

Two Rivers Photography Club - Newsletter

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TRPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's hard to believe that one year has gone by since I became President of our club. Time sure does fly by quickly. Almost too quickly! Usually our summer break is time for a little relaxation from club business before our new season in September. This summer was a little different.

Much has been going on behind the scenes this summer. A new brochure has been designed to showcase our club and to educate the public on what this club is all about. The first usage of our new brochure will be at our club table at the Endicott Apple Festival, where we have again been invited by the ownership of **Frame to Please** to showcase our members' photographic works.

Our club was awarded a \$2,000 educational grant from IBM. These funds will go towards the many educational programs that our club puts together throughout the year. Cindy Ruggieri was instrumental in making this possible.

The other major project that has been worked on this summer is the club's new website. It was decided by the Board of Directors earlier this year that the current website needed to be updated. A special thank you goes to Christina Rollo for her work in managing our original website. Christina has decided to move on in her life and will be greatly missed. I would like to give a big thank you to Brett Martin, Barry Biddle and Lori Scimanna for volunteering their time in helping to produce a new, sharp looking website.

On the new website, members will have the option to have their own "Member" page in which they can showcase their photographic works as well as including a personal Artist's Statement if they choose.

A speaker has been chosen for our March 2016 Teach-In. Tim Cooper has agreed to be our presenter, and his topic will be "**Landscape Photography**". Further details concerning his agenda for the day will follow. For those who may not be familiar with Tim Cooper, please view a short video on our website showcasing his work in HDR photography.

So as you can see, this has been a busy summer. Maybe we can relax a little next summer!

Submitted By: Bill Bay, President TRPC

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The F/Stop

The F/Stop is the official newsletter for the Two Rivers Photography Club of Binghamton, NY. It is published three times a year (Sept/Dec/Apr) and can be read on-line at the club's web site at:

www.2rpc.com

Articles, photos and announcements are welcome and can be submitted to the editor prior to the publication dates as follows:

- September 1, 2014
- December 1, 2014
- April 1, 2015

All submissions are subject to the approval of the f/Stop editor, TRPC Officers and Board of Directors

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- Cindy Ruggieri
- Bernie Lewis



COMING IN THE SPRING OF 2016
Two Rivers Photography Club March 12, 2016

TEACH-IN FEATURING

Tim Cooper

<http://timcooperphotography.com>

Annual TRPC Membership Dues

It is that time of year again to renew your membership for the new season.

Please go to the club website:

www.2rpc.com

Download the membership renewal application. You can bring the payment to a regular club meeting or mail it to the club PO Box (Cost and Mailing Address are on the form).

Please Support the Club and Renew Today

What did You do This Summer ?

You will have a chance to share three of your images with the club at our first meeting **September 25, 2015.**

Did you find a unique place close to home this summer?

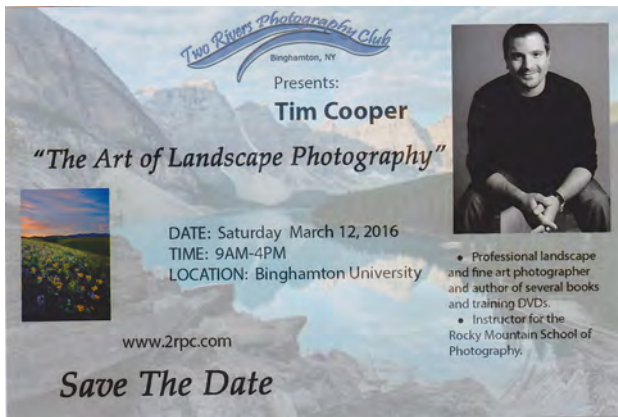
Perhaps you would like to share the information with fellow club members.

Or did you master a new technique?

Submit three of your images on the clubs digital portal

<http://www.2rpc.com//portal/login.php>

and come to the meeting and give a brief talk about your adventure.



**Two Rivers Photography Club
Presents: Tim Cooper**

Saturday - March 12, 2016

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Registration 8:30 am Walk-In's Welcome

SUNY Binghamton Campus

RT# 434 Binghamton, NY

This year's program will be 'The Art of Landscape Photography' and will include some of the latest tools and techniques. More to come on this, but mark down this date on your calendar!

Tim Cooper:

Tim is a professional landscape and fine art photographer and author of several books and training DVDs. He is also a well known instructor for the Rocky Mountain school of photography.

