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Manhattan Miniature Camera Club

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October, 2005

MMCC meetings: 6:30 pm sharp!*

Monday, October 17 (3rd Monday)

Competition Judge: Neil Berzak
Plus assigned theme: "Water"

Monday October 24

Workshop. MMCC Members: "Matting, Framing, Slide Mounting; Digital Projection Images"

Monday, November 7 (1st Monday)

Competition Judge: Al Francekevich

Monday November 14 (2nd Monday)

Workshop. "Night & Low Light Photography"

* Competition entries must be in by **6:15 pm**; put your assigned number on prints and slides.

Met Camera Club Council

Met Council will hold its first regular competition of the season on Friday, October 21. We will choose slides and prints for inter-club competition, but individual sponsors can also enter their own photos. Lila Pollinger and Larry Yates will collect slides and prints for this and upcoming competitions. To attend or bring your own sponsor entries, arrive at the Staten Island Institute of Arts & Science, 75 Stuyvesant Place & Wall Street, by 7:00 pm. The Institute is less than a 10 minute walk from the ferry terminal. Get directions from Larry.

Competition No. 2: October 17

We are pleased to have Neil Robert Berzak for the first time. Neil has taken many courses at The New School and workshops with The Owens Valley Group. He is a member of the Fresh Meadows and Flushing Camera Clubs, International Center of Photography, and Photo Administrators, Inc. Neil collects master prints, photo books, and cameras. He no longer prints in large format but still maintains his darkroom and film cameras while testing digital waters.

Field Trip: October 23

Waterloo Village, here we come! On Sunday, October 23, we will try again to visit a 19th Century canal town in western New Jersey, departing at 9:00 am. Besides handsome old buildings and grounds, it has crafts people dressed in costumes and pleased to model. Any foliage color will reflect on its lake and stream. We might also shoot at its Family Medieval Festival nearby. To get there and back, we will try to fit everybody into members' cars but might have to rent one. Speak to Larry Yates or Pasquale Pascullo if you want to join us.

Presentation Workshop: October 24

How well our photographs impress viewers and judges depends largely on how well they are presented. Sloppy matting, poorly mounted slides, and misshaped digital images do not impress favorably. However, our own members have solutions. Bring your problem photos and questions to this workshop. It could help your 7's become 8's, and your 8's become 9's.

PSA Cosmopolitan Chapter Fall Foto Fest: October 30

8:30 AM, Skyline Hotel, 10th Ave. & 49th St. In the morning, two of New Jersey's top photographers will present their best images. Ben Venezia will do "Desert Dreams," a multimedia journey through the Southwest. Then Phil Echo will teach us "How to Photograph Wildlife." He will illustrate correct exposure, use of flash, composition, equipment, and capturing images of elusive birds and animals.

In the afternoon, we will be able to shoot live models -- animals and people, tabletop setups, and rear-screen projection with your own slides. And for lunch, you have my favorite cheap Mexican cafe.

Club news/member news

New members

By Larry Yates

The new club season has brought us outstanding newcomers. As the attached score report shows, senior members will need to work hard and shoot well to keep up with new members.

Bob Burns is no stranger to MMCC. He was invited year after year to judge our competitions, showing that we prized his keen eye and helpful suggestions. Though lost to us as a judge, Bob will continue to help improve our art. He will give our February workshop on "Travel Tips" based on his years of leading photo tours. Our club will benefit also from Bob's experience with camera clubs.

Julie La Fontaine accompanies Bob on their many trips and other photographic activities, but depends on nobody when she takes superb photos. As a judge at their New York Telephone Club, I got to see her work and was delighted when she chose to join us.

Another newcomer with much talent is **Mike Cohen**. Besides creating prints that pleased our September judge, Mike is a professional musician and composer. His band, Kleztraphobix, has released its first CD: "Another Bottle of Vodka." Mike composed the title song, and 'Mike's New Tune,' as well doing the cover photographs. His band's web is at www.kleztraphobix.com.

Our newest member, **Carol Ivanick**, has yet to show her photos but has already shown her abilities elsewhere. Carol is a semiretired compensation attorney with Dewey Ballantine LLP. She worked with the General Electric Pension Trust and other funds. Carol's practice description is at www.deweyballantine.com.

MMCC must be doing something right to attract such distinguished members. In turn, Bob, Julie, Mike, and Carol will strengthen our club and help to attract others. We welcome them.

Year-end poem

[At annual dinners, poet laureate Lila Pollinger graces us with a poem witty and insightful. Her

2005 verse deserves immortality, or at least being reprinted in these humble pages.]

My Prayer

Lila Pollinger

One Sunday a month I say a prayer that
Monday we'll have a judge that is fair.
He won't say that's a great picture of a cat,
however I don't like the color of the mat.
He won't say that he is in doubt if the elephant
in the sunset is real or a cutout.

That he loves the photo you took of the bride,
but the catch lights are centered and should
be offside.

The photo of roses are as great as they can be,
but you only have two flowers when you
should have three.

I also pray the judge won't be jerky
like calling all birds a turkey.

And saying that picture's just great
and then scoring it 6 not 9 or 8

After the competition comes to a close
that is not the end of my woes.

I pray when I get into work
and turn on my e-mail I won't go berserk.
100 unread e-mails I see,
and all of them from MMCC.

Tuesday Evening Hour 2005-06-07 shows

MMCC members show their slides regularly at the Tuesday Evening Hour, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, at St. Margaret's, 49 Fulton Street.

On October 11, Larry Yates revisited the Marquesas Islands out of Tahiti. His show was so appreciated by the audience that another camera club's officer tried to lure him into her club. He spurned her; once a Miniature, always a Miniature!

