

## Close Ups

### ***BULLETIN OF THE NEW HAVEN CAMERA CLUB***

#### APRIL PROGRAM APRIL 14<sup>th</sup> WILL HIGHLIGHT MEMBER'S FAVORITE PLACES

On Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, members of our camera club will present mini presentations about their favorite places and or subjects to shoot. Eight to ten members will share with us their favorite places to shoot and give us some helpful hints. They might also share favorite subject matter which may be more object than place. We won't know for sure until we come together for this last program night of the season. In May there is only the first meeting which will be a competition and in June we have our banquet and end of year contest. Come and see the favorites of others who are active in our camera club.

#### *From the Editor*

For you "fair weather" photographers, now that spring has sprung, get out the trusty 35 and shoot, keeping in mind the last two categories for this year, and plan to compete (especially if you haven't this year) next year. The two remaining categories in slides competition are "IN A ROW" for April 28<sup>th</sup> and "BARNES" for May 12<sup>th</sup>. You may not have to go far for a great shot as evidenced by this photo above

#### AWARDS AND PUBLICATION NOTES

Photography is a glorious hobby for us and we all experience much personal pleasure from our hobby. We also like to have others appreciate our art so it is always a delight for us to hear from you- the members of NHCC about your achievements in photography.

Congratulations to Carmine Civitelli (2 photos), Jo-Ann Messina (2 photos) and Shirley Mangier (4 photos) accepted and published in this year's TOWN PLANNER.

In addition, Jo Ann and Shirley entered photos in die CT Audubon Society Nature exhibit in Glastonbury and each had a photo selected at the juried Eagle Festival in Essex (February 2003) Shirley's Golden Eagle Photo won the "People's Choice Award"

NECCC  
Photography Conference  
July 11, 12, and 13th, 2003  
Check us out at  
[www.neccc.org](http://www.neccc.org)

We hope you can come to the photography conference at Amherst. New Haven CC always has quite a few in attendance and we enjoy the workshops and always get together Friday night in a dorm for snacks and then many of us plan to eat out Saturday night getting back in time for the Saturday Night Awards and Showcase Presentation.

JOE DECHELLO REMEMBERED- Paul Peterson will present a showcase presentation at Amherst showing some of Joe's best work. We saw one show Paul did at a camera club meeting honoring Joe and WE! look forward to seeing Joe's work once again through Paul's dedication and program.

From [janet.cerritelli@yale.edu](mailto:janet.cerritelli@yale.edu)

For the planned trip to Cape May on May 9, 10, and 11.

We will meet at the commuter lot on Route 34 West on Friday at 8:00 am to carpool. We will be taking Route 15 South to Route 287 into New Jersey. Explicit directions will be provided to anyone joining the group later that day or on Saturday.

The morning of our Saturday there would be spent at two of the prime bird viewing spots, one beginning at 6 00 am, the other after breakfast. The afternoon would be spent at the Cape May Zoo, small but good; then in the central historic district photographing Sunset Beach. Here is a third prime bird viewing spot, the Cape May Light (which can be climbed, and there will be a star-viewing program in the evening), and a wonderful spot for photographing the sunset directly into the water (there are nautical items in the sand, and usually people on the beach should you want a silhouette in the foreground). The area is not expensive; most place are within walking distance, or a 15 minute drive or less.

On Sunday, we will be in Cape May until noon. There will be some gardens to photograph, a trip to the nature center grounds, and visits to the Emlen Physick Estate, and the Victorian lighthouse at Hereford Inlet, which is surrounded by gardens. On the way back, we will stop at the Stone Harbor Bird Observatory, about 45 minutes north of Cape May; Barnegat Light, about 90 minutes north of Cape May; and Gateway NWR, about 2 5 hours north of Cape May. Expected arrival in CT will be 8 00 pm.

For those who are able to leave Friday morning, we will visit Great Adventure Safari in Jackson, NJ, as well as St Vladimir's Russian Orthodox Basilica (oldest on the East Coast), and the Russian community, with lunch in an authentic Russian restaurant. We will take the coastal route south into Cape May. Honk or signal when you see a good photo op!

## **Where on the Web**

### **Your photos, online**

IF YOU'VE BEEN hankering for a digital camera but don't want to fork over the cash, bring your film camera into the digital age. It's easier than taking film to the drugstore: Just mail your film to one of a handful of Web sites that develop digital copies of your photos and put them online for you.

At clubphoto.com, sign up (basic membership is free) and print an order form. Then drop your film in the mail. In a few days you'll get e-mail telling you your photos are online. Have fun creating an online album, complete with captions, then send out e-mail invitations encouraging friends and family to visit your album. You and your guests can order prints, candy, cookies, T-shirts, frames and other gifts with your photos on them. You pay \$1 to have your film uploaded and 26 cents per print (up to 4-by-6). The best part, though, is that your photos are neatly stored in boxes all over the house. Want to send a picture to Aunt Ruth?