Tim's work includes commercial and assignment photography with clients such as The North Face, The Ritz Carlton, Vasque boots, 3M, Blue Note Records. His photographs have appeared in Travel & Leisure, NY Times Magazine, Outdoor Photographer, Ebony, Modern Luxury and Private Clubs as covers, advertising, art and editorial illustration.

Tim also teaches and writes on photographic and digital technologies. He is the author of the several training videos, three books in the series of *Complete Photoshop for Digital Photographers* and Co-Author of *Night Photography, Snapshots to Great Shots*. His e-books are *The Realistic HDR Image* and *The Magic of Painting with Light*. His latest book is *HDR Photography: From Snapshots to Great Shots*.

TRPC RECENT FIELD TRIPS:

TRPC is a very active club. Here are some of the recent field trips from this summer.

Cornell Plantations

Club members Bill Barbuchak Bill Bay, Barry Biddle, Lori Sciamanna, Jean Stout, and Morgan Stout took a trip to Ithaca to try and capture some macro photos of Spring flowers. Unfortunately they were a bit early and found very little in bloom.



After exploring the gardens with its scarcity of blooms they moved on to explore some waterfalls in the area.



Walking upstream to the falls Bill Baburchak, Barry, Jean and Morgan took the dry route, while Bill Bay and Lori opted to cross the stream.

A Photo Walk Around Owego



The club had it's walk around town on July 23, with a visit to Owego NY during their 'Farm to Fork' event along Front Street.

It was a perfect photo evening with warm temperatures and a clear sky. Thirteen club members attended and enjoyed a dinner on the deck overlooking the Susquehanna River. Participants had a choice of doing their own thing, or using a scavenger hunt with 14 different locations to hunt for and explore for the various photo ops around town. Our group caused quite a stir, with curious onlookers stopping us to ask 'what are all these photographers doing walking around Owego?'. Each participant was rewarded for their hard work with a treat from Fuddy Duddy's. It was a great summer evening outing.

Sonnenberg Gardens

On May 12th, thirteen club members and guests took a trip to Sonnenberg Gardens in Canandaigua. The day started with a meet-up for an enjoyable breakfast in Watkins Glen, after which we headed to Canandaigua. It was tulip time, and some areas were full of color, but it was still a little too soon in the season for some of the garden areas to be in bloom. However there were still plenty of photo ops with the lovely walkways, statues, the early blooms, and the beautiful mansion. The weather cooperated, and we had a great photo outing at a lovely garden.



Closed Board Subjects For 2015 -2016

Fall - November 13, 2015
Worm's Eye View

Winter - January 8, 2016
BLACK & WHITE IMAGES
black & white images only

Spring - April 9, 2016

Depiction of a person without their head showing

TRPC 3rd Annual Summer Picnic

This year's TRPC picnic was held again at Ann & Rick Northrup's home on Route 26 in Glen Aubrey on Saturday August 29th.



We had another great turnout for our summer event – 20 members and guests! Attending were: Bill & Madeline Bay, Bill & Mel Baburchak, Barry & Sue Biddle, Don Costello, Geoff & Libby Gould, Tim Hill, Bob & Doris Huckabone, Jen Lasher, Bernie Lewis, Lori Sciamanna, Pat Stone, Jean Stout, Kathy Whisman, and Rick & Ann Northrup & our canine friend Clara.

Once again chicken from Phil's Chicken House was the main course and club members brought a variety of dishes and desserts to pass.

After dinner we set up for TRPC's 2nd non-competitive slideshow event. We had a range of slideshow topics, created using a few different programs with many set to music. Slideshows were submitted by: Bill Bay, Bill Baburchak; Mel Baburchak, Barry Biddle, Don Costello, Geoff Gould, Tim Hill, Bob Huckabone, Jen Lasher, Rick Northrup and Jean Stout.

Everyone enjoyed the slideshows. Hopefully members were inspired to create a slide show or try different presentation styles. The non-competitive slide show has seemingly become an annual tradition.

TRPC Member News

2015 Southern Tier Orchid Society Annual Show & Competition: TRPC club members again took top awards in the **Orchid Show** photography category.

