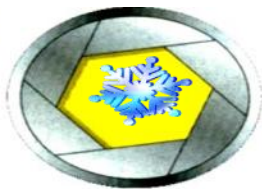


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Official Newsletter of the Wallingford Camera Club

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Meetings: Second Wednesday of Each Month @ Gaylord Hospital's Chauncey Conference Center - The Public Is Welcome!

Next meeting:

- **Wednesday, Jan 11, 2012**
@ 7:00 PM
- **Location:** Gaylord Hospital,
Chauncey Conference Center
Wallingford, CT

Special Subject: Cityscapes

Food: MJ McCarthy

Beverages: Diana Dilibero

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From the President's Desk Faye Dudek

Dear All Wallingford Camera Club Members,

I do hope that everyone had a very pleasant holiday. Seems as if it was finally here and then it was gone before we turned around. Now I wish everyone **HAPPY NEW YEAR** and hope that 2012 will be your best year yet!

Numerous subjects have been talked about in this section of the "In Focus" and I thought this time I would skim over cleaning our cameras. The best thing to mention first is: If your camera needs an extensive cleaning have it done by a professional.

Basic maintenance is something we can all do. Use the correct battery for your camera and remove the batteries when you are not using your camera. Before and after taking shots, have your lens clean and fingerprint-free. First, of course, do not touch your lens with your fingers. Hold your camera upside down and blow off grit or dust particles. After this, wipe the lens and other camera parts with a soft, dry cloth or lens cleaning paper. If you do use lens cleaning fluid, be sure to place the fluid on the lens cleaning paper or cloth and not directly on the lens. There is also a lens pen that has a retractable brush on one end to brush dust away; on the other end, after removing the cap, there is a circular pad for removing smudges and smears.



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About the Wallingford Camera Club

The Wallingford Camera Club offers a friendly, pressure-free environment where anyone interested in photography can learn and share photography information. Our club has members of every skill level, from professional photographers to vacation-snapshot photographers.

The WCC holds monthly meetings at Gaylord Hospital in Wallingford, CT. Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month,

and begin promptly at 7:00PM. Some meetings are competition nights, where the members submit their work for judging. Other meetings, known as "Program Nights", offer instructional and hands-on training.

Meetings are open to the public, so feel free to come by and join us! However, if you'd like to submit your photos in competition, you must be a member. The WCC membership fee is \$25

per year. Ribbons are awarded based on the results of the prior month's competition.

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From the President's Desk Faye Dudek

There is also a blower brush for cleaning lens. I am sure that we all have a camera bag - whether the strap is slung over the shoulder or it is a backpack. That is where our camera goes for safe keeping. When you are done with a shoot, and your lens is clean, put the lens cap on then secure the camera into the padded bag.

OK, now I have to purchase a lens pen and a blower brush. I am sure that every one of us knows most of the above information, but it might be a reminder to be 'good' to our cameras - cameras are very special to us.

Green Cay Nature Center by Kathy Sims

While staying in Florida for the winter I have had the opportunity to visit some beautiful nature centers. On a recent visit to Green Cay Nature Center, Boynton Beach, I experienced first-hand the habitat of various species of birds, reptiles (see photo), amphibians, insects and fish. The land was originally farmland and was sold for \$29 million to the Palm Beach County with the condition that it would be made into a wetland. Green Cay Naturalists lead guided walks and teach programs about wetland and other nature topics to people of all ages.



Silver Lights in Hubbard Park by Bob Carlo

I enjoy driving through Hubbard Park every year when the Silver Lights are displayed. I have in the past photographed some of the displays but they were not to my satisfaction. They were shot in my "B C" days (before Canon) and were kind of grainy.

I suggested to Faye that we go to Hubbard Park as a field trip. She was all in favor of the suggestion. Faye and Joe Hamed carpooled with me. We met Veronica DiSarro in the parking lot.



In all of the years that I have visited this display it seemed so different to me. The displays were placed along the perimeter of the roads in previous years. They were placed more throughout the park because the clean up from the October snowstorm was still in progress during the set-up. Vehicles could not drive around Mirror Lake that evening we were there. We were unaware of the holiday activities taking place.

