

The Annual Awards Banquet
Tuesday, June 10, 2008
Eli's on Whitney Restaurant, Hamden, CT

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday, June 10th at Eli's on Whitney Restaurant, 2392 Whitney Ave., Hamden, CT.

Light hors d'oeuvres will be served starting at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner will be served at approximately 6:30 p.m.

All meals will include fresh garden salad, seasonal vegetable, potato, bread and butter, ice cream fudge roll desert, and coffee or tea. The price for the meals including gratuity and tax is \$28 per person.

The dinner choices are:

- (1) Grilled sliced **London broil** topped with red wine mushroom sauce
- (2) **Chicken Marsala** sautéed in wine mushroom sauce
- (3) **Baked Scrod** topped with a snow crab and cracker crust.

At the conclusion of the dinner, awards will be given for the 2007-08 high cumulative average in each class and the Everett Wilson Trophy for the most improved beginning photographer will be award.

Then the Print-, Electronic Photograph-, and Slide-of-the-Year competitions will be held. **You may enter up to four photographs in each competition.** Your entries must have been entered into regular competition during the 2007-08 Club year, though they need not have been ribbon winners. Category slides are not to be included.

Don't forget that this year we have a new procedure for choosing the **Joe DiChello Award for best landscape or seascape**. This year the competition will be separate from the various photograph-of-the-year competitions. Anyone who wants to enter a photograph that was entered into any category (prints, slides, or electronic) of competition this year must submit an electronic image of that photo.

You may bring your slides and prints to the dinner for entry. Electronic photographs, however, must be entered in advance. All electronic competitors will receive an e-mail following the May 2008 competition with special instructions for entering the Electronic Photograph-of-the-Year Competition.

Complete details from our Handbook are on our website.

<http://www.newhavencameraclub.org/handbook.htm>

We hope you can all join in this final event of a **very successful Club year** of the New Haven Camera Club. Good fellowship and the opportunity to see the best slides, prints, and electronic photographs from this past season always make for a great evening.

Directions to the Annual Banquet

The New Haven Camera Club will hold it's annual end-of-the-year and awards banquet at "Eli's on Whitney" restaurant, 2392 Whitney Ave, Hamden, on Tuesday, June 10th. The restaurant is on the corner of Whitney Ave. and School Street, just one block north of the Hamden Town Hall. There is a parking lot across the street from Eli's on School Street.

The banquet facilities are in the lower level of the restaurant; either enter on Whitney Ave and go through the bar to the back of the restaurant and proceed downstairs, or enter on the School St. side and go directly downstairs.

For those coming from the New Haven area, come up Whitney Ave to the Hamden Town Hall and proceed one more block north to the restaurant. The parking lot will be across from the restaurant on your right.

For those coming from farther away and using the Merritt Parkway, take exit 61 and proceed north on Whitney Ave. as explained above. If coming north on I-91, take exit 5, Willow St. to Whitney Ave, and then proceed north on Whitney. If coming south on I-91, take exit 10, and follow it to the end to Whitney Ave. Turn south (left) onto Whitney and proceed a mile or so toward Hamden center.

The restaurant's telephone number is (203) 287-1101. For more information go to <http://www.elisonwhitney.com/pages/contact.html>

To make your reservation for the banquet, print out & complete the form on the next page and return it with your check to Tom Cuchara by June 2nd.

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• **Annual Awards Banquet Reservation Form**

• **Yes, I (we) will attend the Awards Banquet of the New Haven Camera Club.**

• **Name(s):**

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• _____ Number of London Broil

• _____ Number of Chicken Marsala

• _____ Number of Baked Scrod

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• Enclosed (@\$28 per person): \$ _____

• Make your checks payable to "New Haven Camera Club" and send to:

• Tom Cuchara, 60 Braeside Drive, Hamden, CT 06514

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The Jane Sibley Honor Award is presented to the best nature photograph selected by the judges in a separate electronic competition. Jane is a long time member of the club known for doing a variety of photography including nature.

The Joe DiChello Award is presented to the best landscape or seascape photograph selected by the judges in a separate electronic competition. Joe was a long time member of the club who was known for his excellent landscape photography.

The images **must** have been entered in one regular category of competition (prints, electronic photographs or slides) during the year; those entered in prints or slides must be converted to electronic images. These images may *also* be entered in one of the photograph-of-the-year competitions.

The Everett Wilson Memorial Trophy is presented to the new member (defined as a member who is in his/her first 5 years of membership in the NHCC without previous competition experience in another club) who shows the greatest improvement from one year to the next. To be eligible the member must have submitted 16 photographs in a single category during the season. That member must have submitted at least 6 photographs in the same or a different category the previous season. The winner is the member whose average score shows the greatest improvement from one year to the next.

Year-end awards:

A high cumulative score trophy is awarded for the highest cumulative score in each print class (A and AA), each electronic photograph class (B and A), and each slide class (A, AA). A cumulative score assigned subject trophy is also awarded to the person who accumulates the most points in our Special Category Competitions (Assigned Subjects). These trophies are all presented at the Annual Awards Banquet in June.

Promotions to a higher class in prints, electronic or slides will be made after each contest year by the Executive Committee to equalize class size and skill level for fairest and keenest competition based on average scores achieved during the year. Changes are announced in the issue of Close Ups that precedes a new club year.

Bring prints or slides to the year end dinner. Electronic photographs (including those for the Joe Dichello Memorial Award and Jane Sibley Honor Award) must be e-mailed to NHCCwin@optonline.net by midnight on the Friday night prior to the annual dinner to give the competition committee time to organize the photographs for the competition. Alternatively the director of the electronic competitions may have retained the photos used during the year and only the titles of the selected photos will have to be sent. Each electronic photography competitor will receive an e-mail after the May competition with specific instructions.