On February 14, Rita Zimmerman will take her audience to Lisbon and Southern Portugal. Our new members, Bob Burns and Julie La Fontaine will have a two-part program on February 28 and March 7 from their extensive travel and shooting in the American Southwest. On March 14, Vlassios (George) Pырpyris will explore again northeastern Italy and Slovenia. On April 11, Larry will reveal the secret beauty of his home state: Idaho.

Director Marjorie Grim is still accepting

applications for 2007 programs (January through May, and September through December). You can call Marjorie at 212-385-3650 to get a form and calendar of available dates. Besides slide shows, you could give a digital presentation if you brought your own equipment.

NYC photo opportunities

Fall Foliage and Bird Festival Weekend. Oct. 15-16. Queens Zoo. www.queenszoo.com

100th Anniversary of Staten Island Ferry. Oct. 25. siwatfrontfestival.org

Halloween Parade & Pumpkin Sail. Oct. 29. Central Park. www.centralparknyc.org

Greenwich Village Halloween Parade. Oct. 31. Sixth Avenue. www.halloween-nyc.com

New York City Marathon. Nov. 6. Citywide, ending in Central Park. www.nyrrc.org

Inflating Balloons for Macy's Parade. Nov. 26. CPW side streets. www.nyctourist.com/macys_balnite_attend.htm

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Nov. 27. CPW & Broadway. www.macys.com

Other NYC activities

[Information from Park West Camera Club newsletter]

PhotoPlus Expo Photography & Design Conference. Oct. 20-22. Jacob Javits Center. www.photoplusexpo.com

Sierra Club Photography Committee. Oct. 21. Special meeting to honor environmental photographer Robert Glenn Ketchum. newyork.sierraclub.org/nyc/meetdate.html

Photoshop Special Interest Group of NYPC. Oct. 24. Luncheon & meeting. www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop_sig.html

Dates at a Glance

details in this issue

Mon. Oct. 17 - MMCC competition

Mon. Oct. 21 - Met Council competition

Sun. Oct. 23 - Field Trip, Waterloo

Mon. Oct. 24 - MMCC workshop

Sun. Oct. 30 - Cosmo Foto Fest

Mon. Nov. 7 - MMCC competition

Mon. Nov. 14 - MMCC workshop
(details later)



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The Manhattan Miniature Camera Club of New York, Inc., founded in 1933, meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at First Presbyterian Church Hall, 12 West 12th Street (Fifth Avenue) at 6:30 pm. **Guests welcome!**

MMCC and many of its members belong to the **Photographic Society of America** and the **Metropolitan Camera Club Council**. For information about joining PSA, go to www.psa-photo.org.

MMCC CUMULATIVE SCORES

Competition No. 1 September 12, 2005 Judge: Leon Hertzson

<u>SLIDES</u>					<u>PRINTS</u>				
<u>Member</u>	<u>Cumulative Score</u>	<u>Honors: Comp. #1</u>	<u>Entries</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Cumulative Score</u>	<u>Honors: Comp. #1</u>	<u>Entries</u>	<u>Average</u>
LaFontaine, Julie	17.5	A, HM	2	8.75	Yates, Larry	17.0	Best, 2HM	2	8.50
Burns, Bob	17.0	Best, A, HM	2	8.50	Cohen, Mike	16.5	2HM	2	8.25
Gluck, Morton	16.5	2HM	2	8.25	Roddy, Dolores	16.5	2HM	2	8.25
Gottfried, Claire	16.5	2HM	2	8.25	Velez, Carmelo	16.5	2HM	2	8.25
Pollinger, Lila	16.5	2HM	2	8.25	Jones, Gerie	16.0	2HM	2	8.00
Ponomarenko, Walter	16.5	2HM	2	8.25	Gluck, Morton	15.5	HM	2	7.75
Stuhl, Joe	16.0	A	2	8.00	Hagen, June S.	15.0		2	7.50
Stuhl, Arlene	16.0	HM	2	8.00	Messinger, Ruth	14.5		2	7.25
Zimmerman, Rita	16.0	HM	2	8.00	Pollinger, Lila	14.5		2	7.25
Heller, Ron	15.5	HM	2	7.75	***** *****				
Jones, Gerie	15.5	HM	2	7.75	DIGITALLY PROJECTED IMAGES				
Roddy, Dolores	15.5	HM	2	7.75	<u>Member</u>	<u>Cumulative Score</u>	<u>Honors: Comp. #1</u>	<u>Entries</u>	<u>Average</u>
Yates, Larry	15.5	HM	2	7.75	Pascullo, Pasquale	18.0	Best, 2A	2	9.00
Anderson, Karen	15.0	HM	2	7.50	Cohen, Mike	16.5	2HM	2	8.25
Holsten, Anita	15.0	HM	2	7.50	Sofia, Michael	16.5	2HM	2	8.25
Currier, Betsy	14.5		2	7.25	Yates, Larry	16.5	2HM	2	8.25
					Budzinski, Barbara	16.0	2HM	2	8.00
					Gottfried, Claire	8.0	HM	1	8.00
					Hagen, June S.	15.5	HM	2	7.75
					Roddy, Dolores	15.5	HM	2	7.75
					Reidenberg, Marcus	14.5		2	7.25

Legend

A = Award (9 points)

HM = Honorable Mention (8, 8.5 points)

Best = Best of Month (chosen by judge from the highest-scoring images)

**Average: A simple average is computed through the 12th entry,
after which just the 12 highest scores of the maker will be averaged**