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Manhattan Miniature Camera Club

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April, 2007

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

Monday, April 9 (2nd Monday)
Competition Judge: Isaac Szhlechter

Monday, April 23 (4th Monday)
Program: Mike Falco "Master Photographer & Storyteller"

Monday, May 7 (1st Monday)
Competition Judge: Pete Kolonia
Assigned theme: "Close-up"

Monday, May 21 (3rd Monday)
Best of Year Competition

Monday, June 4 (1st Monday)
End of Year Party. Location TBA.

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

Competition No. 8: April 9

For the first time, we welcome Isaac Szhlechter to our club as judge of a regular competition. Isaac has served as a panel judge of our best-of-year competition but rarely did we get to hear his comments. So now, we can benefit fully from his photographic experience and wisdom. Because of the religious holidays, we were not able to get a brief description of Isaac's photographic career, but he will bring one on Monday. We already know him to be a conscientious and considerate judge.

Program: April 23

Due to a conflict last month, Michael Falco's program was delayed until April. To categorize Mike's photography is nearly impossible except to say that he creates intriguing images with interesting stories. He has photographed everything from the world's largest garbage dump (Fresh Kills) to some of the world's most beautiful women (Isabella Rosellini, Gisele Bundchen). Together with writer Jonathan

Tilove, Mike photographed barber shops, barbecue joints, churches, and people along 650 streets, avenues, drives, and boulevards named after one American hero and recorded in their book "Along Martin Luther King." His other travel photos in black-and-white capture the mist and mystery of places and people. Hundreds of Mike's images are going into a commissioned glass mural "Where Marsh Meets the Sea" that will decorate the Staten Island Terminal. To preview Mike's program, visit his web at www.falcophoto.com.

PSA Cosmopolitan Chapter: April 14 & 28

On Saturday, April 14, Larry Yates will lead a sunset field trip to the Top of the Rock, Rockefeller Center. We will meet at 6:45 pm, at the entrance on West 50th, 5th-6th Avenues. You can purchase your own ticket for a 7:00 pm arrival time at www.topoftherocknyc.com or at the counter. Prices: \$17.50 for adults and \$16 for seniors (62+).

As with our MMCC trip there last year, this will be an opportunity to capture the magic of Manhattan at night. While no tripods and monopods are allowed, there are ledges on the upper level for resting a camera. A bean bag would make for greater stability. After descending to earth, we will move to Times Square for more shooting and John's Pizza.

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

Be the first to get a gift card! Earn yourself a free digital camera! The club will award a gift card to each member who recruits a new member or persuades a dropout to renew his or her membership. A 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 members do community work

We are pleased to announce that Carol Ivanick has joined Larry Yates and Robyn Eldridge-Matra in using their photographic and writing skills to save animals at the New York Animal Care & Control Center on East 110th Street (1st-2nd Avenues). Robyn and Carol work with Carol Caver, a senior volunteer at the Center, to photograph cats and kittens. We hope to see images of their feline subjects in competitions and exhibits.

If you want to help with this lifesaving project, then ask Larry for information about becoming a volunteer photographer at AC&C.

MMCC Member to Open Exhibit

Starting on Tuesday, April 17, you can see Marcus Reidenberg's show entitled "A Feel of the Place" in the Marquis Gallery of the prestigious National Arts Club in Grammercy Park. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 5 pm. Marcus's magnificent photograph of Grand Central Terminal adorns his announcement postcard. It was also in our Empire State Building exhibit last fall.

Manhattan Borough President Exhibit: June

Time is drawing near for our second exhibit in the Office of the Manhattan Borough President. It will take quite a bit of work; we need a strong committee to handle it. If you have worked on past exhibits or want to contribute to this one in June, then please step forward, particularly those members who have exhibited but have not worked on the exhibits.

Unlike the ESB exhibit, this will be strictly do-it-ourselves. Individual members will select and frame, and transport their own pieces. Collectively, we will have to survey and organize the space, hang the photos, and so forth. It will be much work but also much fun.

Fourth Photoshop study group: April 13

At our next session on Friday, April 13, Larry will review the selection brush in Elements and Quick Mask in Photoshop CS. These tools are especially helpful with difficult selection. Then we will move on to filters. We will look at basic filters for sharpening and blurring, and then at creative filters. Finally, we will have a free hour when we will trade ideas and help solve each others' problems with Elements and CS, and digital photography generally.

If you have been using filters and would like to share your experiences and images with the group, then please let Larry know. You can bring files on a CD or send them to him. You are welcome to participate, even if you did not attend earlier sessions. You can bring your laptop, but it is not required.

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

NYC photo opportunities

New York City Photography Meetup Group

Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 pm

Midtown restaurant

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

photo.meetup.com

NY PC Users Group

Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 pm

116 West 11th St. (just west of 6th Ave.)

Katrin Eismann, Photoshop Diva, "Adobe Photoshop Lightroom," nyc.org

Sierra Club Photography Committee

Wednesday, April 25, 6:30 pm

St. Paul the Apostle, 405 West 59th St. 2nd fl.

Carl Vornberger, "Predators of New York City." newyork.sierraclub.org/nyc

Dates at a Glance

Mon, Apr 9 - MMCC competition
Fri, Apr 13 - Adobe study group
Sat, Apr 14 - PSA Cosmo trip
Mon, Apr 23 - MMCC program
Sat, Apr 28 - PSA Cosmo Fotofest
Mon, May 7 - MMCC competition
Mon, May 21 - Best of Year
Mon, Jun 4 -End of Year Party



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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) Room 703, 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.