Log on and pick one to send electronically. To store photos for longer than 90 days, you have to sign up for an annual plan (\$24.95 to \$34.95).

Most other photo sites work similarly, varying in pricing schemes, editing tools (Club Photo has none) and stuff you can order.

Ofoto.com, a Kodak company, charges \$3.95 to upload film, but there's no storage fee. Here you'll find the best selection of editing tools. Turn your photos into a calendar, sepia toned images and more.

Shutterfly.com has a few editing and card tools, and your first 15 prints are free. Photoworks.com offers a groovy selection of reasonably priced photo gifts (like Brag Books and year-in-photo CDs), but the sign-up procedure is cumbersome.

So stop envying gadget-rich photographers. Your knowledge of the Web is even better. —Christina Wood

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2003 TOUR, WORKSHOP AND SEMINAR SCHEDULE  
(Print and mail with payment)

Please select desired events:

- Tour Apr. 15-18 Smokies (dep. \$150)
- Seminar May 3 Cleveland (\$39)
- Seminar May 17 Springfield (\$39)
- Tour June 11-15 New Hampshire Lupines (dep. \$125)
- Workshop June 27-July 1 Camera Canada College (dep. \$35)
- Seminar, NECCC, July 11-13, Amherst, MA
- Seminar August 2 Minneapolis/St. Paul (\$39)
  - Tour Aug. 14-17 Maine Lighthouse (dep. \$125)
  - Seminar Sept. 13 Boston (\$39)
  - Tour Sept. 22-28 Yellowstone (dep. \$225)
  - Tour Oct. 5-9 Vermont/New Hampshire Foliage (dep. \$125)
  - Tour Oct. 19-23 Acadia NP (dep. \$125)
  - Tour Nov. 3-10 Zion W (dep. \$150)

Noted New England photographer Gary W, Stanley will be presenting a full-day seminar in Springfield, MA, Saturday, May 17, cost is \$39 per attendee. Gary will give a slide-lecture program designed to give you inspiring photo tips, equipment and film suggestions, introduce new techniques, and provide lessons on how good basic photographic skills allow you to take great photographs. Gary's program now covers digital photography and printing as well as how to market your images.

For further information, you may reach Gary Stanley via his web site:

[www.garywstanley.com](http://www.garywstanley.com)

or

[www.light-chasers.com](http://www.light-chasers.com)

Please make checks or money orders payable to Gary W. Stanley, Photographer.

Please reserve \_ spaces on the above checked events.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: State: Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Business Phone; \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupancy preferred:  Shared Room  Single Room  Smoking  Non-Sm Assign a roommate if possible  Name of Roommate; \_\_\_\_\_  
I (We) have read and accept lire Conditions and Responsibilities paragraph.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If you've made some great enlargements on your new ink-jet printer, you now need to get them mounted, matted, and into frames so you can hang them on your walls. For the mounting or matting you might go to Atlantic Filmworks on Putnam Ave in Hamden and see Chuck there: he waits for Paul Berendsohn in the photo lab but he also runs the Hamden Framing Gallery right out of Atlantic Filmworks and does a fabulous Job of neatly mounting and matting your enlargements. He custom cuts foam core mounts and mats and has hundreds of colors of mat board He also makes frames, and has many materials to choose from. He has a discount coupon that you might have received recently in the mail along with other merchant's coupons, and it is good for a few more days.

If you need a print mounted or matted, see Chuck at Hamden Framing Gallery, operating out of Atlantic Filmworks.

Two other merchants are offering frames at 50 off. Hull's Art Supply & Framing at 1144 Chapel St., New Haven, is offering all Ready Made Frames at 50% off through March 31. This discount does not apply to custom frames and certain photo frames. The store can give you the details.

(203)365-4855. [www.HullsNewHaven.com](http://www.HullsNewHaven.com)

Also, Koenig Art Center at 1162 Dixwell Ave, Hamden, is also having their annual 50 off frame sale. Koenig's is located very close to Atlantic Filmworks. They are on Dixwell, just a few stores down the intersection of Putnam Ave and Dixwell Ave. (The new Walgreen Pharmacy is basically across the street from Koenig's). Koenig's is offering 50 off list prices on Ready to Use frames and Frame kits, now through April 5 (203)776-8968.

You no longer have any excuses for why your prize winners are not up on display in your home!

NATIVE PLANT SALE  
Kellogg Environmental Center

Saturday, May 10, 2003  
Sunday May 11, 2003  
9:00AM - 3:00PM

Department of Environmental Protection  
Office of Communications and Education  
Kellogg Environmental Center  
Osborne Homestead Museum  
P.O. Box 435, 500 Hawthorne Avenue  
Derby, CT 06418-0435

<http://www.dep.state.ct.us/educ/kellogg>

Want to attract more birds and butterflies to your yard?

