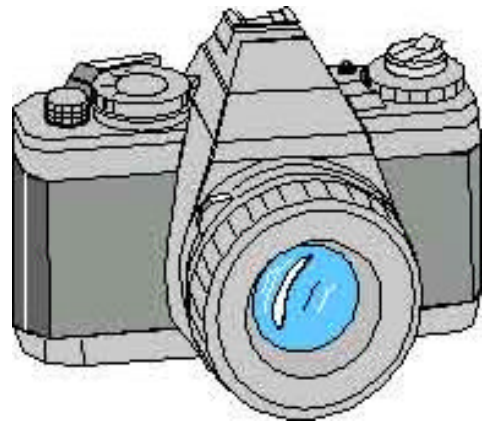


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Our Next Program Night:

Five Star Final **Monday, March 13, 2006** **In Memory of Joe Dichello**

Many members of the New Haven Camera Club remember Joe DiChello who died five years ago. Our next program will be Joe's program *Five Star Final* on Monday evening, March 13, 2006, under the direction of Paul Peterson.

Joe originally put this program together using the accepted slides that earned him five stars for exhibiting in International Color Slide Salons sanctioned by the Photographic Society of America. Earning five stars requires 640 acceptances of at least 128 different slide titles. In this program you will see examples of Joe's outstanding landscape photography and creative slide modifications that most color slide photographers no longer practice such as sandwiches of two slides or overlays made using Kodalith or diazachrome film.

Joe's pictures were published in magazines, cards, posters, and books. Jan Doyle summed up his approach thusly: "If it moved, he shot it. If it stood still, he shot it. He was always ready to share his talent and techniques with others. Joe was an outstanding photographer."

Please attend to remember Joe and celebrate his photography.

Gallery Photos Needed

Are you aware that your Club has space on our Internet site for photographs by members? This should be of particular interest to all our members who are entering the monthly competition for electronic photographs, though the rest of the membership can also participate by scanning their slides or negatives.

If you want to participate, discuss the image size and suggested number of photos with Lisa Cuchara (Lisa.Cuchara@yale.edu). Members already represented may want to update their presence with new images and an updated biography.

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Upcoming Field Trips

The New Haven Camera Club Field Trip Committee has been very busy scheduling field trips for 2006. The winter season has been mild, making it difficult for the more hardy and adventurous to capture snow scenes. We hope that with spring upon us the field trips will inspire many Club members.

Daffodils at Laurel Ridge in Thomaston. Join us on Saturday April 22, 2006, for a morning photographing Daffodils at Laurel Ridge in Thomaston. The Daffodil field trip is leaving *promptly* at 7:30 a.m. We will meet at the commuter parking lot off of Exit 58 of the Wilbur Cross Parkway in Derby (Route 34). It is about 27 miles to Laurel Ridge. Note that there are **no** bathrooms in the field. There are lots and lots of daffodils, and there is a pond and pretty stonewalls. There is also a windmill right up the road from the daffodils. We can stop at the diner for breakfast afterwards. Please contact Lisa to sign up or for more information at photographer67@comcast.net.

Wind Over Wings. This opportunity to photograph the raptors is scheduled for May 13, 2006. We will meet at the commuter lot of I-95, exit 64 at 9:30 a.m. Please carpool from your point of departure, if possible, as the commuter lot is small. The fee is \$20 per person and we need a minimum of 10 people to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet on the back table starting February 27, 2006, for those interested in attending or e-mail Jo-Ann Messina at pvrr42@prodigy.net. The rain date for this trip is May 20th, but many people are going to the Charter Oak all day seminar that day so we are hoping not to have rain on the 13th.

Other Upcoming Trips in the Planning Stage. In addition to the two trips mentioned above the committee is working on the following:

- **Bronx Zoo.** This trip is in the planning stage for May or June, 2006. Contact Linda at HumBrd001@aol.com for more information.
- **Garden in the Woods** (tentative) for June 3, 2006. For additional information visit <http://www.newfs.org/garden.htm> or e-mail Lisa at photographer67@comcast.net.
- **Nature Works** on June 3 or 11, 2006, to photograph flowers. For more information contact Jo-Ann at pvrr42@prodigy.net.