Traditional Photography:

Barry Biddle

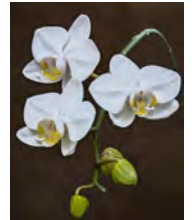
1st place - "White Orchids"

3rd place - "Nose and Moustache"

Mary Lou Shapinas

2nd place - "Two of a Kind"

3rd place - "Ruffles"



Geof Gould

2nd place - "Paph. Venus Knight"

3rd place - "Orange Epidendrum"

Digitally Enhanced Photography:

Geoff Gould

1st place - "Tahoe Orchid Fantasy"

For information about entering your photos in next year's show, contact Geoff Gould at:

ggould@binghamton.edu

Cindy Ruggeiri

Cindy has had two articles published recently in *Life in the Finger Lakes*. Her photo spread on the Lavender Festival in Skaneateles appeared in the summer issue. The current issue (Sept/Oct) contains a feature article by Cindy about the Naples Open Studio Trail.

Geof Gould

Geof had a show in August of his photography at Gallery 213 on State Street in Binghamton.

Newsletter and Facebook

A big thank you to Pete Kofira past editor of The f-stop, the club newsletter for his many years of fine reporting. Thanks to Pete we have all been kept up-to-date with club events and photo opportunities in the area.

And another big thanks to club member Jean Stout for her timely entries to the club's FACE-BOOK page. You can get to the Facebook page through a link on the club's web site in the lower right portion of the front page. Her posts are always current and informative.

Frame To Please Show Endicott Apple Fest Day **September 19, 2015**

The Endicott Apple Fest Saturday Sept. 19, 2015 will also be happening during the show month and the club always has a table out in front of the store. If you can help with passing out fliers about the club and answering general photography questions and would like to help, please email Pete Kofira at mrpetek@stny.rr.com

The Apple Fest runs from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

4th Bob Johnston Memorial Show

We anticipate that there will be a 4th annual Bob Johnston Memorial show and competition co-sponsored by the Cooperative Gallery 213 and Two Rivers Photography Club.

There will be more details soon for this event that will take place in January 2016.

Please check the Cooperative Gallery 213 web site: www.cooperativegallery.com or the TRPC web site: www.2rpc.com for updates.

TRPC Education Opportunities

➤ TRPC six week photo class "**Teaching The Art and Craft of Photography**" has been completely revamped for 2015. Along with more hands-on instruction, a new teaching book and the addition of tethered camera demonstrations the new class will offer more personal interactions between the students and instructors.

The classes will start on Wednesday October 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm and continue on Wednesdays through November 11. All classes will be at the club's meeting facility at The First Congregational Church, NW Corner of Front and Main Street, Binghamton, NY

Do you have a friend or family member that has a SLR or a DSLR camera and wants to learn how to use it to its full potential? This is a great course to help you get your camera off the "AUTO" mode and into creative shooting.

For a complete course description and to register go to the club's web site at: www.2rpc.com

➤ The popular **Saturday Classes** will continue on Saturday mornings at the Endicott Public Library starting in January 2016. The subjects haven't been decided yet and if you have any suggestions please contact club president Bill Bay or a board member with your suggestions.

➤ The "**Peer to Peer**" meetings will start in late fall and continue into Winter 2016. These will also be held at the Endicott Public Library starting at 7:00 pm. Kathy Whisman will act as the chairperson and will have more details soon.

Membership Waiver For Students

Just a reminder that the club has established a **Membership Waiver For Students**. The waiver will allow applicants, high school or college students, to apply for a membership waiver to join the club and have full membership and competition benefits for one year.

The applicant will need to provide a statement of a few sentences why they want to join the club and what their interest and knowledge of photography is. They will also be required to submit two or three of their typical images.

Do you know any students, friend or family that would qualify for this waiver? The ideal situation would be for a member to sponsor the student but students can apply on their own and a board member will be assigned as their sponsor.

Currently the club is considering up to 5 student waivers per year. Also a special Teach-In waiver may be available if the student is a highly active participant in the club's competitions during the year that they are a member.

The application form will be available on the club web site.

Scott Kelby 8th Annual Worldwide Photo Walk on October 3, 2015

Club member and past TRPC president **Bill Burchak** is planning a local walk on Saturday October 3, 2015, location to be announced. Further information about location and sign-up procedure will be coming.

History of the Walk: On Saturday, October 3, 2015, photographers will gather in cities across the globe to capture a slice of life through their eyes during the 8th Annual World-wide Photo Walk. It's the world's largest global social photography event in the history of photography itself. Photographers of all walks of life and skill levels gather together, on the same day to socialize, learn new tips from each other, and explore their corner of the world through photography.

The Worldwide Photowalk was founded by **Scott Kelby, president of Kelby One** and a #1 bestselling photography and technology book author. He leads a walk each year in a different city and credits the success and popularity of the event to the social aspect of photography. "Photography is usually viewed as a solitary activity, but the truth of the matter is that people love to shoot together, compare notes and just have fun with photography."

