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Manhattan Miniature Camera Club

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MMCC meetings: 6:30 pm sharp!*
High School of Art & Design
1075 Second Avenue (57th Street) Room 703
Monday, May 7 (1st Monday)
Competition Judge: Harvey Augenbraun
Assigned theme: "Close-up"
Monday, May 21 (3rd Monday)
Best of Year Competition
Monday, June 4 (1st Monday)
End of Year Party. Location Milano.

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

Competition No. 9: May 7

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.

Best of Year Competition: May 21

You may enter up to three slides, three prints, and three digital images that you have entered during our 2006-2007 season. That is, you may enter up to three prints in a category. Judging your photos will be three experienced photographers and judges: Bernie Saper, Suzan Goldstein, and Leon Hertzog. Winners will get their awards at the annual dinner on June 4.

End of Year Party: June 4

Thanks to Rita Zimmerman, we will return to the restaurant of our enjoyable holiday party, Milano at 1742 Second Avenue (90th-91st), 6:00 pm. However, its menu has changed recently. They now serve Malaysian and Thai food. Here is a review by a local who rates it very high: "The UES [Upper East Side] doesn't need another good Thai restaurant, but Milano has great Thai and Malaysian cuisine, with some of the best malay, massaman, and green curries I've tasted in New York. The service is super attentive, and the decor very lovely as well." Cannot take spicy foods? No problem; they serve spices on the side.

The price will be \$32 per person, guests welcome. Please make out a check to MMCC and send it to Larry Yates, 417 Riverside Drive 9A1, New York NY 10025, or give it to him at our upcoming meetings.

For entertainment, we hope to have Lila Pollinger's poem, a door-prize raffle, and your slide shows. A film or digital show must not exceed three minutes.

PSA Cosmopolitan Chapter: Help Wanted

Last Saturday, April 28, Cosmo had a scaled-down but successful FotoFest. Unlike previous Fotofests, this one was a full day of photo opportunities, including live models, mylar setups, and bubbling flowers. They decided to move from a hotel to a church where the space was smaller and much less expensive.

Now the chapter must decide its future which depends on finding new officers and recruiting

new members. If you are already a member of the Photographic Society of America, then please join our local chapter. If you are not a member of PSA, then join both. It is a chance to meet other serious amateurs. And then there are Cosmo's FotoFests and field trips. Talk to Larry about joining.

Club news/member news

New Board Director

President Larry Yates is pleased to announce the appointment of a new director, Karl Sparber. Karl has been a MMCC member for about five years. A retired school teacher, he travels much of the time and is especially fond of photographing colorful tropical birds. This season, he has handled our slide projector for most competitions. His solid, down-to-earth reasoning will help to keep our club on a solid foundation.

Field Trip: Top of the Rock

On Saturday, May 19, Larry Yates will lead a sunset field trip to the Top of the Rock, Rockefeller Center. Yes, you heard that before, but this time, it will happen. 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 arrival time at www.topoftherocknyc.com or at the counter. Prices: \$17.50 for adults and \$16 for seniors (62+).

As with our trip there last year, we will 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.

Club Exhibit: June, Manhattan Borough President's Office

It took intervention by Ruth Messinger to get our telephone calls returned and the usual gallery calendar conflicts resolved. However, we did get them resolved so that our exhibit can open on Monday, June 4. We are now assembling an exhibit committee with June Steffensen Hagen chairing. We recall with

much gratitude the stupendous job that June did with our Empire State Building exhibit.

Shortly, we can expect instructions from June; However, we know from our first exhibit there that we will have to do everything ourselves, including patching holes from others' nails. Beforehand, we will select and frame our own photos. On Friday, June 1, we ourselves will deliver and hang them. Later, on an evening convenient for exhibitors, maybe June 8 or 11, we will have a reception. Please tell June if you want to exhibit so that she can allocate space. And, volunteer to help.

Unlimited \$75 gift cards for new members

We are still waiting for the first member to claim a gift card! 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 for a new digital camera or lens.

More members needed to save lives

Several members are already using their photographic and writing skills to save animals at the New York Animal Care & Control Center on East 110th Street (1st-2nd Avenues). Soon, they will be joined by members of Brooklyn and Staten Island camera clubs. However, we are too few, and the animals are too many. If you want to help with this lifesaving project, then ask Larry about becoming a volunteer photographer at AC&C.

Fifth Photoshop study group: May 11

Our last session for the season is on Friday, May 11, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Manhattan campus of Fordham University, Amsterdam Avenue at 60th Street. We will tackle color -- how to get the best. We will look at adjusting and replacing color, achieving color balance, and removing casts. Also, we will have a free hour to review earlier procedures and help solve each others' problems. Finally, we will discuss what we want the study group to do next club year.

Upcoming educational opportunities

Nikon Mentor Series

New York City, June 8-10

“Capture the Big Apple like a true New Yorker when you join world-renowned photographers Chris Alvanas, Tony Corbell, Kristine Bosworth and Rob Van Petten for a weekend honing your skills in architectural, landscape and portrait photography. The workshop includes digital presentations by your mentors everyday along with amazing photo-ops at spectacular locations procured by our expert production team.”

\$899. www.mentorseries.com

NECCC Annual Photographic Conference

University of Massachusetts, Amherst
July 13-15

The conference schedule has dozens of sessions and activities, including:

Pre-conference workshop on Elements.