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Upcoming Events



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 1, 2006. Entries accepted for the Milford Center for the Arts photographic competition.

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

April 22, 2006. Field trip to photograph Daffodils at Laurel Ridge in Thomaston.

April 24, 2006. Competition. Special Slide Category: *Spring*.

April 29, 2006. CAP Digital Photography Seminar with Rick Sammon and Bob & Dave Singer.

May 6, 2006. CAP field trip to photograph Staten Island lighthouses.

May 8, 2006. Competition. Special Slide Category: *Summer Time*.

May 13, 2006. Field trip to Wind Over Wings.

Field Trips (continued)

- **Storm King Art Center.** Summer 2006, date to be announced. For more information go to www.stormking.org/generalinformation.html, or contact Lisa at photographer67@comcast.net.
- **Coastal Maine and Lighthouses (part 2).** Last year Linda took us to the first third of coastal Maine. This year's trip on Sept. 22-25, 2006, will be an extension of last year's trip—going up to the second part of coastal Maine. The main attractions of the trip are Camden, Bar Harbor, Deer Island, and Cape Neddick. The trip will include sunrise & sunset visits and many desirable places to have lunch & dinner. This promises to be an excellent trip!! Please email Linda for more info. HumBrd001@aol.com. Attendance will be limited so contact Linda promptly to be sure of securing a spot.
- **Strawberry Hollow Farm.** This **Fall 2006** half day trip (date to be announced) will visit Strawberry Hollow Farm located on Route 1 in Branford, noted for its exquisite displays of chrysanthemums, gourds and pumpkins. NHCC members wishing to attend, please contact Jo-Ann Messina via e-mail at pvrr42@prodigy.net
- **Rose Farm.** This Fall 2006 half day trip (date to be announced) will visit Rose Farm on Route 139 noted for its animals, pumpkins and ice cream. NHCC members wishing to attend, please contact Jo-Ann Messina via e-mail at pvrr42@prodigy.net



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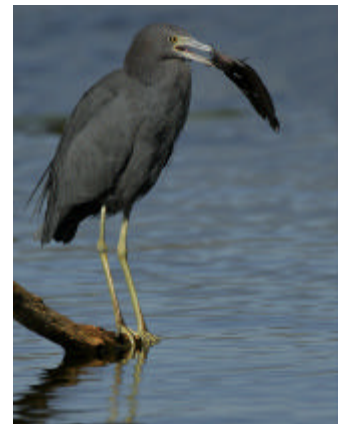
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Lisa Cuchara's *Little Blue With Catfish* which won an award in the second PSA Interclub Competition for electronic photographs. Gary Prestash's best of show image was published last month.

Attend the NECCC Conference Free

If you meet the following criteria, you may be eligible for a **free registration** at the next NECCC Conference to be held on July 14-16, 2006, though you will have to pay for your own transportation, housing, and meal expenses.

- You must be a member of the New Haven Camera Club.
- You must be at least eighteen years old on July 1, 2006.
- You have never attended a previous NECCC Conference.

If you are eligible and are sure that you will be attending the next conference, notify our President Gary Prestash by phone at (203) 288-0324 or by e-mail at gprestash27@comcast.net before March 15, 2006. If more than one member is interested, we will hold a drawing for the free registration.

Our Club is permitted to sponsor only one first time attendee, and after the decision is made and the paper work is submitted to NECCC we can't change our mind. Don't sign up unless you are sure you will be attending.

For more information on the Conference go to www.NECCC.org. Currently information about last year's conference is on the site, but it should be updated in the near future with programs and activities for the next conference.



Orangutan Portrait by John Livenois, from the Florida branch of the Club, received 30 points in our January competition.

Joe DiChello Award

At the Annual Awards Dinner in June one of the competitions is to choose the winner of the Joe DiChello Award for the best landscape or seascape. In previous years this award was chosen from among the slides submitted into the slide of the year competition. However, since we now have more members entering prints or electronic photographs than slides the procedures for the competition were changed. The following excerpt from our current Handbook summarizes the new rules.

