed 7th out of 22 (tied with Flushing Camera Club).

Annabelle Washington finished as an "All Star" with an average of 23.33 points.

To check out the best of the best (27-Point Medal Winners), and the competition results, log on to www.pflionline.com

Movin' Up

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

- Inese Moore
Digital Color B to A
- Veronica Saunders
Digital Color A to AA

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A surprised Harvey Augenbraun, recipient of the Harry Michael's Service Award for 2008/2009.

Have a story (with photos) to share? E-mail it to: iriseditor@verizon.net.

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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