



The *F/Stop*

Two Rivers Photography Club - Newsletter

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A Message from Barry Biddle, TRPC President



I hope you are all eager to learn our 2017-2018 plans for club activities; I know I am. Be sure to be at our September 22nd meeting to hear about all of the exciting plans for the coming year

as well as some feedback from those who participated in our summer activities.

This year we will return to our former schedule for competitions with Gallerie and Salon competitions alternating between meetings. This means that both print and projected competitions will be held on the same night for the designated class. There will also be many of the other familiar activities over the course of the year. The peer-to-peer sessions will continue this year. Our six week fall class "Teaching the Art and Craft of Photography" will again be offered beginning October 4th. Be sure to check the club calendar for dates, times and locations for these and other activities as they become available.

Planning for the annual "seminar" (formerly the teach-in) is well under way. We have already identified this year's presenter and topic. The date of the

seminar as well as more information about the presenter and content will be shared at the first meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our opening meeting. Please consider bringing a friend who might be interested in photography and help grow the club.

First Meeting of 2017-2018

ANY GOOD SUMMER IMAGES TO SHARE?

You will have a chance to share three of your images with the club at our first meeting on **September 22, 2017**.

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 three of your images on the clubs digital portal by Thursday September 21, 2017 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.

CLOSED BOARD TOPICS FOR 2017 – 2018

PROJECTED

Dec. 8, 2017 – “Smoke, Steam, Fog, or Haze”

April 13, 2018 – “The Inside of Something”

2 ENTRIES ALLOWED

NEWSLETTER HONORED BY PSA

Our club is a member of the Photographic Society of America (PSA), and as such we are eligible to participate in their annual Newsletter Contest, which we did for 2017. In the “Small Clubs” category, there were 20 entries, and “The F/Stop” was awarded an Honorable Mention. This competition encourages photo clubs across the nation to try for awards in a variety of categories, including Best Front Page, Best Use of Photography, Best Layout, Best Article (technical, opinion, environmental, how-to, etc.). One area where we could improve would be in having some “How-to” articles, so if any members have an interesting technique or knowledge to share, be sure to send it to the editor.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

- **September 5 - 9** – Frame to Please Club Show submission drop off
- **September 16** – TRPC info table and print exhibition at the Endicott Apple Fest
- **October 4** – TRPC Fall Classes.
- **October 28** – PhotoPlus Expo at the Javits Center in NYC

CLUB MEETINGS

2017

September 22nd

October 13th

October 27th

November 10th

December 8th

2018

January 12th

January 26th

February 9th

February 23rd



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 online 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:

December 1, 2017

April 1, 2018

September 1, 2018

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

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Several board members contributed information, edits, photos and flyers.



VISIT TO STEAMTOWN USA



After months of anticipation (I announced this trip last spring) we finally made the trip to Scranton, PA to visit SteamTown USA. This is a National Historic site that is maintained by the government to preserve the history of steam powered locomotives from all over the country. The displays and the quantity of railroad engines and related equipment to view, and of course to photograph is enormous.

The railroad 'yard', the working 'Round House Carousel' and engine storage building are just a few of the many features that give you a real sense of railroad history. Some members went on a 1/2 hour train ride in a vintage railroad car pulled by a familiar gray, blue and red diesel engine that was common around 30 years ago.



We broke for lunch and visited a historic eatery downtown, the "Coney Island Lunch", where we all enjoyed the baseball memorabilia that covered every square inch of the walls and their famous hot dogs... split, fried and served on a half bun with "everything".

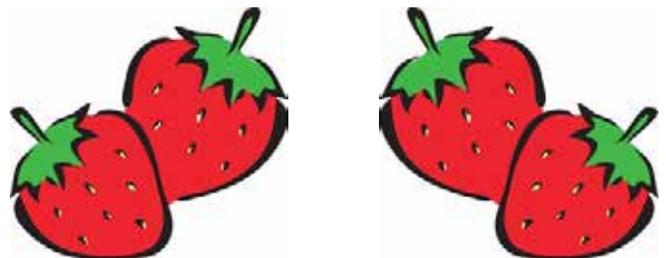
This was a great trip and photo-op for the club members that went and we hope to do more in the future.