“In addition, 2 slides may be submitted to a special landscape/seascape competition for the Joe Dichello Award. The images on these slides may also be entered in one of the photograph-of-the-year competitions. The images on these slides must have been entered in one regular category of competition (snapshots, prints, electronic photographs, or slides) during the year; those entered in snapshots, prints, or electronic photographs must be converted to slides to be entered in this special competition (a number of commercial services will produce slides from digital files or film negatives if the original wasn't captured on slide film). If a slide maker wants to enter the same slide in both the landscape/seascape and the slide-of-the-year competitions, he/she will have to have 2 duplicate slides either photographed in the camera or duplicated using a slide duplication device or commercially.”

For those of you with digital images, slides can easily be made by a number of companies such as

- <http://www.iprintfromhome.com/>
- <http://www.colorsline.com/>
- <http://www.slides.com/>

Be sure to carefully follow their instructions:



Gliding Low by Bernie Hynes, also from the Florida branch of the Club, received 28 points and a tie for second place in our January competition.

Cumulative Competition Summary

NAME	POINTS	COUNT	AVERAGE
ELECTRONIC			
Gary Prestash	214	8	26.75
Bernie Hynes	208	8	26.00
Lisa Cuchara	206	8	25.75
William Barnett	196	8	24.50
Aurelle Appel	196	8	24.50
Victor Krasenics	194	8	24.25
Jan Doyle	194	8	24.25
Tom Cuchara	191	8	23.88
Andrey Antov	177	8	22.13
James Dionne	174	8	21.75
Ron D'Amico	173	8	21.63
Rich Ziemba	168	8	21.00
John Livernois	154	6	25.67
Jo-Ann Messina	150	7	21.43
Beverly Aker	148	6	24.67
Cheryl Barnaba	139	6	23.17
Jim Boemmels	138	6	23.00
Keith Muratori	100	4	25.00
Fred Rosenthal	97	4	24.25
Paul Bartholomew	90	4	22.50
Jay Anderson	71	3	23.67
Bill Bartini	69	3	23.00
Michael Robichaud	46	2	23.00
Joan Balen	44	2	22.00
PRINTS AA			
Lisa Cuchara	211	8	26.38
Tom Cuchara	209	8	26.13
Art Yost	140	6	23.33
Ron D'Amico	132	6	22.00
Linda Thomas	49	2	24.50
PRINTS A			
Andrey Antov	187	8	23.38
Guay Chatfield	174	8	21.75
Laura Messina	170	8	21.25
Jim Boemmels	143	6	23.83
Jo-Ann Messina	135	6	22.50
Sam Voskov	108	5	21.60
Margaret Stone	94	4	23.50
Michelle McKean	86	4	21.50
Michael Robichaud	49	2	24.50
Keith Muratori	45	2	22.50
Karl Traichel	43	2	21.50

Cumulative Competition Summary (Continued)

NAME	POINTS	COUNT	AVERAGE
SLIDES A			
Karen Foster	188	8	23.50
JoAnn Messina	181	8	22.63
Bill Sallak	178	8	22.25
Andrey Antov	177	8	22.13
Rick Sokoloff	153	7	21.86
Brenda Ziemba	132	6	22.00
Jan Podesva	132	6	22.00
Bill Bartini	92	4	23.00
Jim Boemmels	45	2	22.50
Pat Maturo	40	2	20.00
Art Rodia	22	1	22.00
SLIDES AA			
Lisa Cuchara	210	8	26.25
Paul Peterson	205	8	25.63
Harold Siskin	203	8	25.38
Tom Cuchara	200	8	25.00
Shirley Mangler	195	8	24.38
Ann Jacques	191	8	23.88
James Dionne	189	8	23.63
Linda Thomas	188	8	23.50
Jane Sibley	187	8	23.38
Ann Yost	186	8	23.25
Art Yost	184	8	23.00
Ron D'Amico	175	8	21.88
CATEGORY			
Linda Thomas	8	2	4.00
Jim Boemmels	6	1	6.00
Paul Peterson	6	2	3.00
Tom Cuchara	2	1	2.00
Lisa Cuchara	1	1	1.00
Andrey Antov	1	1	1.00
SNAPSHOT			
Brenda Ziemba	91	4	22.75
Michelle McKean	49	2	24.50
Michelle Mclean	46	2	23.00
Jim Boemmels	44	2	22.00
Sam Voskov	42	2	21.00

