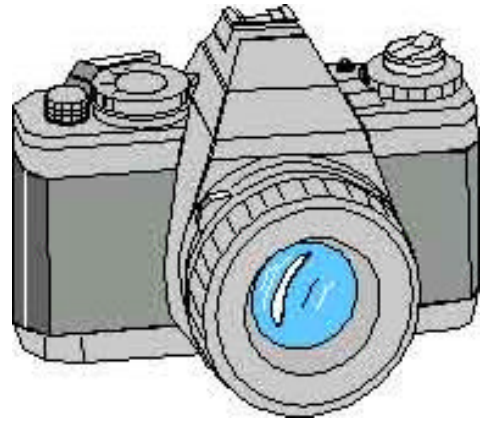


# Close Ups

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## Its Party Time!

### Holiday Party and Mini Show Competition

Monday, December 13, 2004, 6:00 p.m.



The Club's annual Holiday Party and Mini Show Competition will be held on Monday evening, December 13, at Pompeo's in Branford, CT. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. After dinner the grab bag gifts will be distributed and the Mini Show Competition will be held.

Cocktail hour will include a variety of appetizers plus a cash bar. The buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 with salad, a variety of Italian specialties, and dessert. Price including tax and gratuity is \$26.00. Send in the coupon on page 3 before December 6, 2004.

Immediately after the dinner the **grab bag gifts** will be distributed. If you want to participate bring a \$10 wrapped gift. Your president has promised that he will find a creative way to distribute them. The grab bag is optional; however if you participate we ask that you come as close as possible to the \$10 value.

The climax of the evening will be the **Mini Show Competition**. These presentations typically consists of a series of related slides, prints, or digital images (if you have your own projector) plus music and/or narration. You can have any number of images, but the *maximum allowed time is five minutes*. The winner, determined by a vote of the audience, will win the Ruth Sprague Memorial Award.

We hope to see all of you and encourage you to bring family or friends to share in the festivities.

See Page 2 for directions to Pompeo's.

### Asarisi Family Scores Big

Many of our members have success with their photography outside of Club competition. Recently the Asarisi family scored big.

Natalie Asarisi entered six snapshots into the North Haven Fair this past September and won six ribbons: 2 first, 3 second, and 1 third.

Martha Asarisi also entered six snapshots in the North Haven Fair and won three ribbons, 1 first, 1 second, and 1 third.

Richard Asarisi had nine of his lighthouse photographs used in a recently published book, *New England Lighthouses*.

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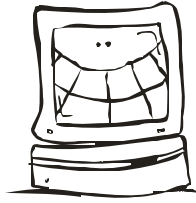
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## From the Editor's Computer



It's hard to believe that Fall is already over and that the Winter season is beginning. Now is the time to start thinking about indoor photographic activities, especially for those of you who, like me, are not fond of driving when the roads are slippery or shooting outside in the cold. Let me offer three suggestions that will keep you occupied during the Winter months until Spring arrives.

**Put Together a Show.** We have all traveled to interesting places or have special photographic interests or techniques that should be shared with others. Our Club is always looking for programs as are the other camera clubs in the state. You don't have to have elaborate equipment to present an excellent program as we saw when Daryl Hawk presented *The Art of Adventure* using a single projector and live narration. The Internet is an excellent source of information on making good presentations. Just type "presentation techniques" into Google and you will have a wealth of hints, tips and techniques.

**Look at Other Peoples' Photography.** One of the best ways to improve your own photography is to look at the images others are producing. One of the easiest ways to do this is to use the Internet to look at the accepted images in PSA-recognized Electronic Exhibitions. Go to <http://psa-id.org/exhibition-standards.shtml> for a list of recognized exhibitions. Then click on **Results** for those that have already been judged to see the images. Another source of images by PSA members can be found at <http://www.psa-photo.org/page2.htm> where a variety of different techniques are displayed.

**Shoot Still Lives.** There are all kinds of subjects that can be shot indoors using natural or artificial light. Go to the local grocery store and buy a bunch of flowers and/or go to the local dollar store and buy some odd shaped glassware or other props. Working with these items to create a pleasing picture will teach you about lighting, composition, exposure, and close-up photography, skills that will serve you well next Spring when you begin shooting outside again. And who knows, you might just create a prize-winning photograph.

## Directions to the Holiday Party

From New Haven, take I-95 to East Haven and get off at Exit 51 (Frontage Road). Follow Frontage Rd. and it will become West Main St (Route 1). Continue on Route 1 past Lake Saltonstall and up a large hill. Just before the top of the hill, look for Pompeo's on the right.