I had my camera ISO set to 100 and used my tripod. I also enabled Mirror Lock in the Custom Function settings of my camera because I wanted to avoid any vibration. There was a small amount of post processing to be done in Photoshop Elements. I used the Healing Brush to remove the distracting lights behind the subjects. The most challenging aspect of shooting night photography is to adjust the camera settings. How can you see what mode to set the camera in? Veronica was the only member who brought a flashlight.

Trip to Bushnell Park by Prue Armstrong

Faye and I went to Hartford. It turned out to be a nice day with some good clouds and we went to Bushnell Park. I bought my Winnie walker with me so that I could do some walking. It was great! I took a lot of pictures and when we got very cold, we set of for some lunch in Wethersfield.

We then went into old Wethersfield and drove around to see the houses. It is a very pretty little town. We past a beaver pond which I found very interesting and we spotted another pond with all sorts of ducks and geese. We went back into town to see more houses, decorations and people walking their dogs. We then headed for home.

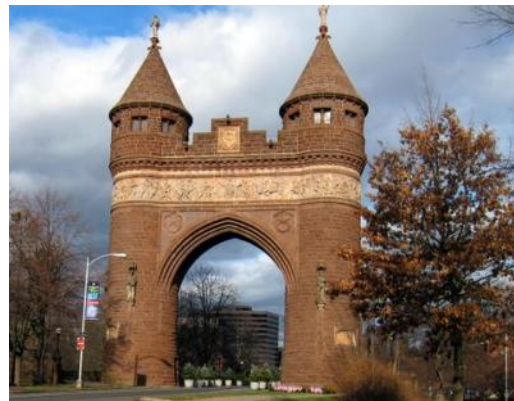
It was so good of Faye to drive me to Hartford to get some cityscapes.
(Faye is glad that Prue can enjoy a day of photo taking and lunch out - by faye)

Soldiers and Sailors Memorial

The Arch was designed by Hartford architect, George Keller whose ashes were buried in the East Tower when he died in 1935. His wife, Mary was also buried in the tower when she died in 1946.

The Arch was built in 1886 to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Antietam and to honor the 4000 Hartford residents, and the 400 who died for the Union..

The two angels atop of each tower are the angels Gabriel and Raphael. They were originally terra cotta statues but were replaced with bronze in 1987.



Silver Lights in Hubbard Park by Mark Fioravanti



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Wallingford Camera Club

Wallingford Camera Club Handbook

Updated version of Handbook can be viewed from our club's website.
<http://wallingfordcameraclub.com>

January 2012

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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8	9	10	11 _{WCC Meeting}	12	13	14	
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“ You don’t take a photograph, you make it”.
Ansel Adams

Food and Beverage List

Here is the schedule for the 2011-2012 season, including the “Special” categories, endorsed by the WCC membership.:

Thanks to all who've signed up!!!!!!

Including the Competition Schedule

June 3, 2011
 Banquet: Laskara Restaurant
June 8, 2011
 Program: **The Power of Layers**
 By **Hazel Meredith**
July 13, 2011
 Program : **Mylar Cone**
Photography (Hands On)
August 10, 2011
 Competition:
 Special Subject: **Insects**
Sept. 14, 2011
 Program: **Portrait Photography by**
Carmela and Richard Castiglione
Oct.: 12, 2011
 Competition:
 Special Subject: **Reflections**
Nov. 9, 2011
 Program: **Photoshop**
Elements,Advanced
 By Hazel Meredith

Dec. 14 2011
Holiday Party, Mini Slide Shows
 by
 Members & Grab Bag
Jan. 11, 2012 Competition:
 Special Subject: **Cityscapes**
Feb. 8, 2012
 Competition:
 Special Subject: **Waterfalls**
March 14, 2012
 Competition:
 Special Subject: **Patterns**
April 11, 2012
 Competition:
 Special Subject: **Sailboats**
May 9, 2012
 End of The Year Competition

Month	Food	Drinks
January 2012	M J McCarthy	Diana Dilibero
February 2012	Barb Joganich	Eloise Fioravanti
March 2012	Karen Maguire	Roberta Esposito
April 2012	Prue Armstrong	Karl Rauert
May 2012	Kathy Sims	Christy Mitchell
June 2012	Roberta Esposito	David Smith
July 2012	Faye Dudek	Rich Daniels
August 2012	Dawn Finaldi	Dawn Finaldi
Sept 2012		
October 2012		
Nov 2012		
Dec 2012	HOLIDAY	PARTY