NECCC 2015

New England Camera Club

Attended by: Bonnie Coy (first time attendee), Sandy Kirker, Cecelia Laurendiau, Tom Jenkins, Fran Quinlivan, Carol Saggese, Jean Stout, Morgan Stout (first time attendee) and myself Bernie Lewis.

A good time was had by all. Some of us met for breakfast before leaving town and were joined by Pat Stone and Lori Sciamanna at Cracker Barrel. We spent quite a bit of time catching up with each other. Then it was off heading north to Sturbridge Village. Great place to photograph and it was a lovely day, not too hot.

After checking into UMASS Amherst dorm rooms, some of us dined at the world famous Bub's BBQ, then back to the dorm to get ready for a weekend of photographic learning.

Friday morning several of us went to the nearby Magic Wings Butterfly Conservancy. It was a great morning, not too hot, to spend with the fluttering critters. Even the Gnome had his photo taken with one of the conservancy inhabitants.



For those of you who are unfamiliar with NECCC, it stands for New England Camera Club Council. They hold this weekend event every year. You get lots of classroom experience, plus special pre-conference sessions, hands on classes and numerous photographic opportunities, which include still life set ups, models and a Revolutionary War re-enactment. Sessions start Friday afternoon and go until Sunday afternoon.

This year our local professional, Lindsey Adler, did several presentations. Many other sessions were available on a variety of topics. Something for everyone. The special guest speaker this year, Ron Magill, was really good. He kept everyone's attention throughout the program.

Several club members participated in the Sigma Showcase. One of several competitions available to those attending the conference. Sandy Kirker, Carol Saggese and Jean Stout received special commendation for their images. Over the years our club has had success in the competitions at NECCC. Our work does stand out against many other photographers. If you would like to see the ProShow Gold program of the Sigma Showcase the link is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAJnaK5K_ka

Next year consider attending NECCC to expand your photographic horizons and enjoy the company of fellow photographers. The dates will be July 15,16,17. In order to extend the weekend there is an effort to find some photographic place to visit the Thursday before the conference begins.

There is no way you can come away from that weekend without learning some great things and the fellowship is a blast.

Submitted by
Bernie Lewis

“Just One More Thing”

Barry Biddle



I want to introduce myself as the new newsletter editor. For those of you who do not know me I have been a member of the club since 2009 and am currently the Vice President.

My personal photography is mostly wildlife and flowers with some travel photography sprinkled in.

One more thing! (I seem to have inherited that phrase from our previous newsletter editor). If you have news or announcements that might be appropriate for the newsletter please email me at bbiddle@stny.rr.com.

Club E-Mail notices:

Can't find that last email that was sent out by Pete? Sam Wentz and Pete Kofira Jr. have set up a club email list that will have a copy of all the emails that Pete sends out about club activities.

Log on to: <https://office.com/start/default.aspx>

Use the club password (to be emailed to current members) click on the mail icon and you'll be able to view all the emails sent out by Pete about club activities. This can be accessed anywhere from any computer you are on. You don't need a special account or have to sign up for any individual email

Two Rivers Photography Club

2014/2015

President – Bill Bay
Vice-president – Barry Biddle
Secretary – Lori Sciamanna
Treasurer – Kathy Whisman

Board Members:

Bill Baburchak	Mary Lou Shapinas
Pat Bonamo	Pat Stone
Geoff Gould	Jean Stout
Pete Kofira Jr	Cindy Ruggieri
Bernie Lewis	Patsy Nash-Jones

Committees:

There are various committees that help the club function. They are listed in the TRPC Handbook that is on the club web site:

www.2rpc.com

These committees are always looking for people to help. Please see any TRPC Board member if you would like to volunteer to assist at any level you can.

TRPC Image Display

The club has an on-going show in the main hall-way of the First Congregational Church where our meetings are currently held. There is room for additional images. If you would like to show some of your images they must be framed and have a wire type hanging device attached. You can hang your image any-where there is a empty chain that is already on the wall. If there are no empty spots keep check-ing as members move their work in and out peri-odically.