From the East, take I-95 to Exit 54 (Cedar St.) At the end of the ramp, take a left and follow a short distance to Route 1 (North Main St.). Take a right onto Route 1 and follow it past the Branhaven Shopping Center and up a large hill. Just beyond the crest of the hill, look for Pompeo's on the left.



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## Upcoming Events



**December 13, 2004.** Club Holiday Party. Celebration of the season and presentation of 5-minutes image sequences.

**January 10, 2005.** NHCC Program: Ray Sarapillo, *Lenses and Blinds for Nature Photography*.

**January 24, 2005.** NHCC Competition. Special Slide Category: *Twilight*

**February 1, 2004.** Entries for the second NHCC “Virtual Competition” are due.

**February 14, 2005.** NHCC Program: Member’s Favorite Local Places. *Start planning now to present your favorite local photography destinations to the Club.*

**February 28, 2005.** NHCC Competition. Special Slide Category: *Love*

**March 14, 2005.** NHCC Program: Lisa and Tom Cuchara, *Digital Workflow: From File to Output*.

**March 28, 2005.** NHCC Competition. Special Slide Category: *Spires or Towers*

**April 1, 2004.** Entries for the third NHCC “Virtual Competition” are due.

**April 11, 2005.** NHCC Program: Bill Bartini, Tom Cuchara, Gary Prestash, and Richard Asarisi. *The 3 Mooseketeers plus One*.

## NHCC Was Tops at Tops

At the recent judging of the Tops in Connecticut competition sponsored by the Connecticut Association of Photographers, members of the New Haven Camera Club won more than half of the medals awarded.

**Slides.** Club members won six out nine medals:

- Ann Yost won the Joseph A Dichello Award for Best Landscape. This is the second time this award has been given and the second time a member of the New Haven Camera Club won it.
- Pat Brundage won the Everett Wilson Award for Best Seascape.
- JoAnn Messina won the Robert Strindberg Award for Best Ornithology.
- Harold Sisken won a Judge’s Choice Award.
- Paul Peterson won a Judge’s Choice Award.
- Bill Barnett won a Judge’s Choice Award.

**Prints.** In this category Bill Barnett won three of the eight medals that were awarded:

- Best in Show
- Claude C. Sibley Award for Best Seascape
- A Judge’s Choice Award

Congratulations to all the winners. It is great to see our members doing so well.

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### Cumulative Competition Summary

CLASS B			
Karen Foster	89	4	22.25
Brenda Briganti	41	2	20.50
Paul Bartholomew	40	2	20.00
CLASS A			
Lisa Cuchara	101	4	25.25
Bill Sallak	91	4	22.75
Tom Cuchara	88	4	22.00
JoAnn Messina	86	4	21.50
CLASS AA			
Harold Siskin	103	4	25.75
Warren Disbrow	99	4	24.75
Ann Jacques	98	4	24.50
Gary Prestash	97	4	24.25
Ann Yost	96	4	24.00
Paul Peterson	93	4	23.25
Jane Sibley	92	4	23.00
James Dionne	92	4	23.00
Robert Jacques	90	4	22.50
Ron D'Amico	90	4	22.50
Art Yost	89	4	22.25
Shirley Mangler	88	4	22.00
Ken Kwan	48	2	24.00
Victor Krasenics	46	2	23.00
PRINTS AA			
Wm B. Barnett	106	4	26.50
Lisa Cuchara	104	4	26.00
Shirley Mangler	100	4	25.00
Tom Cuchara	98	4	24.50
Victor Krasenics	96	4	24.00
Warren Disbrow	96	4	24.00
Linda Thomas	94	4	23.50
PRINTS A			
Geri Mahon	95	4	23.75
Ron D'Amico	93	4	23.25
Laura Messina	84	4	21.00
JoAnn Messina	70	3	23.33
Art Yost	47	2	23.50
Jack Mahon	43	2	21.50
Bill Sallak	24	1	24.00
CATEGORY			
Paul Peterson	3	2	1.50
Victor Krasenics	2	2	1.00
Pat Maturo	1	1	1.00
SNAPSHOT			
Weiwei Gao	97	4	24.25
Breanna Cuchara	81	4	20.25
Glenn Tuazon	43	2	21.50
Guay Chatfield	40	2	20.00