Submitted by Pete Kofira

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



On a muggy Saturday in June thousands of people attended the popular Strawberry Fest in Owego, where for the first time our club was represented. Many attendees stopped to enjoy and comment on the photos on display, and a few folks expressed interest in what we do. Don Costello hosted the exhibit, aided by Cindy Ruggieri and Sue Thorne.



JULY FEST



For the past several years, Jen Lasher and Tim Hill have had a booth at the annual July Fest, a downtown Binghamton, NY arts, crafts, and music festival. Jen exhibits

her photographs, and Tim shows wood carvings and wood-burnt line images of birds. He is an avid bird-watcher and nature photographer, and Jen is an accomplished professional photographer, a skill she uses in her side business.

This year, they graciously agreed to have TRPC brochures available for interested Fest attendees.



CUTLER GARDENS

On warm and humid July evening about 14 club members met up at the beautiful and growing Cutler Gardens on Upper Front Street where we first gathered under the gazebo for casual BYO suppers. Then we spent the next few hours strolling past the various floral exhibits to enjoy and photograph them.

In addition, several members participated in a 'treasure hunt' focused on Garden



locations; Sue Thorne and Jamie Slater won the prize, awarded by Cindy Ruggieri.

Kudos to Cindy for organizing and facilitating an enjoyable club event.



FRAME TO PLEASE CLUB SHOW

It's fall again and that means the club will again have a show at Frame To Please on Washington Ave in Endicott, NY.

Club members wishing to participate should deliver their works to Frame To Please starting Tuesday September 5th thru Saturday September 9th, 2017
Amy is closed on Mondays.
Tuesday thru Saturday hours are 10am to 4pm-
or call for an appointment, 607-658-9010.

This is a great opportunity to have your images seen by the public.

Images **MUST BE FRAMED.**

Framed images must be ready to hang with wire type mounts.
No hacksaw fasteners please.

Special Note: If you're submitting images that have won awards please include your ribbons with your picture. ex. 2017 Bob Johnston winners and submissions

Each member can submit 3 Framed Images, any size.

**LAST DAY TO GET YOUR IMAGES IN THE SHOW IS SATURDAY
9/9/2017**

Images will be shown at gallery's discretion, depending on the quality of the presentation. This show reflects back on the club and it's important that you submit images that are properly presented. Please have your name and title on the back of your piece.

There will be a box at the shop to leave your business cards and information about your images. Please include if the the piece is for sale and the asking price. You can discuss with Amy if there will be a commission asked.

JOYCE KL SMITH ENVIRONMENTAL COMPETITION AWARDS

With a theme of “Our Forested Lands”, the JKLS competition was reinstated for 2017 by the Broome County Environmental Management Council, and 42 local photographers responded with 109 entries.

First place in the Landscape category was won by Sandra Kirker, who also won an Honorable Mention in the Plant Life category. Three other TRPC members also won Honorable Mention awards – Tim Hill in the Animal Life Category, Lindsey Leiser in the Landscape category, and Mary Lou Shapinas in the Animal Life category.



ENDICOTT APPLE FESTIVAL

Saturday Sept. 16, 2017 will be happening during the Frame to Please Club Show month and the club will have a BOOTH & TABLE 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.

PEER TO PEER MEETINGS

In 2017, there will be two meetings where any interested club members can sit down with others to get informal feedback on several of their images.

Small prints or laptop projections can be used to garner tips from fellow photographers about impact, possible improvements/edits, and so on. Both Tuesday evening sessions, on October 17 and November 13, take place in the downstairs meeting room at the Endicott Public Library at 7:00 p.m.



