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Manhattan Miniature Camera Club

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MMCC meetings: 6:30 pm sharp!*

Monday, December 12 (2nd Monday)

Competition Judge: Roz Rosenblum

Monday, December 19 (3rd Monday)

Holiday Party

Monday, January 9 (2nd Monday)

Competition Judge: Harvey Augenbraun

Monday, January 23 (4th Monday)

Workshop. "Black 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 third regular competition of the season on Friday, January 20. 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. 4: December 12

Roz Rosenblum returns as a favorite judge. Her interest in photography began as an art major in college. She taught darkroom photography to emotionally disturbed adults. Roz was President of the South Shore Camera Club and taught a Rutgers photo course entitled "The Art of Seeing." Roz continues to judge photo competitions even as she wins many awards from PFLI, PSA, and NECCC at Amherst. She also presents slide shows such as "3-D Constructions" and "A Taste of Tuscany." Roz has exhibited at numerous galleries and in juried shows, including the Nassau County Museum of Art and the Hubbard Museum in New Mexico.

Holiday Dinner: December 19

As is our tradition, we will enjoy holiday spirit, our photography, and each other's company at an annual dinner. It will be held on Monday, December 19, starting about 5:30 pm and seating around 6:00. The location is new: the Teodora Italian Restaurant, 141 East 57th St. at Lexington Ave. The price is \$38 for each member or guest. You can still reserve a dinner plate with Claire Gottfried at clairego@rcn.com or 212-366-9363.

Workshop: January 23

It is not too early to announce a marvelous workshop scheduled for January. Maria DaRocha, a photographer extraordinaire, will lead a workshop of tabletop black-light photography. We will shoot crystal, sea shells, candles, and other ordinary objects made magical under black (ultraviolet) lights. The results can mesmerize judges and make them utter incantations such as "9," "9," "9."

Club news/member news

Survey Results about Meeting Place

Our Secretary, Claire Gottfried, reported a substantial number, 24 out of 34 members, responded to our survey asking your preference for a meeting place. Your choices were the First Presbyterian Church House, St. Margaret's House, and the High School for Art & Design. Of those who responded, twelve were for the Church House, nine for the High School, and three for St. Margaret's. You were not asked for second and third choices, but some listed them. Interestingly, St. Margaret's was the least popular for first choice but most popular for second. Thank you for participating, and see you at the Church House at least through May.

MMCC Leads Competitions

With two Met Council competitions completed, our club is leading in three of the five categories. In Slide Group B, we lead Trump Village, 113 to 100. In Slide Group A, we lead second-place Color Photographers of Staten Island (CPSI), 180 to 169. In Slide Group AA (Salon), we are a point behind CPSI, 187 to 188. In Black & White (monotone) Prints, we lead CPSI, 448 to 259. And in Color Prints, we are behind CPSI, 550 to 573. A glance at an attached report of individual awards shows why we are winning.

Visit to Roosevelt Island

Michael Sofia

It was truly a day for photography. The scene was set on Saturday, November 5 when Betsy, Karen, Claire, and I met near the tram on Roosevelt Island for a day of shooting and eating. We came upon a large family at Lighthouse Park on the northern fringe of the island. They saw us photographing them, and invited us to share their picnic and join in the festivities. In a split second we were transported to their native Bulgaria. Meats, wine, cheese, cognac and cakes were extended to us in abundance. This was what I define as the "grace of the stillpoint," a time when circumstances coalesce in a moment of bliss.

The southern end of the island, Southpoint, looks over a vast expanse of the East River, punctuated by the skyscrapers and bridges of Manhattan. An overwhelming sense of awe envelops you. Cameras at the ready, we snapped away, and away, and away lest one speck of wonder be lost.

In the middle of Southpoint rise the majestic ruins of the Old Smallpox Hospital. This craggy building with its vacant windows, shadows, creeping vines, turrets and stone façade provided us with a canvass rich in images and imagination. We kept on shooting with shouts of "Over here! Did you see that?" and a chorus of unending "Wows!".

Next, we traveled to Greece via Pleios in Astoria, Queens and feasted on mezes, moussaka, and crocks of braised lamb. We adjourned to the pastry shop next door for sweet treats. Then with full stomachs, happy hearts, and tripods in hand, we set off for the Pulaski Bridge to capture its panorama of the illuminated skyline.

It was a good day; cloudy, but not too cloudy; warm, but not too warm. It was a rare day of shared pleasures, of savoring the beauty of life.

What more can you ask for?

