

Two Rivers Photography Club - Newsletter

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TRPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I woke up on the morning of April 3rd to find that there was more snow on the ground at my house than at any other time this past winter. I hope that some of you took advantage of this wintry spring weather to photograph the very pretty scenery like snow covered crocuses and tree limbs just to name a few. I myself, took one look out of my bedroom window, saw all this snow, mumbled not so



nice words and went back to bed. Even though we had a very mild winter this year, I did not have the conviction to trudge out into the snow and explore, mainly because I did not plan to do so beforehand. I am ready for the spring colors, the spring weather and the spring scents. I applaud all of you who were able to get excited and explore this morning's wintry scene. I look forward to viewing some of these images in the future!

Our club had a lot on its plate this past year. Choices had to be made and planning had to be done. We had a very successful Fall Photography Class this year. Because of the success of this class an Intermediate Photography Class is being planned for this spring. Our annual Teach-In was also successful. For those of you who could not attend, you missed a very well structured class that was full

of information that all could use when photographing landscapes. Tim Cooper brought the right mix of information and humor to this year's Teach-In. Our Peer to Peer classes were also well received. All that attended these Tuesday night classes had the opportunity to informally review each others' images. With this knowledge the individual learns to see their images from different perspectives and then they can learn to edit their images in multiple ways, depending on how they want the viewer to see their final image.

I would like to thank all of the members who helped choose, plan and work so hard to bring everyone in the club all of the activities that our club offers. This includes those who volunteer during our club competitions, to the volunteers who plan the Teach-In, to those who volunteer to set up club outings. Without your hard work and dedication, these activities would not be possible. We are always looking for volunteers and new ideas to broaden the activities that our club offers, so if you have some time and ideas please make the choice to volunteer and help broaden the horizons of Two Rivers Photography Club.

William Bay

President
Two Rivers Photography Club

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End of Year Banquet & End of Year Awards Presentation

Atrio Banquets & Catering
409 Hooper Rd. Endwell, NY
(Casual Attire)

Friday May 13, 2016

6-7 pm Social Hour - 7 pm Buffet Dinner
** CASH BAR **

\$25.00 per person

(MUST pay for Reservation by 5/2/2016)

** MENU **

Buffet Style Dinner

Garden Fresh Salad

Prime Rib Carving Station

Chicken Marsala

Eggplant Parmigiano

Fried White Fish Fillets

Sweet Sausage & Peppers

Cut Green Beans

Oven Roasted Potatoes

Bread & Butter / Coffee & Tea / Cake

** PROGRAM **

Winning Prints on display

Introductions

Dinner

Awards / Promotions

Slide Show

** QUESTIONS **

Mary Lou Shapinas

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Two Rivers Photography Club

End Of Year Banquet – May 13, 2016

Name: _____

____ Number attending at @25.00 each

Mail check to: Two Rivers Photography Club

PO Box 199

Vestal, NY 13850-0199

TOTAL \$ _____

Due by: 5/2/2016



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:

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December 1, 2015

April 1, 2016

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

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Peter Kofira Jr.



TEACH-IN FEATURING
Tim Cooper
“Landscape Photography”

Presented by

Two Rivers Photography Club

March 12-13, 2016

Tim Cooper an accomplished landscape photographer and instructor with the Rocky Mountain School of Photography presented a highly exciting, educational, and entertaining weekend for those attending this year’s teach-in. Tim began his Saturday presentation, for an audience of 44, with his comments and instruction on “Creating the Dynamic Landscape.” Following that introduction he gave the participants an overview of the zone system for metering light and exposure for landscape photography. Tim concluded the Saturday session with instruction on “Exposing and Processing the Realistic HDR Photograph.”



Tim Cooper at Saturday Presentation

This year’s teach-in included a second day of education. The Sunday session was a full day of learning about Lightroom® for the 19 persons that attended. Tim shared his workflow ideas and suggestions for streamlining your workflow in Lightroom® as well as instruction on the “develop” module for crafting fine landscape images.

All-in-all the two days added up to a great deal of review and learning of new information. Tim was



Tim Cooper speaking to Sunday’s Class

an engaging presenter who not only informed, but also entertained the attendees.

Special thanks go to Cindy Ruggieri for organizing another excellent Teach-in and to Kathy Whisman for helping to coordinate with the speaker.

Helping Cindy with planning and running the event were club Board Members: Bill Baburchak, Bill Bay, Barry Biddle, Geoff Gould, Pete Kofira Jr., Bernice Lewis, Patsy Nash-Jones, Rick Northrup, Lori Sciamanna, Pat Stone, Jean Stout, and Mary Lou Shapinas.