Thanks from Jane Sibley

Jane Sibley, who recently had eye surgery, asked that I publish her thanks for the flowers received from the Club and the cards received from many members. She is back attending meetings and reports that she is recovering, even if slower than she would

January Winning Photographs

NAME	PLACE	TITLE	POINTS
SLIDES AA			
Paul Peterson	1st	Seeds Popping	28
Paul Peterson	2nd	Morning At Mt. Rainier	27
Lisa Cuchara	HM	Immature Black Crowned Night Heron	26
Linda Thomas	HM	Backing Away	26
Tom Cuchara	HM	It's My Bug	26
Jim Dionne	HM	Mesa Arch	26
Art Yost	HM	A Yearning For Freedom	26
Ann Yost	HM	Rockport Rowboat	26
SLIDES A			
Karen Foster	1st	Icicles	25
Rick Sokoloff	2nd	Stony Creek	23
Jo-Ann Messina	2nd	Between Bites	23
Jo-Ann Messina	HM	Standing Tall	22
William Sallak	HM	Cape Codder	22
Karen Foster	HM	Hubbard Park	22
Andrey Antov	HM	Winter in the Mountains	22
William Sallak	HM	Early Spring	22
ELECTRONIC			
John Livernois	1st	Orangutan Portrait	30
Bernie Hynes	2nd	Gliding Low	28
Beverly Aker	2nd	Golden Blossom	28
Jan Doyle	HM	So Many Fish So Little Time	27
CATEGORY			
Jim Boemmels	1st	Elisa Engaged	3
Jim Boemmels	2nd	Indiana Jack	2
Jim Boemmels	HM	Annie	1
PRINTS AA			
Lisa Cuchara	1st	Bumblebee & Flower	28
Lisa Cuchara	2nd	Great Blue Heron Displaying	26
Tom Cuchara	HM	The Great Egret's Flight for a Mate	25
Prints A			
Jim Boemmels	1st	Looking For A Mater	27
Jo-Ann Messina	2nd	Cherry Blossom Time	25
Michael Robichaud	2nd	V's re Visited	24
Michael Robichaud	HM	Solitude & Serenity	24
Margaret Stone	HM	Garden Visitor	24

Board Meeting Update

The Executive Committee held a meeting on January 30, 2006, at the home of Gary Prestash. We discussed a wide ranging series of issues. The more important decisions are discussed below.

The Club's dues will increase by \$5 per category starting on March 1, 2006. The dues will be \$25 for an individual and \$40 for a family. The Club is paying a higher rent for our meeting facility than the last few years and our slide projector requires service.

Next year the competition of electronic photographs will be divided into two classes, A and B. The Executive Committee will use the results of this year's competition to divide the competitors between the two classes. If any member feels that his/her assignment is incorrect he/she can request that he/she be assigned to the other class.

The Executive Committee is actively soliciting suggestions for next year's assignments. If you wish to submit a suggestion, send it to Bill Barnett by e-mail (BarnettW@optonline.net) or see Bill at one of the next few meetings. We need these suggestions by the first of May so that they can be assembled into a list for voting at our last competition of the year on May 8, 2006.

Interclub Competition

PSA Electronic. In the second PSA interclub competition hosted by The Photographic Guild of Nova Scotia our Club was again in first place. That means after two of the four competitions in the series we have 142 points while the second place club has 138 points. In this competition Gary Prestash won Best in Show for his *Redbellied Woodpecker* and Lisa Cuchara won an award for *Little Blue With Catfish*.

