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Club picnic, July 28, 2018 – A good time with some great people

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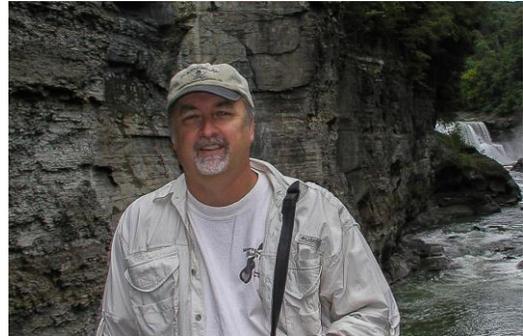
This edition of the newsletter is a trial attempt on LibreOffice Writer because it is being done by Editor Don Costello. I am winging it because our production person, Jody, is not available. Since I am not a graphics arts expert, you will see a much plainer looking publication.

A Message from Bill Baburchak, TRPC President

What's old is new again.....
It's that time of year again. The sun rises later and later in the morning, signaling a slow descent into winter. NOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!! Not yet!

It seems that the older I get, the less I look forward to the snow and cold weather! Fortunately, autumn will give us a short buffer to enjoy the beautiful natural landscape.

I am very pleased to be back as president of the club. I have been a member for 10 years now, almost all of them on the board or as an officer, and I have enjoyed almost every minute of it. So, it looks like you are all stuck with me for 2 more years!!!



We are about ready to get the 2018-2019 club year underway, starting with the Apple Fest. Make sure you check the newsletter, ably written by Don Costello or the Facebook page managed by Jean Stout, for the dates and times of all of our events.

There has been much discussion about our membership declining slowly through the years. I'm sure there are many reasons, but I just want to thank all of you who are still here and still support the club. Without the interest and hard work of all of you, we would be little more than a footnote on a web page somewhere. I much prefer to see all of you in person at the meetings where we can renew our friendships and make new ones!

See you at Club!!!

First Meeting of 2018-2019

The kick-off session for our new year will take place on **Friday, September 28**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Congregational Church, which is on the corner of Front and Main Streets. Visitors and new members are welcome, and they will hear about club purpose, activities, events, and other pertinent information.

Members are encouraged to **share up to three photos**, submitted to their portal, that show what they did this summer – trips, experiments, etc. A brief explanation would be expected.

Closed Board Topics

It's never too early to be looking for possible image captures for this season's closed board competitions.

The first one is on **December 14** for both Salon and Gallerie, with two projected photos allowed. The topic is "From a High Angle", meaning that the camera must be above the subject.

Our second closed board competition is planned for **April 12**, and the topic is "Street Photography." Our definition is that the image be candid photography made in a public situation, not limited to streets or roadways. The image may capture people or a scene visible within or from a public place.

Club Participation at Apple Fest

by Pete Kofira, Jr.

This year's Endicott **Apple Fest will be Saturday Sept. 15, 2018**. The club will have a booth (location #70) in front of 'Frame to Please' on Washington Ave. Although the business (Amy Burgess) has closed, we still think the location works well for our booth.

This year to generate some money for the club we're asking any members that would like to **DONATE mounted images** for the club to sell, to please contact Pete at: mrpetek@stny.rr.com 607-785-0666 and arrange to drop them off at his house prior to the Apple Fest date. Please put your contact info on the back of the images. Images that do not sell will be returned to you after the event.

We all have plenty of competition images that we'll probably never frame, use or sell, and this could be a way to share some of the club's excellent work with the community as well as clearing out some space in your house. In accordance with the club's 501(c) 3 non-profit status the money earned from the sales will go directly into the club's general account and will not be for the benefit of any members personally. The TRPC Board has agreed to price the images for sale very reasonable from \$5.00 to \$10.00 dollars depended on size.

If you can help with handing out flyers or answering question during the day of the Apple Fest please let Pete know.

PSA Annual Conference

The 2018 Conference of the Photographic Society of America, of which we are a member, will take place this year from September 30 to October 6 in Salt Lake City. For information see their web site at psa-photo.org

The NHTL Photography Workshop

Waterman Center and TRPC are excited to present the Natural History through the Lens Photography Workshop series! This workshop is a six-week course scheduled to teach basic photography skills with an emphasis on composition to support natural history education. Classes begin on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 6:30 p.m., and will be taught by Waterman board member Teri Franzen and Bill Baburchak, Pete Kofira Jr., Barry Biddle, and Mary Lou Shapinas of the Two Rivers Photography Club.

