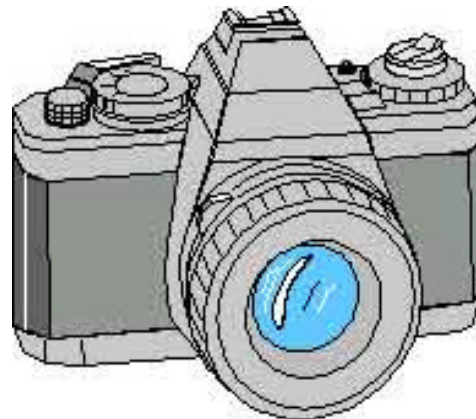


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Its Party Time!

Holiday Party and Mini Show Competition

Monday, December 12, 2005, 6:00 p.m.



The Club's annual Holiday Party and Mini Show Competition will be held on Monday evening, December 12, at Pompeo's Restaurant, 485 West Main St. (Route 1) 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, three types of meat, a variety of Italian specialties, and dessert. Price including tax and gratuity is \$26.00. Send in the coupon on page 3 before December

7, 2005.

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 or digital images plus music and/or narration. You can have any number of images, but the *maximum allowed time is five minutes*. The winners in each category (traditional slides and electronic slides), determined by a vote of the audience, will each win a Ruth Sprague Memorial Award.

See Page 3 for directions to Pompeo's. and additional info on the Mini Show Competition.



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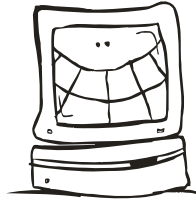
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From the Editor's Computer



The end of October I had the opportunity to attend PhotoPlus Expo at the Javits Center in New York City. It was a small show by Javits standards, but there was more than enough to interest the serious photographer, especially one who has made the switch to digital.

The show was dominated by companies with no connection to traditional photography including Apple, Epson, Adobe, and Hewlett Packard. Other companies which in the past would have been pushing film and film related products including Kodak, Nikon, Canon, and Fuji barely mentioned film, but rather used most or all of their space to promote their latest digital devices and services. Many companies making products that can be used equally well by film or digital photographers, such as lighting equipment and photo albums, had a digital twist to their promotions.

In addition to equipment, there were a large number of photographs on display. Some were displayed in vendors' booths to promote the use of one or more products, and there were several galleries set up around the edges of the exhibit space. The American Society of Media Photographers, for example, hosted an exhibition of works from the Chinese Photographer's Association.

One big change I noticed based on having attended this show for many years was the lack of large amounts of literature to hand out. Twenty years ago one could easily leave the show with a two-inch thick stack of literature. Now many booths handed out one-page data sheets with their Internet address prominently displayed where one can go for more information. This change saves the vendors money and is appreciated by the attendees because there is much less to carry home.

It will be interesting to see how much longer this show survives since it is now easier to research products on the Internet than attend a show. Attendance is down at many trade shows and others, such as PC Expo, have ceased to exist.

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Upcoming Events



December 5, 2005. Workshop: Scanning Film to Digital presented by Jim Boemmels.

December 12, 2005. Holiday Party and mini slide show competitions presented using traditional slides or projected electronic photographs.

January 9, 2006. Program: William Barnett, *Sports Photography in a Digital Age*.

January 23, 2006. Competition. Special Slide Category: *Portraits*

February 12, 2006. Program: Bill Barini, Tom Cuchara, Gary Prestash, and Richard Asarisi, *The 3 Moosketeers plus One*.

February 27, 2006. Competition. Special Slide Category: *Footprints*.

March 13, 2006. Program: Joe DiChello's slide program entitled *Five Star Final* (a special presentation to mark the 5th anniversary of Joe's passing).

March 27, 2006. Competition. Special Slide Category: *Having Fun*.

April 10, 2006. Program: Harold Sisken, MNEC, *Flower Photography*.

Directions to the Holiday Party

From New Haven, take 1-95 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 1-95 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.

Mini Show Competition

If you are planning to use traditional slides, the Club's projector will be available, but you are responsible for bringing a music player if required or arranging to use someone else's.

If you are planning an electronic presentation, Bill Barnett will be bringing a laptop computer which runs Windows XP. If you want him to project your show for you, contact him in advance at BarnettW@optonline.net. You can also bring your own computer which must connect to the new Club projector through the external monitor connection. If you have technical questions, e-mail Bill for clarification.



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Cumulative Competition Summary

NAME	POINTS	COUNT	AVERAGE
SLIDES A			
Karen Foster	93	4	23.25
Brenda Ziemba	93	4	23.25
Jan Podesva	92	4	23
Bill Sallak	92	4	23
Bill Bartini	92	4	23
JoAnn Messina	91	4	22.75
Andrey Antov	88	4	22
Rick Sokoloff	86	4	21.5
Jim Boemmels	45	2	22.5
Art Rodia	22	1	22
SLIDES AA			
Harold Siskin	102	4	25.5
Tom Cuchara	102	4	25.5
Lisa Cuchara	102	4	25.5
Paul Peterson	100	4	25
Ann Jacques	98	4	24.5
Shirley Mangler	97	4	24.25
Linda Thomas	96	4	24
Ann Yost	94	4	23.5
Jane Sibley	93	4	23.25
James Dionne	92	4	23
Art Yost	90	4	22.5
Ron D'Amico	89	4	22.25
PRINTS AA			
Tom Cuchara	107	4	26.75
Lisa Cuchara	102	4	25.5
Ron D'Amico	91	4	22.75
Linda Thomas	49	2	24.5
Art Yost	48	2	24
PRINTS A			
Andrey Antov	93	4	23.25
Jim Boemmels	93	4	23.25
Jo-Ann Messina	89	4	22.25
Laura Messina	89	4	22.25
Sam Voskov	68	3	22.67
Guay Chatfield	48	2	24
Keith Muratori	45	2	22.5
CATEGORY			
Linda Thomas	8	2	4
Paul Peterson	3	1	3
Andrey Antov	1	1	1