Climb to the Top of the Rock

On November 14, Larry Yates led a workshop on night and low-light photography at the Church House, showing that fine photos could be taken with a steady tripod or a clever hand. Then the group took a train to Rockefeller Center to apply their nocturnal skills. Some participants were almost lost in a 14th Street station, but all arrived in good time. Entrance to the elevators and the elevators themselves to the "Top of the Rock" were grand and strange. On top, we imbibed an intoxicating view. Only one thing could have improved it: a steady tripod. Next time! Some stayed to shoot at a lower level, and a few walked to Times Square for heavenly pizza at a converted church.

Our field trip chairperson, Pasquale Pascullo, will arrange with the observation deck manager for our club to return in January with tripods to catch a sunset or twilight. And, more pizza.

NYC photo opportunities

Bronx Zoo's Holiday Lights. Through December. www.bronxzoo.com

Holidays at Wave Hill. Through December. www.wavehill.org

Holiday Train Show. New York Botanical Garden. Until January 8. www.nybg.org

Van Cortlandt by Candlelight. Two weekends mid-December. www.vancortlandthouse.org

Wild Holiday Party: Presents to the Animals. December 17-18. Central Park Zoo. nyzoosandaquarium.com

Presents to the Animals. December 17. Prospect Park Zoo. nyzoosandaquarium.com

Wolf at Alley Pond Environmental Center. December 27. www.alleypond.com

Three Kings Parade. January 6. Fifth Avenue & 106th St. www.elmuseo.org

Dates at a Glance

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competition**

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dinner**

Mon. Jan. 9 - MMCC competition

**Mon. Jan. 20 - Met Council
competition**

**Mon. Jan. 23 - 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.

METROPOLITAN CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL (Met Council)

November 18, 2005 Competition

S L I D E S

INTERCLUB

Roddy, Dolores	26	AWARD	<i>Getting Close</i>
Holsten, Anita	24	AWARD	<i>Don't Talk Back</i>
Koster, Beverly	24	AWARD	<i>PNG Man</i>
Sparber, Karl	24	AWARD	<i>Early A.M. on Canal</i>
Yates, Larry	24	AWARD	<i>Snow Walker</i>
Anderson, Karen	23	HM	<i>Sunny Flower</i>
Burns, Bob	23	HM	<i>The Climbers</i>
Gluck, Morton	23	HM	<i>Heron</i>
Gottfried, Claire	23	HM	<i>Kwame</i>
Jones, Gerie	23	HM	<i>Sunset at the Park</i>
Stuhl, Joe	23	HM	<i>Tree Pose</i>
Raffes, Stanley	21	HM	<i>Witch</i>

P R I N T S

INTERCLUB BLACK & WHITE

Burns, Bob	27	***MEDAL***	<i>The Round-Up</i>
Yates, Larry	27	***MEDAL***	<i>Zebra Man</i>
Yates, Larry	26	AWARD	<i>Old Crib</i>
Hagen, June S.	24	AWARD	<i>Tikal #2</i>
Hagen, June S.	24	AWARD	<i>Triboro Bridge</i>
Hagen, June S.	24	AWARD	<i>Two Women</i>
Yates, Larry	23	HM	<i>Rain on Rocks</i>
Jones, Gerie	21	HM	<i>Vesey St. Arches</i>

SPONSORS

Pollinger, Lila	27	MEDAL***1st Place***	<i>Dan</i>
Anderson, Karen	24	AWARD	<i>Blond!</i>
Pollinger, Lila	24	AWARD	<i>Fall Flower</i>
Anderson, Karen	22	HM	<i>Don't Fence Me In</i>

INTERCLUB COLOR

LaFontaine, Julia	27	***MEDAL***	<i>Rainy Day</i>
Burns, Bob	26	AWARD	<i>Trade Center</i>
Gluck, Morton	26	AWARD	<i>Grasshoppers</i>
Hagen, June S.	26	AWARD	<i>Organ Pipes</i>
LaFontaine, Julia	26	AWARD	<i>Dead Tree</i>
Pascullo, Pasquale	26	AWARD	<i>Leery Leopard</i>
Yates, Larry	26	AWARD	<i>Pond Shed</i>
Jones, Gerie	24	AWARD	<i>Prospect Park</i>
Pascullo, Pasquale	24	AWARD	<i>Wilbebeests</i>
Roddy, Dolores	24	AWARD	<i>Standing Tall</i>
Gluck, Morton	23	HM	<i>Grey Beard</i>
Hagen, June S.	21	HM	<i>Flower Market</i>

MET COUNCIL SCORING (3 judges)