General presentations such as “Flower Portraits” and “Composition & Lighting”

Showcases such as “Adirondack Waters: Spirit of the Mountains” and “Beautiful America”

Nature such as “Jewels Down and Dirty” and “Close-Up and Macro Photography”

Photo travel such as “Cuba: So Near Yet So Far”

Photojournalism such as “A Photojournalist’s Eye”

Portraiture such as “Basic Lighting for Fashion Portraiture” and “Working with Kids”

Digital Photography -- at least nine different sessions on digital photography!

There will also be live models, raptors, tabletop setups, black light, and so forth. And, there will be a digital photography contest.

For details and titles of many more sessions, download a brochure and registration form from www.neccc.org.

Dates at a Glance

Mon, May 7 - MMCC competition

Fri, May 11 - Photoshop study group

Sat, May 19 - Top of Rock trip

Mon, May 21 - Best of Year

Mon, Jun 4 - End of Year Party

Fri-Sun, Jun 8-10 - Nikon NYC

Mentor Series

Fri-Sun, Jul 13-15 - NECCC

Photographic Conference



Manhattan Miniature Camera Club Officers

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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. 8

April 9, 2007

Judge: Isaac Szlechter

<u>SLIDES</u>					<u>PRINTS</u>				
<u>Group AA</u>					<u>Group AA</u>				
<u>Member</u>	<u>Cumulative Score</u>	<u>Honors: Comp. #8</u>	<u>Cumulative Entries</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Cumulative Score</u>	<u>Honors: Comp. #8</u>	<u>Cumulative Entries</u>	<u>Average</u>
Burns, Bob	107.5	Best,2A	12	8.95	Burns, Bob	106.0	2A	12	8.83
LaFontaine, Julia	104.5	A,HM	12	8.70	LaFontaine, Julia	103.0	Best,A,HM	12	8.58
Pollinger, Lila	100.0		12	8.33	Jones, Gerie	103.0	A	12	8.58
Sparber, Karl	98.5		12	8.20	Gluck, Morton	99.5	A,HM	12	8.29
Anderson, Karen	95.5	A,HM	12	7.95	Pollinger, Lila	81.0	2HM	(10)	(8.10)
Gluck, Morton	95.0	HM	12	7.91	<u>NOT COMPETING FOR YEAR-END RANKINGS (see LEGEND)**</u>				
Pyrpyris, V.G.	94.0	HM	12	7.83	Yates, Larry	48.0		6	
Jones, Gerie	80.5		(10)	(8.05)	Pascullo, Pasquale	16.0		2	
Koster, Beverly	80.0		(10)	(8.00)	<u>Group A</u>				
<u>NOT COMPETING FOR YEAR-END RANKINGS (see LEGEND)**</u>					Stuhl, Joe	101.0	2HM	12	8.41
Roddy, Dolores	63.5		8		Stuhl, Arlene	83.0		(10)	(8.30)
Yates, Larry	48.5		6		Hagen, June S.	81.5	2A	(10)	(8.15)
<u>Group A</u>					Ivanick, Carol	74.5		(10)	(7.45)
Heller, Ron	95.0	HM	12	7.91	<u>NOT COMPETING FOR YEAR-END RANKINGS (see LEGEND)**</u>				
Stuhl, Arlene	95.0		12	7.91	Odoner, Dunn	62.5	HM	8	
Zimmerman, Rita	94.0		12	7.83	Messinger, Ruth	49.0	A,HM	6	
Pichetti, Regina	92.0	A	12	7.66	Eldridge-Matra,				
Stuhl, Joe	90.5		12	7.54	Robyn	45.5		6	
<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. #8</u>	<u>Cumulative Entries</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Cum. Entries</u>		<u>Cum. Entries</u>			
<u>Member</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Comp. #8</u>	<u>Entries</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Cum. Score</u>	<u>Category*</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Category*</u>	
Jones, Gerie	102.5	A,HM	12	8.54	Gluck	35.5	1P,3S/A,HM	Ivanick	24.5	1D,2S/HM
Gottfried, Claire	102.0		12	8.50	Stuhl, J.	34.0	3P,1S/A,HM	LaFontaine	23.0	3S/HM
Yates, Larry	101.0	HM	12	8.41	Anderson	32.5	4S/A,HM	Zimmerman	21.5	3S
Hagen, June S.	97.0		12	8.08	Odoner	32.0	4P/A	Lu	17.5	2P
<u>NOT COMPETING FOR YEAR-END RANKINGS (see LEGEND)**</u>					Burns	31.5	4S/2HM	Hagen	16.0	2D/HM
Ivanick, Carol	60.0		8		Gottfried	30.5	4D/2HM	Pichetti	15.0	2S/HM
Messinger, Ruth	58.5	HM	8		Jones	30.5	4P/HM	Currier	15.0	2S
Gluck, Morton	51.0		6		Pollinger	30.0	4S/HM	Eldridge-		
Currier, Betsy	47.0	Best,2A	6		Stuhl, A.	29.0	4S	Matra	7.5	1P
Roddy, Dolores	45.0		6		Yates	29.0	4D	Heller	7.5	1S
Pascullo, Pasquale	36.0		4					Pyrpyris	7.5	1S
Reidenberg, Marcus	33.0		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