Go native and learn more about ways to enhance your gardens and landscapes using native varieties. Turn your backyard into a habitat for wildlife.

While it can be difficult to find native plants at the garden centers, come to Kellogg for all your native shopping. Plants will be available for sale throughout the weekend.

On Saturday there will also be a selection of guest speakers on organic gardening, invasive plants, and beneficial insects. Families will enjoy the hands-on children's activities, too.

#### Detailed Information About Field Trips and Photo Opportunities

The trip to The Sanctuary in Farmington to photograph waterfowl will take place on Saturday, April 5, unless there is pouring rain or snow! We will meet at the commuter lot off 91 north, Exit 10, also accessible from 15 north. Exit 63, at 7 00 am. with estimated departure within the next 15 minutes. In the event of VERY inclement weather, the trip will take place on Saturday. April 12.

There are two photographing areas. Inside the aviary, the birds are very close to you. Even smaller birds can be photographed with a 200 mm lens, better with a 28-200 mm zoom, or a 300 mm lens or zoom. In the main pond, the birds are very spread out, and, range in size from small and juveniles to large swans and cranes. A longer zoom would be ideal; for close up photography, a 400 mm lens (or longer) would be best. In both areas, birds will be resting on the stone surrounding the ponds, walking around you and behind you, and snoozing on the grassy slopes, be careful not to miss good shots while concentrating on the water, or, step on someone unawares! The natural light is filtered

through the barren trees, in the morning hours, there was not much glare off the water, none of us used a polarizer. The ponds are in a north/south position; as the sun begins to rise higher, it will create some glare on the right side of the large pond, but the aviary has netting over the top, which also tends to filter the light and make it softer. Since the ponds are man made, they are a dark green to brown in color. Although they do reflect the birds, there will not be any other visible reflections.

The ground may be damp and cold, but most of the areas surrounding the ponds are gravel, or deck wood, and kept clear of snow. Right now the ground is still hard; remember, Farmington is considerably north of us! When we visited on March 8, we were comfortable in winter hiking boots or weatherproof ducks. Your toes will get cold after two hours, so be sure to wear a warm pair of socks. Layering would also be appropriate.

Thirty five tickets for the Narragansett Bay cruise have been purchased at \$29 each. Anyone wishing to purchase a ticket now, please go to the American Lighthouse Foundation website, <http://www.lighthousefoundation.org>. If tickets are still available, you can purchase them online or call the number on the website and charge tickets to a credit card.

We will be traveling north on I-95. A commuter lot convenient to everyone will be designated as our meeting place. We will plan to leave the lot at 7:30 am. The buffet lunch included is expansive, and the food is good. Food is served by table on all three decks.

There is plenty of room for photographing outdoors on the top deck most of which is covered by a canopy. On the second deck, there is a large sliding window which can be opened for, photographing while one remains, completely indoors. With this information in mind, please dress appropriately for the weather. A jacket, with a hood for wind protection if you have one, and/or a hat which can be secured are almost necessities for those planning to remain on the top deck. Layering would be a good idea for this time of year. The boat is large, and even in bad weather we did not feel any pitch and/or roll. HOWEVER: if you know you are prone to motion sickness please come prepared if you want to enjoy 5.5 hours on the water!

There are many door prizes, about 30 raffle prizes, and a 50/50 cash raffle prize given out during the cruise. If you wish to participate, please bring minimum \$10 in cash. Everyone receives a gift bag upon arrival which has information, lighthouse magazines, merchandise catalogs, and a really nice free gift.

Please Be sure to look for you gift bag as you enter the boat.

Questions will be answered before competition at the next meeting.

Janet

For the Yale walking tour scheduled for the morning of April 26, we will meet on York Street near the corner of Grove at 7:30 am. New Haven becomes very busy just one hour later. At this time of day, there is little traffic, good light, and plenty of parking.

We will begin at the Hall of Graduate Studies and the Law School; continue east to Berkeley Quad and Sterling Library; further east to Beinecke Plaza and Strathcona Tower, then to Old Campus and Branford Tower. Brandfor and Strathcona towers, and Old Campus, in the area of Yale bordered by York, Grove, Chapel, and College Streets. If time and interest, there are areas on Prospect St, and Hillhouse Avenue, and the Davenport Quad that have interesting photo Opportunities.

### **You're Invited To Charter Oak Photographic Society**

Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup> 7:15 sharp

"Wild New England: From Sea to Summit"

Presented by Jerry and Marcy Monkman

A multi Media Slide Presentation

First Church of Christ Congregational

South Main Street, West Hartford CT

Sponsored in part by Hunt's Photo/Video and merchandise will be available for sale along with door prizes.