FALL CLASSES

“Teaching the Art & Craft of Photography”

This class is designed to teach the fundamental usage of Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR) cameras and Interchangeable Lens Cameras (ILC). Please bring your Camera & Manual to all sessions. Classes are held at the First Congregational Church, 30 Main St. Binghamton.

1. How Cameras Work – Wed., October 4, 2017

- How a camera captures an image.
- Basics of Shutter Speed, Aperture, Lighting and Composition.
- A list of topics to photograph will be assigned. Bring these images to the Nov. 8th class.

2. Navigating Through Your Camera - Wed., October 11, 2017

There will be “hands on” individual instruction with your own camera, including:

- Loading/unloading of memory cards, selecting ISO settings, changing aperture and shutter speed.
- The camera’s Mode Dial with emphasis on Manual, Aperture Priority and Shutter Priority.

3. The Essentials of a Quality Photograph - Wed., October 25, 2017

The mechanical execution of a proper image is explained with respect to...

- Correct Exposure with Aperture, Shutter Speed and ISO.
- How to be creative photographically with Aperture, Shutter Speed and Focus.
- Different types of Lighting available to use.
- Creating pleasing Compositions and enhancing the Subject of a photograph.

4. Using Flash/Intro to Lenses – Wed., Nov. 1, 2017

- The use of Automatic and Manual flash, Dedicated flash, Fill flash and Off-Camera flash.
- Lenses from Fish-eye to Telephoto. Fixed-Focal Length vs. Zoom.
- Lens speed, aperture, focal length and image stabilization.

5. Photographic Review - Wed., November 8, 2017

Images will be reviewed to enhance learning and to strengthen photographic skills. Bring your “Homework Assignment” images to this week’s meeting!

6. What To Do With Those Photographic Files - Wed., Nov. 15, 2017

- Basic editing features in Photoshop Lightroom.
- How to handle files once they are edited.
- Options for downloading images to your computer, and archiving files.
- How to put your digital files onto an external storage device.

Cost of the course: **\$59.00** (includes instructional textbook) – “The Beginner’s Photography Guide” (\$20.00 value).

Deadline for registration is **September 27, 2017**. Space is limited. This class must have a minimum of 6 students registered in order to remain open.

For more info Contact: Bill Baburchak
Email: wbaburchak@stny.rr.com

To register, complete the information below and make check out to TRPC and mail to:

FALL CLASSES REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Camera Make and Model #: _____

Send registration form and a check made out to TRPC to :

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Two Rivers Photography Club

2017/2018

President – Barry Biddle
Vice-president – Bill Baburchak
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Treasurer – Kathy Whisman

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Pete Kofira	May Lou Shapinas
Bernie Lewis	Pat Stone
Rick Northrup	Jean Stout
Patsy Nash-Jones	Don Costello
Cindy Ruggieri	

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 Club Meetings

The First Congregational Church
30 Main St, Binghamton, NY 13905
Fellowship Hall
NW Corner of Front and Main Streets

2nd & 4th Friday
7:00 pm

Full Schedule of meetings is on Club Web Site: www.2rpc.com

SUBMISSION RULES

The text below is from the TRPC Handbook. New members please be aware of items #3 & 5. These rules are to encourage people to keep their skills current and not use old images just because they are convenient. It's possible that the Handbook has not been read thoroughly by all members and this note should make everyone aware of the rules.

COMPETITION:

The club has print and projected image competitions. You are encouraged to compete in both competition categories. However, you may choose to compete in either with just a print(s) or projected image(s).

Entry Qualifications:

1. Entries must originate as photographs (image/captures of objects by a light sensitivity) made by the entrant.
2. Each image must have been taken by the person entering it.
3. Images must have been shot by the entrant within the last 5 years.
4. Nudity is not permitted.
5. Presenters of images of questionable origin may be requested to produce metadata as proof of ownership.
6. By virtue of submitting an entry, the entrant certifies the work as their own.