Once again this year a number of door prizes donated by sponsors of the teach-in were handed out as well as a 50/50 drawing. This year’s door prizes came from Beyond the Print, Frame to Please, Hunts Photo and video, Pete Kofira, Jr., mpix, Mary Lou Shapinas, and Two Rivers Photography Club.



Break Time

An added feature for the teach-in this year was lunch. Both days a light lunch was provided in the meeting room, eliminating the need for attendees to leave the meeting sites. This allowed for a greater opportunity for attendees to meet and talk with each other and to the presenter.

The 5th Bob Johnston Memorial Photography Show & Competition

Two Rivers Photography Club again co-sponsored the Bob Johnston Photography Show and Competition, with the Cooperative Gallery 213 from January 1-23rd, 2016. It was an open themed show and competition and all photographic media and all photographers were eligible to enter. J.W. Johnston, a local professional photographer, was the judge for the competition. The event opened on January 1st in conjunction with the First Friday Art Walk that is held in downtown Binghamton each month.



Competition judge, J.W. Johnston, at award reception

There were a total of 80 images entered for the competition. Thirteen TRPC members entered one or more images. Best of show was awarded to Kirk Van Zandbergen for his photo "Court-house Detail". Kirk is well known to TRPC as a frequent judge for our club competitions.



"Fall Oak"

There were 14 additional awards presented and TRPC members won 5 of them.

The TRPC winners were:

Honorable mention:

"Dew of the Morn" by Bill Bay

"The Silhouette Maker" by Barry Biddle

"No Corner for the Devil" by Sandra Kirker

"Fall Oak" by Sandra Kirker

"Selfie" by Peter Kofira Jr.

Congratulations to all of the winners and participants that made this a very successful show. Also a special thanks to Geof Gould and Bill Bay who helped coordinate the show for the Gallery and the Club.

TRPC End Of Year Dinner

May 13, 2016

The annual End of Year Dinner and awards presentation banquet will be held at Atrio Banquet and Catering in Endwell, NY. Members are recognized for achievements during the past year's competitions for: total points, high score, high average, high aggregate, as well as winners in the EOY, Burgess, and Buran/Millett competitions.

The winning prints will be on display as well as a slide show of the winning digital images. There are always some special activities planned for the evening.

Please visit the club web site to sign up and view the banquet menu at: www.2rpc.com

2016 End Of Year, Burgess, and Buran/Millett Awards

If your image placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or received an Honors you are eligible to enter the EOY competitions. The Burgess and Buran/Millett competitions are open to **ALL** club members.

Please go to the club web site www.2rpc.com and click on the TRPC Handbook for a complete explanation of these awards and how to enter.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Bring your EOY, Burgess, & Buran/Millett

PRINTS to the meeting on

April 22, 2016

Submit your digital copy of your

PRINT & PROJECTED images via the

club's digital portal at:

<http://rpcphoto.org/portal/login.php>

**DEADLINE FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS TO THE
PORTAL**

Monday - April 25, 2016 by 7:00 pm

MVCC George W. Glennie Nature Competition March 12, 2016

The MVCC George W. Glennie Nature Competition is an international salon hosted by the Merrimack Valley Camera Club in N. Andover MA. Each year MVCC accepts 10 entries that represent nature in its purest form from each participating club from around the world.

This year's Thirty-sixth (36th) George W. Glennie Memorial Nature Salon was conducted on March 12, 2016, at the Greater Lynn Photographic Association's club house. The judges for this year's salon were Art Vaughan, Ed McGuirk, and Shawn Carey. The judges had an abundance of quality nature images from which to select their award winners. There were 798 images from 80 clubs from around the world and from 596 different photographers. Submissions were received from seven countries and seventeen US states.

The Two Rivers Photography Club tied for 28th place in total points out of the 80 clubs competing and received **4 Acceptance Awards** for the following entries:

Acceptance Award:

Oh Mom! – Bill Baburchak

Whitetail Fawn – Nick Benson

Arctic Fox – Bernie Lewis

The Face of Coral – Cindy Ruggieri

Congratulations to the winners from our club! We will be looking forward to everyone participating next year.

The complete results and images can be seen on the MVCC web site at:

<http://www.mvcameraclub.org/comp-interclub/comp-interclub.htm>

Four Saturday Classes Offered

TRPC held four Saturday morning classes at the Endicott Public Library, during January, February, and March 2016.

There were a total of 45 different individuals that attended some or all of the classes with an average attendance of 20. The club is looking for input and volunteers to teach classes for Jan-Feb 2017. Please contact any TRPC board member if you can help or have any ideas for topics you would like to see presented.

The January 16th session on lighting presented by Kirk and Leslie VanZanbergen was the most popular with 31 people attending. They covered different lighting set-ups to show how lighting can be used to improve one's photography.



The first February session on the 6th allowed participants to try their hand at photographing unique set-ups. This Hi-Jinx session was as usual an active, fun time for all of the participants.