The focus of this series is to teach photography basics and techniques with an emphasis on composition to capture images that tell a natural history story. Coursework includes exposure, composition techniques, post-processing and one-on-one instruction in our classroom and out in the field. Critiques are essential to this program and will focus on technical strengths and weaknesses along with the strength of the image for telling a natural history story.

Course materials are being developed specifically for this program and will be included in the one-time sign-up fee of \$50/members and \$60/non-members. Space is limited. Send e-mail to photography@watermancenter.org to sign up or to add your name to the mailing list. Payment is required in full to secure your spot. Payment instructions provided with your signup.

You will be required to bring your own photography gear. Camera and lens are required. A tripod is recommended.

Session 1: Tues, Sept 11 - Introduction to the course and basic exposure and composition

Session 2: Tues, Sept 18 - Field session 1 - Meet in the field, discuss projects and shoot

Session 3: Tues, Sept 25 - Basic Post-Processing with Lightroom or whatever tool you will use

Session 4: Tues, Oct 2 - Image Review of photos from Session 1

Session 5: Tues, Oct 9 - Field Session 2 - Meet in the field, discuss projects and shoot

Session 6: Mon, Oct 15 - Image Review of photos from Session 2 and Awards

More details can be seen at www.watermancenter.org/photography-workshop.

Members Exhibit at Realty Office



The lobby at the Howard Hanna Realty office on Vestal Parkway East has been the site of several exhibits of club members' work recently. In April, Sandra Kirker had her images shown there, followed by Mary Lou Shapinas in May, a variety of club members in June (a portion of which is shown above), and Kathy Whisman in July and August. Club judge and former member Nancy Basmann will be displaying some of her excellent work there in September. Anyone wanting to do the same, with a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 17 hangable prints, should contact Kathy Johnson at 772-1177.

Peer-to-Peer Meetings

Pete Kofira has confirmed two dates – October 16 and November 13 – for peer-to-peer get-togethers at the Endicott Public Library. These Tuesday evening, 7:00 p.m. , gatherings are an opportunity for club members to informally critique each other's work. Participants can bring up to three images on lap tops or as prints (4 x 6 are okay for this), then will hear comments and suggestions from other members. Meetings take place in the downstairs main room at the library, which is on Park St. between Jefferson and Lincoln Avenues.

Non-TRPC Competitions

Earlier this year, our club again participated in the Merrimack Valley Camera Club's Glennie Nature Competition, which was in its 37th year. Of the 10 TRPC submissions, 8 scored 21 or higher which qualified them for recognition. Overall, our relatively small club scored well enough to place 30th out of the 63 clubs participating. And in the Diversity Award category, we came in 12th out of 63.

On a more local scale, two club members – Deb Rockefeller and Mary Lou Shapinas – won awards at the Southern Tier Orchid Society's at the Oakdale Mall in late April. Deb took a first place and Mary Lou an honorable mention. Nice!

Teaching the Art & Mechanics of Photography

All sessions will be held at: The First Congregational Church
NW corner of Front & Main Streets, Binghamton, NY
Classes start promptly at 7:00 PM.

This class is designed to teach the fundamental usage of: **Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR) cameras, Digital Mirrorless Interchangeable Lens Cameras (MILC) and Digital Fixed Lens Bridge Cameras (FLBC)**

Please bring your Camera & Manual to all sessions.

1. How Cameras Work – Wed., October 3, 2018

- 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 on a flash drive in .jpeg format to the **Nov. 8th class**

2. Navigating Through Your Camera - Wed., October 10, 2018

- 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 24, 2018

- 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** that are available to use.
 - Creating pleasing **Compositions** and enhancing the **Subject** of a photograph.