Scores after the October 12th, 2011 Competition

Digital Slides B:				
Name	Total All	Total 2	Ave	Number
Rich Daniels	135.00	93	23.25	4
Ray Novak	132.00	90	22.50	4
Barbara Joganich	114.00	90	22.50	4
Bob Carlo	128.00	87	21.75	4
Faye Dudek	124.00	84	21.00	4
Bernie Dudek	123.00	84	21.004	2
Diana Diliberto	97.00	73	24.33	3
Christy Mitchell	70.00	48	24.00	2
Eloise Fioravanti	69.00	48	24.00	2
Veronica DiSarro	63.00	42	21.002	1
Kathy Sims	24.00	24	24.00	

Small Prints				
Name	Total All	Total 2	Ave	Number
Karen Maguire	118.00	94	23.50	4
Barbara Joganich	133.00	91	22.75	4
Diana Diliberto	82.00	82	20.50	4
Christy Mitchell	80.00	54	27.00	2
Dawn Finaldi	75.00	51	25.50	2
Kathy Sims	50.00	50	25.00	2
Bob Carlo	21.00	21	21.00	1
Roberta Esposito	19.00	19	19.00	1

Special Category Prints				
Name	Total All	Total 2	Ave	Number
Mark Fioravanti	146.00	103	25.75	4
Karen Maguire	140.00	96	24.00	4
Eloise Fioravanti	138.00	95	23.75	4
Prue Armstrong	133.00	95	23.75	4
Faye Dudek	108.00	89	22.25	4
Bernie Dudek	89.00	70	23.33	3
Roberta Esposito	86.00	66	22.00	3
Barbara Joganich	83.00	63	21.00	3
Bob Carlo	63.00	43	21.50	2

Digital Slides A:				
Name	Total All	Total 2	Ave	Number
Stan Murawski	148.00	102	25.50	4
Joe Hamed	138.00	94	23.50	4
Mark Fioravanti	136.00	94	23.50	2
Prue Armstrong	62.00	43	21.50	2

Black & White Salon Prints:				
Name	Total All	Total 2	Ave	Number
Mark Fioravanti	142.00	97	24.25	4
Eloise Fioravanti	93.00	72	24.00	3
Stan Murawski	47.00	47	23.50	1
Christy Mitchell	23.00	23	23.00	1
Kathy Sims	23.00	23	23.00	1

Color Salon Prints A:				
Name	Total All	Total 2	Ave	Number
Mark Fioravanti	141.00	99	24.75	4
Prue Armstrong	138.00	94	23.50	4
Eloise Fioravanti	135.00	92	23.00	2
Stan Murawski	47.00	47	23.50	2

Color Salon Prints B:				
Name	Total All	Total 2	Ave	Number
Faye Dudek	130.00	88	22.00	4
Ray Novak	128.00	87	21.75	4
Barbara Joganich	70.00	70	23.33	3
Kathleen Sims	78.00	53	26.50	2
Kathy Sims	65.00	45	22.50	2

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Winners of the October 12th Competition

Digital Slides: A

1st	Great Blue Heron Catches	Stan Murawski
2nd	Early Morning at Silent	Stan Murawski
3rd	Little Blue	Joe Hamed

Digital Slides: B

1st	Bermuda Sailing	Ray Novak
	Grand Canyon	Bob Carlo
	San Marco, Venice	Rich Daniels
	Good Morning from God	Diana Diliberto
2nd	Max	Veronica DiSarro
	Looking Over Us	Ray Novak
	What a View!	Barbara Joganich
	Time to Plant	Faye Dudek
	Beaumont Farm	Veronica DiSarro
	Mushroom on Tree	Veronica DiSarro
	Asleep with a Friend	Bernie Dudek
3rd	Hatteras Light	Rich Daniels
	Bringing Up the Heavy Gun	Bernie dudek
	A Phantom	Faye Dudek
	Hiding or Keeping Warm	Faye Dudek
	Rose of Sharon #1	Bob Carlo
	Twilight in San Francisco	Barbara Joganich

Color Salon Prints A:

1st	Cosmos and Water Drop	Stan Murawski
	Wet Tulip	Mark Fioravanti
2nd	Hobgoblin	Eloise Fioravanti
	Mylar Cone Lily	Prue Armstrong
3rd	Pink Rose	Prue Armstrong
	Fritillary Butterfly	Mark Fioravanti