### October Winning Photographs

Class AA			
1st	Paul Peterson	Peaceful Morning	26
1st	Ann Yost	Early Morning	26
2nd	Gary Prestash	Hummingbird #2	25
2nd	Harold Siskin	Don't Fence Me In	25
2nd	Harold Siskin	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks	25
2nd	Warren Disbrow	Rockport Dawn	25
2nd	Vic Krasenics	Nubble, Sept 2001	25
HM	Ron D'Amico	Red and Gold	24
HM	Ann Yost	Lovely Water Lilly	24
HM	Jim Dionne	Mylar Zinnia	24
Class A			
1st	Lisa Cuchara	Riverwalk - San Antonio	26
2nd	Lisa Cuchara	Crowned Crane	25
2nd	Tom Cuchara	Flying Ibis	25
HM	Bill Sallak	Attracting Colors	24
Class B			
1st	Karen Foster	Pumpkins	22
1st	Brenda Briganti	Devil's Bridge	22
2nd	Karen Foster	Hotel de Ville	20
2nd	Paul Bartholomew	Grist Mill	20
2nd	Paul Bartholomew	Working late	20
HM	Brenda Briganti	Kent Falls	19
CATEGORY - Buildings			
1st	Pat Maturo	Rustling Leaves	3
2nd	Victor Krasenics	Lyme Leaves	2
HM	Paul Peterson	Autumn Barn	1
Prints - "AA"			
1st	William Barnett	Parallel Universes #1	29
2nd	Warren Disbrow	Ill Get You My Pretty	27
HM	Linda Thomas	Looking at the New World	26
HM	Tom Cuchara	Immature Red bellied Wood Pecker	26
Prints - "A"			
1st	Art Yost	Nature's Color	25
2nd	Ron D'Amico	Red and Yellow	24
2nd	JoAnn Messina	Tom	24
2nd	Geri Mahon	Valley of Fire Arch	24
HM	Ron D'Amico	Hemlock Bridge	23
Snapshots			
1st	Weiwei Gao	Waiting	29
2nd	Weiwei Gao	Angel of the Flower	24
HM	Glenn Tuazon	Sunnyside	22



## First Electronic Competition

The first NHCC electronic competition closed on November 1, 2004. There were 70 images submitted by 14 competitors. Most competitors were entering their first electronic competition. Five people who don't live in Connecticut either joined NHCC or remained in the Club specifically to participate in this series of competitions.

For the most part the competition went smoothly with only a few file naming problems and a few images that didn't meet the size guidelines; these problems were easily resolved and I am sure the next competition will be even better. We also had one e-mail glitch which caused 5 images to arrive a day late, but we were able to include them in the judging.

The judge for the competition was Stanley Ashbrook, FPSA, from Largo, FL. Stan has extensive judging experience including electronic international salons. 28 megabytes of images were sent to Stan via CD with the makers' names removed from the file names.

All of the images will be posted on our Club Internet site so that all members of the Club can view them. The Excel score sheet (in PDF format) will also be posted so that you can all see the comments and scores assigned to individual images.

The next competition closes on Feb. 1, 2005. For more information or a set of rules, see or e-mail Bill Barnett. We would certainly like to have additional members join us.

## Winning Photographs from the First Electronic Competition

Place	Last	First	Title	Score
1st	Livernois	John	Reddish_Egrit_with_fish	29
2nd	Cuchara	Lisa	hummingbird	28
2nd	Haskes	Charles	Red_Tulips	28
HM	Barnett	William	Parallel_Universes_#2	27
HM	Barnett	William	Two_way_ATV_Battle	27
HM	cafasso	joe	slither	27
HM	cafasso	joe	heron	27
HM	cafasso	joe	calmness	27

## Cumulative Electronic Competition Summary

Last Name	First Name	Points	Count	Ave.
Cafasso	Joe	125	5	25.00
Livernois	John	119	5	23.80
Barnett	William	117	5	23.40
Appel	Ted	116	5	23.20
Asarisi	Martha	113	5	22.60
Hynes	Bernie	111	5	22.20
Aker	Beverly	109	5	21.80
Haskes	Charles	109	5	21.80
Tuazon	Glenn	109	5	21.80
Cuchara	Lisa	106	5	21.20
Appel	Aurette	103	5	20.60
Cuchara	Tom	100	5	20.00
Maturo	Pat	94	5	18.80
Dionne	James	91	5	18.20

## Robert Jacques

The New Haven Camera Club mourns the recent passing of Robert Jacques, a long time and very active member of the Club, at the age of 80

In his youth Bob was a professional roller skater, with the Wirling Aces. He was also an excellent diver, taking 2nd place in the Conn. A.A.U. diving competition. He was a Champion Dunkin Yo Yo performer and he played bass fiddle for a country western band.

For the last 20 years Bob was a member of the New Haven Camera Club where he became known for his landscapes, particularly photographs of barns. He was near the top of Class A slides for a number of years until he was promoted to Class AA. For the last 15 years Bob and his wife Ann have handled refreshments.

Bob will certainly be missed.

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