NECCC Color Slides. In the Winter competition hosted by the Greater Lynn Photographic Association, our Club was in second place. We are now in the upper ½ of the clubs that compete in Class AA. In that competition Jane Sibley was in a 4-way tie for first place with her slide *Hang On*, and Lisa Cuchara won an HM for her slide *Sparrow in My Backyard*.

CAP Digital Photography Seminar

On **Saturday, April 29, 2006**, CAP will present an outstanding lineup of speakers on digital photography and editing at a special seminar that will replace the group's regular spring dinner meeting.

In the morning **Rick Sammon** will present a seminar entitled *Digital Photo Techniques and Photoshop Tips*. In this seminar he will share his favorite digital photography and Photoshop techniques. For each image he shows he will offer a tip or a technique. This presentation is sponsored by Canon.

In the afternoon we will hear from **Bob and Dave Singer, MNECs** presenting a seminar entitled *Getting More Out of Photoshop*. They will share ways that you can get much more out of your digital editing efforts by using a color managed workflow, digital asset management tools to sort and find that one-out-of-thousands picture, some great new Photoshop plug-ins, and a user forum for members of NECCC clubs at www.mydigitalphoto.info.

For more information go to the Club's home Internet page at www.newhavencameraclub.org and click on a link ½ way down the page to download a flyer with all the details.

Photographic Expo 2006

The Milford Fine Arts Council will be holding a photographic exhibit open to all Connecticut photographers. Each photographer may submit up to four **framed prints** which must be between 8x10 and 16x20 inches. An entry fee of \$10 per print will be charged.

Prints will be received on Saturday, April 1, 2006, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Milford Center for the Arts. An opening reception is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2006, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Center. A Gallery Talk will be presented by Antoinette Gombeda, HonNEC, on Thursday evening, April 27, 2006, at 7 p.m. Photographers may pick up their prints following the gallery talk or on Sunday, April 30, 2006, from 10 a.m. until noon.

For more information and a copy of the exhibition flyer contact Edie Francoeur at tiffany24K@aol.com or call the Milford Center for the Arts at (203) 878-6647. Even if you don't participate, be sure to view this exhibition of outstanding work by CT photographers.

CAP Field Trips

The New Haven Camera Club is a member of CAP as are quite a few of our members. CAP will be sponsoring a number of field trips and other events during the upcoming spring and summer seasons that should be of interest to members of the New Haven Camera Club. These trips are open **only** to CAP members. If you are not yet a member, see Jim Dionne, CAP's membership chairman, to join so that you can participate in CAP's many activities. The yearly dues are only \$7.50. Examples of the upcoming field trips include:

- **Magic Wings.** This trip on **March 25, 2006**, will allow you to visit Magic Wings Butterfly Conservancy in Deerfield, MA, to photograph the butterflies **before** it opens to the public at 9:30 a.m. Tripods will be allowed during this special time. Everyone can stay longer, but they can only use a monopod after that time. Cost is \$15.00. Please contact Edie at tiffany24k@aol.com for details about this trip (space limited). For more information on Magic Wings visit www.magicwings.com.
- **Staten Island Lighthouse Field Trip.** This trip, organized by Howard Siegel, will take place on **May 6, 2006**. For more details contact Howard at (203) 874-4572 (he is usually home after 5 p.m.) or by e-mail at hmsiegel@optonline.net. He needs your name, telephone number, e-mail address, and if you can drive as some areas have limited parking.
- **Waterford Speedbowl.** Hazel Meredith has gotten the group permission to enter the inside of the track at \$12 per person. This trip will occur on June 3, 2006. For more information or to sign up, contact Hazel at RACEnFISH@aol.com.

This list includes only some of the trips being planned by CAP. Members receive *The CAPtion* which describes the upcoming events in greater detail. Also, don't forget the digital seminar on April 29, 2006, which is described elsewhere in this newsletter. If you aren't a member, now is the time to join. To receive an example copy of *The CAPtion* send Bill Barnett an e-mail to BarnettW@optonline.net.