Color Salon Prints B:

1st	My Bouquet	Barbara Joganich
	Tulips	Barbara Joganich
	Seaport of Monte Carlo	Kathy Sims
2nd	Overlooking Greece	Kathy Sims
3rd	Plant in the Window	Faye Dudek

Black and White Salon Prints

1st	Great Blue Heron Has Brunch	Stan Murawski
2nd	Gone By	Mark Fioravanti
	Battleworn	Eloise Fioravanti
3rd	Together Forever	Kathy Sims

Small Prints:

1st	Indian River Pier	Karen Maguire
	Rice Paper Butterfly	Karen Maguire
2nd	Asiatic Lily	Bob Carlo
	Purple Flowers	Barbara Joganich
3rd	Shoes Anyone?	Barbara Joganich
	The View-Grand Canyon	Diana Diliberto

Winners of the October 12th Competition**Special Category Digital**

1st	Marilyn, Are You Ready	Faye Dudek
	Roseate Spoonbill	Stan Murawski
	Wading Spoonbill	Stan Murawski
2nd	Hey That's Me	Diana Diliberto
	Great Blue Reflected	Joe Hamed
	Cheryl in the Window	Faye Dudek
	Snowy Egret Food or None	Stan Murawski
3rd	Greater Shearwater	Mark Fioravanti
	Hartford Water Front	Mark Fioravanti
	Eagle Face in Mirror	Faye Dudek
	Reflection #2	Veronica DiSarro
	Litchfield in the Fall	Diana Diliberto
	City Reflects	Rich Daniels

Special Category Prints

1st	Axe Factory	Mark Fioravanti
	Fishing Stork	Mark Fioravanti
2nd	Reflected Balance	Bob Carlo
	Full Reflections	Prue Armstrong
3rd	Boat Reflection	Karen Maguire
	Flower	Faye Dudek
	Egret and Fountain	Barbara Joganich
	Cool Water Slide	Bernie Dudek
	Look into the Black TV Screen	Faye Dudek
	Reflection in Guilford	Karen Maguire
	Misty Morning Reflections	Eloise Fioravanti

Scores after the October 12th, 2011 Competition**Special Category Digital**

Stan Murawski	141.00	96	24.00	4
Faye Dudek	137.00	94	23.50	4
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Kathy Sims	134.00	91	22.75	4
Joe Hamed	82.00	82	20.50	4
Veronica DiSarro	99.00	81	20.50	4
Bernie Dudek	101.00	80	20.25	4
Rich Daniels	82.00	64	21.33	4
Bob Carlo	56.00	56	18.67	3
Eloise Fioravanti	76.00	51	25.50	2
Christy Mitchell	67.00	45	22.50	2
Ray Novak	43.00	43	21.50	2
Diana Diliberto	62.00	43	21.50	2
Barbara Joganich	60.00	40	20.00	2
Prue Armstrong	56.00	38	19.00	2

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2011 WCC President: Faye Dudek

InFocus Editor: Bob Carlo



Internet Links

Photography Clubs and Organizations

New England Camera Club Council

<http://www.neccc.org>

Castle Craig Camera Club

<http://www.castlecraigcameraclub.org>

New Haven Camera Club

<http://www.newhavencameraclub.org>

Connecticut Association of
Photographers

<http://www.CAPinCT.org>

RJPhil is a custom photographic lab in
East Hampton, CT. 860-267-4617

<http://www.rjphil.com/>

Photography Equipment Reviews & Forums

Digital Photo Magazine

<http://www.dpmag.com>

Equipment reviews and discussions

Digital Photography Review

<http://www.dpreview.com>

Equipment reviews and discussions

FredMiranda.com

<http://www.fredmiranda.com>

Lens reviews & discussions

PhotoZone

<http://www.photozone.de>

Equipment reviews and discussions

Popular Photography Magazine

<http://www.popphoto.com>

Reviews, tips and forums

Photo Hosting Web Sites

SmugMug

<http://www.smugmug.com>

Use code VgtQnERYXaxXY to save \$5

SnapFish

<http://www.snapfish.com>

PBase

<http://www.pbase.com>

Photo Bucket

<http://www.photobucket.com>

Flickr

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