Cumulative Competition Summary (Continued)

NAME	POINTS	COUNT	AVERAGE
ELECTRONIC			
Bernie Hynes	105	4	26.25
Aurelle Appel	101	4	25.25
William Barnett	100	4	25
Lisa Cuchara	100	4	25
Keith Muratori	100	4	25
Tom Cuchara	97	4	24.25
Jan Doyle	94	4	23.5
Victor Krasenics	94	4	23.5
Cheryl Barnaba	92	4	23
Jim Boemmels	92	4	23
Paul Bartholomew	90	4	22.5
James Dionne	87	4	21.75
Rich Ziemba	83	4	20.75
Jay Anderson	71	3	23.67
Gary Prestash	58	2	29
Beverly Aker	48	2	24
John Livernois	47	2	23.5
Andrey Antov	90	4	22.5
Ron D'Amico	46	2	23
Jo-Ann Messina	44	2	22
SNAPSHOTS			
Brenda Ziemba	48	2	24
Michelle Mclean	46	2	23
Jim Boemmels	44	2	22



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October Winning Photographs

NAME	PLACE	TITLE	POINTS
SLIDES AA			
Shirley Mangler	1st	Red-Belly Woodpecker Female	27
Ann Jacques	2nd	Ice Racing	26
Tom Cuchara	2nd	Brown Thrasher Sings	26
Ann Yost	2nd	Pemaquid Reflection	26
Lisa Cuchara	2nd	Lunch with a Red Woodpecker	26
Paul Peterson	2nd	Yellowstone Elk	26
Harold Sisken	2nd	Tricolor Heron	26
Lisa Cuchara	HM	Refreshing Drink	25
SLIDES A			
Karen Foster	1st	French Field	25
William Sallak	2nd	Duck #1245	23
Jan Podesva	2nd	Turecam Tug	23
Jim Boemmels	2nd	Friends of Fall	23
Brenda Ziemba	2nd	Morning Lighthouse	23
Jo-Ann Messina	2nd	Sunburst	23
Brenda Ziemba	2nd	Lighthouse - Vertical View	23
Andrey Antov	HM	Water Cascades	22
Jo-Ann Messina	HM	Prairie Dog Antics	22
Art Rodia	HM	Safe Harbor	22
Rick Sokoloff	HM	Stony Creek	22
Andrey Antov	HM	Hidden	22
William Sallak	HM	Grandpa's Still	22
Jim Boemmels	HM	Bish Bash	22
ELECTRONIC			
Bernie Hynes	1st	Flying In	28
Vic Kransenic	2nd	Hummingbird 1	26
Jim Boemmels	2nd	Wedding Day	26
Lisa Cuchara	HM	Grasshoppers Mating #10989	25
Kieth Muratori	HM	Pulling up Hose	25
Ron D'Amico	HM	Badlands	25
Tom Cuchara	HM	Male Osprey	25
CATEGORY			
Paul Peterson	1st	By the River	3
Linda Thomas	2nd	Coleus Swirl	2
Andrey Antov	HM	Fire Leaves	1
PRINTS AA			
Tom Cuchara	1st	Saw wet Owl	28
Lisa Cuchara	2nd	Immature Black Crowned....	26
Tom Cuchara	HM	The Columbine	25
PRINTS A			
Jim Boemmels	1st	Who Me?	26
Andrey Antov	2nd	Bristle	24
Laura Messina	HM	The Creek	23
Sam Voskov	HM	Valley Flowers	23
SNAPSHOTS			
Michelle Mclean	1st	Crata Lalle in June	27
Brenda Ziemba	2nd	Sitting Pretty	25
Brenda Ziemba	HM	Freshly Picked	23
Jim Boemmels	HM	Carnival	23

Scanning Workshop

Thinking about the leap to digital? Why not consider a small hop to scanning first. Jim Boemmels will be hosting a Scanning Workshop at his home on Monday, December 5, 2005.

Learning how to scan 35mm film and archive the images digitally is a logical first step to going digital. You may not even want to change to a digital camera once you see the results of your scanned images. The color slide that you digitize can be the equivalent of a 20 mega-pixel digital image. How many digital owners do you know that can capture a 20 mega-pixel image?

Until a few months ago a scanner to convert 35 mm images to high resolution digital image could cost as much as a digital SLR, a thousand dollars or more, or \$1.50 to \$3.00/slide to have a lab make the transfer for you. Now for a modest investment of ~ \$200, you can purchase an Epson high resolution scanner. The Epson scanner comes with Adobe Photoshop Elements. This basic program will enable you to turn your computer into a digital dark room.

If you would like to participate in this workshop, please e-mail Jim (boemmels@adelphia.net) or call him at (203) 929-6735. He will e-mail you directions to his home. Please bring one or two slides and or negatives along with a fresh CD-R, if you would like to archive your images.

Since Jim will be doing this workshop at home he has limited space and can accommodate only eight people. This workshop is only open to fully paid up members of NHCC.