Contact Bernie Lewis for questions:
blewis11@stny.rr.com

TRPC Club Meetings

_ Club Meetings – 7:00 pm – 2nd & 4th Friday
The First Congregational Church
NW Corner of Front and Main Streets
Binghamton, NY
GPS - 42° 05.959N, 75° 55.040W
(enter parking lot on Front St.- meeting is
downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
Full Schedule of meetings is on club web site
Club Web Site: www.2rpc.com

Program for 1st Club Meeting on Friday - September 25, 2015

The first regular meeting of the club will be on Friday, September 25, 2015. Here's the agenda:

- Meet the club officers and board members
- Club news; recent club field trips, club & member shows, upcoming events.
- TRPC Handbook updates
- TRPC By-Laws updates
- What Did You Do Last Summer? Slideshow and brief talk from members who submitted photos.

TRPC Website

Want to keep up to date on what is happening with the Two Rivers Photography Club?

Then the club website is your resource.
The website contains:

- > **Meeting Schedule**
- > **TRPC News and Trip Information**
- > **Display of Winning Images from Latest Competition**
- > **Newsletters**
- > **Membership Application / Renewal Forms**

TRPC Bus Trip To PHOTOPLUS EXPO 2015

October 24, 2015

Jacob Javits Center - New York City

The TRPC Bus Trip to the 2015 PhotoPlus Expo and Trade Show at the Jacob Javits Center in New York City is planned for:

Saturday October 24, 2015.

You **MUST** register for a **FREE** entrance pass into the show by using the on-line form at: www.photoplusexpo.com If you don't have a pass you will be charged a fee at the door.

The deadline for the pre-registration for the FREE pass is October 19, 2015

The registration is now open for the FREE DAY PASS for entry into the Expo. Visit the Expo web site at www.photoplusexpo.com and fill out the registration form. Please make sure you get a confirmation at the end of the process which will include a bar code entry number. (it takes about 3 minuets to complete the form)

Completing the registration for the pass is a must if you want a free entry into the Expo. The bus this year will be \$45.00 per person and the tickets will go on sale at the first club meeting on 9/25/15 There will be only 20 bus seat tickets available.

You can spend the entire day at the expo visiting the hundreds of vendors and free on-floor seminars or explore NYC until it's time to catch the bus for home. More details to follow but GET THAT REGISTRATION STARTED.

WOW !!! What a Deal.....The club is offering the **NYC PhotoPlus Expo** bus trip for a great price of:

\$45.00 per seat

The Club has arranged to share a full size bus with:

Linda Herrick Tours of Binghamton,NY.

The bus will leave from:

**Oak St near Binghamton High School promptly at 6:30 am &
and leave NYC promptly at 7:00 pm**

From Bryant Park, 42nd St & 6th Ave in NYC for the return trip.

The departure site in Binghamton, NY is on the **East side of Oak St about midway down the block from the corner of Oak & Main ST.** There is a parking lot available on the school property as well as on street parking. There will be a rest stop on the way down but none on the way back. There is a bathroom on the bus.

PLEASE be at both the departure site and return site in ample time to board the bus for the trips.

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE AT THE FIRST TRPC MEETING ON 9/25/15

**ALERT: Only 20 tickets are available and will be sold to the first 20 people that respond.
NO REFUNDS & YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY RESALE OF YOUR TICKET**

SATURDAY CLASSES

**JANUARY – FEBRUARY – MARCH
2016**

The club will again have the popular Saturday Classes at the Endicott Public Library starting in January 2016

Here are the dates for the classes:

Jan 16 - Feb 6 - Feb 20 - Mar 5

More details to follow

9:15 a.m. - Noon

The topics for the classes will be chosen from suggestions received from members at the fall meetings.

PEER TO PEER

Tuesday Evenings

Nov. 24

Jan. 19

Feb. 16

Mar 15

Endicott Public Library

7:00 pm to 8:45 pm

One on One review of your images with other club members

TRPC - SIX WEEK PHOTO CLASS

Wednesday's starting October 14, 2015

'Teaching the Art & Craft of Photography '

All sessions will be held at:

The First Congregational Church

NW Corner of Front & Main St. Binghamton, NY All

classes start promptly at 7:00 PM

Oct.14 – How Cameras Work

Oct. 21 - The Essentials of a Quality Photograph

Oct. 28 – Navigating Through Your Camera

Nov 4 - Using Flash / Intro to Lenses

Nov 11 - Photographic Review

Nov. 19 - What To Do With Those Photographic Files

A full description of all the weekly classes is available on the club web site. The class instructors are members of the club and additional club members will be at each of the classes to help you with understanding your particular camera.

Fee includes text book:

"The Beginners Photography Guide"

(a \$20.00 value)

Fee: \$59.00

Sign up form on web site or contact: Bill Baburchak

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