We look forward to seeing some of the photo creations emanating from that day at future competitions.

Jody Adams, Sandy Kirker, and Grant Labarr presented some of their "secrets" to working with Photoshop[®] on February 20th.



The series of classes culminated with a session on presenting your photos. Pete Kofira showed attendees how to matt their work and presented thoughts on traditional framing and digital framing. Bill Bay shared some insights on preparing your work for gallery presentations and for sale.

TRPC at the Northeast Classic Car Museum

Feb 11, 2016

On what was the coldest day of the year this winter a hardy bunch of TRPC'ers ventured to the Northeast Classic Car Museum in Norwich, NY. After getting our cameras adjusted to the nice warmth inside the museum we all took off in different directions to explore this vast exhibit.



The museum features more than 200 cars from vintage 1920's-40's classics, legendary Duesenbergs &

Cords, New York State Cars, and the most extensive collection of Franklin automobiles in the United States. A special exhibit, "Muscle Cars & Motorcycles" was also featured. All the different buildings are connected and once you entered from the main room there was no need to go outside.

The group spent about 3 hours taking pictures and the staff at the museum were more than accommodating. They had no problem with our tripods and even let us use a ladder to get better shots. They even assisted with holding a reflector for us to block out some glare.



After a great lunch at Nina's downtown we headed home with some wonderful pictures. For members that have never gone on a club field trip please try it sometime. It's a great way to get to know other members and learn and share photographic techniques.

Submitted By: Pete Kofira Jr.

Coming Events

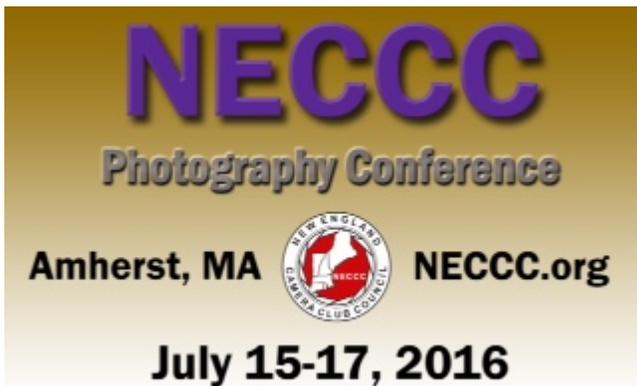
June 7, 2016 – Sycamore Hill Gardens



Our group will have exclusive time to roam these gardens and photograph without having to avoid other visitors.

Sycamore Hill Gardens is home to George and Karen Hanford. Originally a fully functioning dairy farm with over 200 head of cattle, the Hanfords have worked diligently for twenty years to transform pastures and cornfields into a magnificent showcase for nature's beauty. Sycamore Hill Gardens' nearly 40 acres includes diverse statuary, koi ponds, stonework, a formal garden, a hedge maze and more. Most recently, the Hanfords have planted over 10,000 trees and shrubs, turning the land surrounding the garden into one of New York State's largest privately held bird sanctuaries.

July 15-17, 2016 – NECCC New England Camera Club Conference, UMass Amherst, MA.



Club members usually make arrangements and attend the NECCC conference as a group.

The full schedule is on the NECCC web site at: <http://www.neccc.org/> Contact club member: Bernie Lewis for more details. blewis11@stny.rr.com

TRPC Summer Picnic 2016 –

Club member **Rick Northrup** will again host an outdoor picnic for club members, family & friends at his home in Maine, NY. Last year's event featured plenty of food and slide shows presented by members on Rick's giant outdoor screen. Date and times TBA.

September 23, 2016- First meeting of 2016-2017

What Did You DO Last Summer:

You will have a chance to share two of your images with the club at our **first meeting on September 23, 2016.**

Did you find a unique place close to home to photograph over the summer? Did you travel to some exotic location? Did you master a new technique?

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

Submit two of your images on the clubs digital portal by Thursday September 22, 2016 and come to the meeting and give a brief talk about your adventure.

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

This is also a night to pay your club dues for the coming year.

Two Rivers Photography Club 2015/2016

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

Board Members:

Bill Baburchak	Rick Northrup
Geoff Gould	Cindy Ruggieri
Patsy Nash-Jones	Mary Lou Shapinas
Pete Kofira Jr.	Pat Stone
Bernice Lewis	Jean Stout

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.

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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 the parking lot on Front St. and the meeting is in Fellowship Hall downstairs)

Full Schedule of meetings is on the club web site

Club Web Site: www.2rpc.com

- Meeting Schedule
- TRPC News and Trip Information
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Next Meeting

Spring Closed Board

April 22, 2016

**“Depiction of a person without showing
their head”**

This competition is open to both Gallerie & Salon members