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MMCC meetings: 6:30 pm sharp!*
High School of Art & Design
1075 Second Avenue (57th Street) Room 703

Monday, February 5 (1st Monday)
Competition Judge: Harvey Augenbraun
Additional theme competition: "Red"

Monday, February 26 (4th Monday)
Program: Pete Kolonia "Digitizing Slides"

Monday, March 5 (1st Monday)
Competition Judge: TBA

Monday, March 26 (4th Monday)
Program: Mike Falco "Master Photographer
& Storyteller"

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

Competition No. 6: February 5

Welcome back to **Harvey Augenbraun**, past president of the Westchester Photographic Society and of the New York Botanical/Zoological photographic Society. Harvey, who has been active in camera clubs for more than 25 years, uses a digital camera but also continues to use film. When not doing photography, Harvey teaches earth science at Mott Hall School. His middle-school students must love his jokes. Even when judging seriously, Harvey leavens his comments with humor. He brings a fine eye and acute artistic sense to his critiquing.

Workshop: February 26

We welcome **Pete Kolonia** yet again, who has presented and judged for us often. Pete is a senior editor at *Popular Photography and Imaging* and has lectured on digital photography at PhotoPlus. He edits PMA's www.takegreatpictures.com, which is full of interesting articles and tips. Pete is a former MMCC member who edited and published *Manhattan Focus*. Even after leaving the club, he has been a good and generous friend. Pete

has often written in *Pop Photo* about inexpensive studio lighting and has demonstrated it at the club. By going to www.poppphoto.com and searching on "Kolonia," you can read his articles online. In a November 2006 article, he wrote about "How to Digitize Slides." He will share his expertise on that topic in our next program. Do not miss it if you have moved -- or are moving -- into digital yet have many fine slides.

PSA Cosmopolitan Chapter: April 14 & 28

On Saturday, April 14, Larry Yates will lead a twilight field trip to the Top of the Rock, Rockefeller Center. As with our MMCC trip there last year, this will be an opportunity to capture the magic of Manhattan at night. After descending to earth, we will move to Times Square for more shooting and John's Pizza.

Before that event, the Chapter's Field Trip Coordinator, Eli Rivera, will likely schedule other trips outside New York City.

Two weeks later, on Saturday, April 28, the PSA Chapter will hold its Spring Fotofest at Our Lady of Peace Church, 237 East 62nd (2nd-3rd Avenues), 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Unlike previous Fotofests, this one will be a full day of photo opportunities, including live models, mylar setups, bubbling flowers, and color designs. Its organizers are searching for yet more so if you have an idea, then please let Larry Yates know.

Club news/member news

Unlimited \$75 gift cards for new members

Earn yourself a free digital camera! At its meeting last week, MMCC's Board embraced Betsy Currier's proposal that the club award a

gift card to each member who recruits a new member or persuades a dropout to renew his or her membership. After considerable discussion, the Board decided that the card value will be equivalent to an annual membership: \$75, and there is no limit to how many cards a member can earn. So, recruit or resurrect ten members before the end of November, 2007, and you can go shopping with \$750 in your pocket.

MMCC needs more help

We have a serious problem; too few members are laboring to keep the club running. The Board is concerned that key positions are vacant. Thus, MMCC is not functioning as it should. Here are some vacancies:

Treasurer
Equipment Committee Chairperson/ Members
Newsletter Editor/Writers
Exhibits Committee Chairperson/Members
Competition Committee Members
Membership Building Chairperson/Members
Lottery Ticket Salespersons

The Board noted that slide competition was almost canceled for lack of a projector operator. It was saved when Karl Sparber volunteered to operate it. That's the spirit!

As the list above shows, we have much to do to keep our club strong, and if you are not already helping, then this is your chance.

New Field Trips Coordinator

Bob Burns volunteered to coordinate our upcoming trips. Bob leads trips throughout the U.S., Caribbean, and Europe. He has agreed to handle our local field trips. In addition to his club trips, he encourages you to suggest your own, and he will help to promote them. Thanks, Bob. Once again, that's the spirit!

Second Adobe study group session: February 9

Our first study group sessions on Friday, January 12 went well. We had eight members and one guest. June Steffensen Hagen demonstrated how she prepares contest entries including cropping, fixing saturation and color balance, sharpening, and so forth. She used Elements but just as well could have used CS. Then, Larry Yates showed more advanced sharpening techniques. Finally, they answered questions from other participants.

At our second session on Friday, February 9, Larry will focus on selection tools and techniques. So much time and effort goes into isolating image parts before they can be sharpened, blurred, saturated, desaturated, and so forth, that mastery of selection speeds up processing and gives better results. This demonstration, including Q&A, will not exceed one hour. Then, we will have a free hour when we will trade ideas and help solve each others' problems with Elements and CS.

You are welcome to participate, even if you did not attend the first session. You can bring your laptop, but it is not required. We assume that participants will try these techniques on their home computers and not at sessions.

This and future sessions will take place 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Manhattan campus of Fordham University, Amsterdam Avenue at 60th Street, arranged by June. To join the group or ask questions, please contact Larry .

NYC photo opportunities

New York City Photography Meetup Group

Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 pm
Midtown restaurant

Bring your portfolio, bring your gadgets, bring your ideas. Join group and RSVP event.
photo.meetup.com

New York Photoshop Users Meetup Group

Wednesday, February 21, 6:00 pm
Midtown restaurant

What Adobe got wrong, what I would never do in Photoshop" Sharpening methods and simple portrait techniques. Limit 40 members and guests. 212-663-2136. photoshop.meetup.com

New York Photo Safari Meetup Group

Saturday, February 28, 10:30 am
Safari to Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1000 Washington Avenue. Free admission to garden. 718-623-7200. photo.meetup.com

Photoshop SIG of NYPC

Tuesday, February 13 & 27, 1:00 pm
481 8th Avenue (NW corner 34th), Room 551
Pre-meeting lunch at Tick Tock Diner in same building. Topic TBA. www.nypc.org

Dates at a Glance

Mon, Feb 5 - MMCC competition

Fri, Feb 9 - Adobe study group

Mon, Feb 26 - MMCC program

Mon, Mar 5 - MMCC competition

Fri, Mar 9 - Adobe study group

Mon, Mar 26 - MMCC program

Sat, Apr 14 - PSA Cosmo trip

Sat, Apr 28 - PSA Cosmo Fotofest



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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 High School of Art & Design, 1075 Second Avenue (57th Street) Room701, at 6:30 pm. **Guests welcome!**

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