27 = Medal

26-24 = Award

23-21 = Honorable Mention

MMCC CUMULATIVE SCORES

Competition No. 3

November 7, 2005

Judge: Al Francekevich

SLIDES					PRINTS				
<u>Member</u>	<u>Cumulative Score</u>	<u>Honors: Comp. #3</u>	<u>Cumulative Entries</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Cumulative Score</u>	<u>Honors: Comp. #3</u>	<u>Cumulative Entries</u>	<u>Average</u>
Pollinger, Lila	51.0	A, HM	6	8.500	Burns, Bob	35.0	Best , A, HM	4	8.750
Koster, Beverly	17.0	A, HM	2	8.500	Pascullo, Pasquale	17.0	A, HM	2	8.500
Burns, Bob	50.5	Best , 2A	6	8.416	Ivanick, Carol	17.0		2	8.500
Roddy, Dolores	49.0	A	6	8.166	LaFontaine, Julia	33.0	2HM	4	8.250
Gluck, Morton	48.5	HM	6	8.083	Lu, Arthur	16.5		2	8.250
Stuhl, Joe	32.0	2HM	4	8.000	Cohen, Mike	24.0		3	8.000
Ivanick, Carol	16.0		2	8.000	Velez, Carmelo	31.5	HM	4	7.875
LaFontaine, Julia	48.0		6	8.000	Pollinger, Lila	31.0		4	7.750
Gottfried, Claire	47.5	HM	6	7.916	Yates, Larry	46.5		6	7.750
V.G. Pypyris	31.5	2HM	4	7.875	Gluck, Morton	45.5	HM	6	7.583
Anderson, Karen	47.0	HM	6	7.833	Jones, Gerie	45.5		6	7.583
Jones, Gerie	47.0	HM	6	7.833	Currier, Betsy	15.0		2	7.500
Stuhl, Arlene	31.0	HM	4	7.750	Messinger, Ruth	29.5		4	7.375
Ponomarenko, Walter	46.5		6	7.750	Roddy, Dolores	29.5		4	7.375
Sparber, Karl	46.0	A	6	7.666	Eldridge, Robyn	29.0		4	7.250
Heller, Ron	46.0	HM	6	7.666	Hagen, June S.	43.5		6	7.250
Holsten, Anita	46.0	HM	6	7.666	*****				
Currier, Betsy	30.5		4	7.625	DIGITALLY				
Zimmerman, Rita	45.0	HM	6	7.500	PROJECTED IMAGES				
Yates, Larry	44.5		6	7.416					
Raffes, Stanley	22.0	HM	3	7.333	<u>Member</u>	<u>Cumulative Score</u>	<u>Honors: Comp. #3</u>	<u>Cumulative Entries</u>	<u>Average</u>
Smyley, Ethelyn	7.0		1	7.000	Pascullo, Pasquale	52.0	A, HM	6	8.666
*****					Budzinski, Barbara	50.0	Best , A, HM	6	8.333
Legend					Yates, Larry	49.5	A	6	8.250
A = Award (9 points); HM = Honorable Mention (8, 8.5 points)					Cohen, Mike	16.5		2	8.250
Best = Best of Month (chosen by judge from highest-scoring images)					Sofia, Michael	48.0	HM	6	8.000
Average: A simple average is computed through the 12 th entry, after which just the 12 highest scores of the maker will be averaged					Jones, Gerie	31.5	HM	4	7.875
					Roddy, Dolores	15.5		2	7.750
					Gottfried, Claire	38.5		5	7.700
					Hagen, June S.	45.0	HM	6	7.500
					Reidenberg, Marcus	14.5		2	7.250
					Messinger, Ruth	13.0		2	6.500

ELEANOR KATZ THEME COMPETITION: " W A T E R "											
Slides				Prints				Digitally Projected Images			
	<u>Score</u>	<u>Entries</u>	<u>Honors</u>		<u>Score</u>	<u>Entries</u>	<u>Honors</u>		<u>Score</u>	<u>Entries</u>	<u>Honors</u>
Raffes, Stanley	17.5	2	A, HM	Eldridge, Robyn	18.0	2	2A	Sofia, Michael	16.5	2	2HM
Holsten, Anita	17.0	2	A, HM	Messinger, Ruth	17.0	2	A, HM	Budzinski, Barbara	16.0	2	HM
Anderson, Karen	16.5	2	2HM	Ivanick, Carol	16.5	2	A	Yates, Larry	15.5	2	HM
LaFontaine, Julia	16.0	2	HM	Jones, Gerie	16.0	2	2HM	Hagen, June S.	7.0	1	
Zimmerman, Rita	16.0	2	HM	Lu, Arthur	15.5	2	HM				
Burns, Bob	15.0	2	HM	Gluck, Morton	8.5	1	HM				
Gottfried, Claire	15.0	2	HM	Hagen, June S.	8.5	1	HM				
Kern, Bill	15.0	2	HM	Cohen, Mike	7.5	1					
Pollinger, Lila	14.0	2									
Currier, Betsy	8.0	1	HM								
Jones, Gerie	8.0	1	HM								