MMCC CUMULATIVE SCORES

Competition No. 7

March 5, 2007

Judges: Larry Yates - Slides/Prints
Bob Burns - Digital

<u>SLIDES</u>					<u>PRINTS</u>					
<u>Group AA</u>					<u>Group AA</u>					
<u>Member</u>	<u>Cumulative Score</u>	<u>Honors: Comp. #7</u>	<u>Cumulative Entries</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Cumulative Score</u>	<u>Honors: Comp. #7</u>	<u>Cumulative Entries</u>	<u>Average</u>	
Burns, Bob	105.5	A, HM	12	8.79	Jones, Gerie	101.5	2HM	12	8.45	
LaFontaine, Julia	103.0	A	12	8.58	Gluck, Morton	97.0		12	8.08	
Pollinger, Lila	100.0	Best, A, HM	12	8.33	Burns, Bob	88.0	2A	(10)	(8.80)	
Sparber, Karl	98.5		12	8.20	LaFontaine, Julia	85.5	Best, 2A	(10)	(8.55)	
Gluck, Morton	94.0		12	7.83	Pollinger, Lila	65.0		(8)	(8.12)	
Anderson, Karen	92.5	HM	12	7.70	<u>NOT COMPETING FOR YEAR-END RANKINGS (see LEGEND)**</u>					
Jones, Gerie	80.5		(10)	(8.05)	Yates, Larry	48.0		6		
Koster, Beverly	80.0		(10)	(8.00)	Pascullo, Pasquale	16.0		2		
Pyrpyris, V.G.	79.0	HM	(10)	(7.90)	<u>Group A</u>					
Roddy, Dolores	63.5		(8)	(7.93)	Stuhl, Joe	99.0		12	8.25	
<u>NOT COMPETING FOR YEAR-END RANKINGS (see LEGEND)**</u>					Stuhl, Arlene	83.0		(10)	(8.30)	
Yates, Larry	48.5		6		Ivanick, Carol	74.5		(10)	(7.45)	
<u>Group A</u>					Hagen, June S.	63.5	2HM	(8)	(7.93)	
Stuhl, Arlene	95.0		12	7.91	<u>NOT COMPETING FOR YEAR-END RANKINGS (see LEGEND)**</u>					
Zimmerman, Rita	94.0		12	7.83	Odoner, Dunn	47.5		6		
Heller, Ron	93.5	2HM	12	7.79	Eldridge-Matra,					
Stuhl, Joe	90.5		12	7.54	Robyn	45.5		6		
Pichetti, Regina	89.5	HM	12	7.45	Messinger, Ruth	32.0		4		
<u>NOT COMPETING FOR YEAR-END RANKINGS (see LEGEND)**</u>					Currier, Betsy	23.5		3		
Ivanick, Carol	49.0		7		Ashkenazi, Adi	16.0		2		
Currier, Betsy	43.5		6							
<u>DIGITALLY PROJECTED IMAGES</u>					<u>ELEANOR KATZ THEME COMPETITIONS</u>					
					<u>HUMOR (10/16/06); RED (2/12/07)</u>					
<u>Member</u>	<u>Cumulative Score</u>	<u>Honors: Comp. #7</u>	<u>Cumulative Entries</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Cum. Score</u>	<u>Cum. Category*</u>	<u>Cum. Entries</u>	<u>Category*</u>	
Gottfried, Claire	102.0	HM	12	8.50	Gluck	35.5	1P,3S/A, HM	Ivanick	24.5	1D,2S/HM
Yates, Larry	100.5	A, HM	12	8.37	Stuhl, J.	34.0	3P,1S/A, HM	LaFontaine	23.0	3S/HM
Jones, Gerie	99.5	A	12	8.29	Anderson	32.5	4S/A, HM	Zimmerman	21.5	3S
Hagen, June S.	97.0	Best, A, HM	12	8.08	Odoner	32.0	4P/A	Lu	17.5	2P
Ivanick, Carol	60.0		(8)	(7.50)	Burns	31.5	4S/2HM	Hagen	16.0	2D/HM
<u>NOT COMPETING FOR YEAR-END RANKINGS (see LEGEND)**</u>					Gottfried	30.5	4D/2HM	Pichetti	15.0	2S/HM
Gluck, Morton	51.0		6		Jones	30.5	4P/HM	Currier	15.0	2S
Roddy, Dolores	45.0		6		Pollinger	30.0	4S/HM	Eldridge-		
Messinger, Ruth	43.5		6		Matra	7.5	1P			
Pascullo, Pasquale	36.0		4		Stuhl, A.	29.0	4S	Heller	7.5	1S
Reidenberg, Marcus	33.0		4		Yates	29.0	4D	Pyrpyris	7.5	1S
Currier, Betsy	29.0		4							
					* Category: D = Digital; P = Prints; S = Slides					
					** Honors for RED theme					

LEGEND

A = Award (9 points) HM = Honorable Mention (8, 8.5 points)

Best = Best of Month (chosen by Judge from the highest-scoring images in each of the 3 Categories, regardless of Group)

Average: Simple avg. is computed thru the 12th entry; then just the 12 highest scores of the maker are averaged for year-end rankings

** Makers with fewer than 12 entries by season's end are ineligible to compete in year-end rankings