4. Using Flash / Intro to Lenses – Tues, October 30, 2018 NOTE: THIS CLASS IS ON TUESDAY

- 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 7, 2018

- Images will be reviewed to enhance learning and to strengthen photographic skills. This is a wonderful experience to learn from both your images and from others in the class.
- **Bring a flash drive containing your .jpeg images "Homework Assignment" to this week's meeting!**

6. What To Do With Those Photographic Files - Wed., November 14, 2018

- 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 26, 2018.** **Space is limited. This class must have a minimum of 6 students registered in order to remain open.** To register, complete the information below and make check out to **TRPC** and mail to:

Two Rivers Photography Club
PO Box 199
Vestal, NY 13851-0199

For more info Contact: **Bill Baburchak**
Tel: 607-625-4767
Email: wbaburchak@stny.rr.com

Name: _____
PLEASE PRINT

Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Camera (make & model#) _____

Input Requested

The next issue of this newsletter will come out in the first week of December. All members are welcome to submit brief articles, suggestions, news about events, details about items for sale to, etc. Examples are illustrated descriptions of a trip you took, tips about camera or post-processing techniques, interesting apps for smartphone photography, favorite locations, or anything else that might be of interest to your fellow photo hobbyists.

Send your material to Don Costello at shdcos@aol.com or call me to discuss a possible idea. I can be reached at 238-1653.

News from JW Johnston

Professional photographer and educator Jim Johnston is also a TRPC member and judge. We have a mutually beneficial arrangement with him to share pertinent information in our respective newsletters. Jim's latest newsletter can be viewed at:

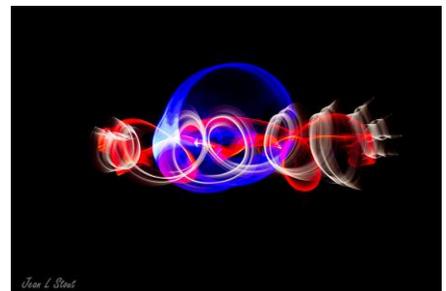
<https://mailchi.mp/e9f17e02e343/all-things-photo-contests-classes-tips-exhibitions-workshop-work-and-a-parting-shot>

In that newsletter are details about some upcoming photography-related events along with examples from recent classes he conducted. Several TRPC members (see below) participated in his "Notion of Motion" class and received a 15% discount which JW gives us for classes he conducts (though **not** those he does at SUNY Broome). Upcoming sessions he will run at SUNY are:

Fall Foliage Photography; two Wednesdays --September 26 and October 10 – at 6:45 p.m. in the Decker Bldg., 211. Session 1 gives tips on camera techniques and related topics, and session 2 allows class participants to share photos and receive feedback. \$59.

Winter Photography: Wednesday, December 5, at 6:45 p.m. again in Decker 211. This class, geared to dSLR camera usage, teaches specific techniques as well as precautions related to cold weather photography. \$39.

Preregistration is required and can be done by calling SUNY Broome at 607-778-5012.



by Mary Lou Shapinas

by Kathi Hunt

by Jean Stout

Kelby Walk, Oct. 6, Montrose, PA

Bill Baburchak will be leading a Kelby Walk on Saturday, October 6, in the picturesque town of Montrose, which has attractive, interesting, and historical architecture. It's about 25 miles south of Binghamton. This photowalk, starting at 9:00 a.m. and lasting about 3 hours, begins at the corner of South Main and Church Streets and will take you past old houses and churches, some dating back to the Underground Railroad. The walk is not particularly strenuous, but it will occasionally involve hilly town roads. The tour ends at McCormack's at the Inn where the group can partake of refreshments or lunch while sharing images. To register, go to the Kelby web site at <https://worldwidephotowalk.com>. Under "Find a Walk", enter Montrose, PA. Click on the marker, then on Bill's image, and when the details appear, click on the "Join Walk".

Two Rivers Photography Club

Once again, Bill Baburchak has assumed the position of TRPC president, inheriting the duties from Barry Biddle who served in that role for two years. Thank you Barry for your leadership, and thank you Bill for agreeing to handle this important position. The board and officers for 2018-2019 are:

President – Bill Baburchak
Vice president – (not filled)
Secretary-- Kathi Hunt
Treasurer-- Kathy Whisman

Board members are: Pete Kofira, Jr., Mary Lou Shapinas, Bernie Lewis, Barry Biddle, Rick Northrup, Jean Stout, Patsy Nash-Jones, Don Costello, Cindy Ruggieri, and Susan Thorne.

Upcoming meetings in 2018, at the First Congregational Church, at 7:00 p.m., are:

September 28; October 12; October 26; November 9; and December 14

Our club is a member of:

