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MMCC meetings: 6:30 pm sharp!*

Monday, November 5 (1st Monday)

Competition Judge: Anastasia Tompkins

Monday, November 19 (3rd Monday)

Program: John Wazeter, Zoom

Monday, December 3 (1st Monday)

Competition Judge: Leon Hertzson

Monday, October 15 (3rd Monday)

Workshop: Member critiques

* Competition entries must be in by **6:15 pm**; put your ID number on prints and slides. Send your digital projected entries to Larry Yates.

Competition No. 3: October 5

Anastasia Tompkins likes to say she picked up a camera 17 years ago and has not put it down since. Her photographs often have an original twist and dramatic story to tell. She grew up in Paris and has traveled much. Her contemporary PhotoArt is also part of many private, as well as corporate collections, in both the USA and Europe. In her previous life, Anastasia was an advertising sales executive with The New York Times, Art & Auction Magazine, Sierra Club, and others.

In 1992, Anastasia moved to Westchester and devoted all her creative efforts to her photography. Her images can be seen in galleries, businesses, restaurants, and juried shows throughout New York. Anastasia also enjoys judging competitions and is herself a salon level competitor with the Westchester Photographic Society. Her images have won many ribbons, plaques and awards, including The Harry Hoffman Award of Photography. Anastasia works as a graphic designer for a real estate agency in Yonkers.

Program: November 19

Zoom -- Camera as Paintbrush: the Tools and Techniques of Photo-Impressionism

Learn how techniques of photo impressionism – selective focus, double and multiple exposures as well as montages – can enhance your emotional response to picture making and present exciting alternatives to reality-based photographs. In this film-based presentation, John will demonstrate how these techniques can be used in nature photography. An award-winning photographer, John is a frequent lecturer and judge for tri-state area camera clubs and groups. He has been an active member of the New York City Sierra Club Photography Committee since 1989 and was its chairman from 1993-1996. In 2001, he presented at the New England Council of Camera Clubs (NECCC), Amherst, MA. In August 2003 he was a featured speaker for the New York Botanical Garden's Photographers' Sundays series. He is a past instructor at the NYBG's Continuing Education Department.

Club news/member news

Photoshop Study Group

On Monday, October 22, we started our 2007-08 season with three member demonstrations by Lila Pollinger, Gerie Jones, and Larry Yates. In PS Elements, Lila showed us how to change color balance with, what else?, the color balance window. Maria Buncick chipped in with a technique she just learned using a levels adjustment layer with its eyedroppers.

Similarly, Geri showed us how to straighten a crooked image manually with transform functions such as skew and perspective. But then the group together found a function that

straightens an image automatically. And then, they found one that straightens and crops off leftover blank spaces automatically. Larry then showed three quick-fix tools: red-eye, healing brush, and spot healing brush. The group experimented with and discussed the limits of each tool, comparing it to the clone stamp tool..

In future sessions, we will concentrate on particular areas so that we might learn them in depth. We will continue to ask participants to show one tool or technique that they have learned and want to share, or that they want to study and learn better. We will also schedule longer longer demonstrations. Please inform Larry of your topic to avoid duplication.

We welcome members and guests who just want to watch and discuss without presenting.

We have scheduled extra Mondays, 6:30 pm, at 28 East 35th Street to accommodate the study group. They are November 26, December 10, January 28, February 11, March 10, April 14, May 12, and June 16

Board Meeting Business Highlights

At its meeting on Monday, October 24, the Board discussed these and other issues:

- Treasury doing well but needs Treasurer
- Improve confirmation of judges showing up
- Find new field trips & trip leaders
- Get information from guests & follow up
- Interview new members -- why inactive?
- Find chairperson & build exhibit committee
- Revise & distribute recruitment brochure
- Buy lighter light box
- Invite members to board meetings
- Do survey & arrange holiday dinner

Our next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 12, 2008, time and place to be announced. You are invited.

Unlimited \$50 gift cards for new members

Earn a handsome bounty! The club will award a gift card or cash to you for recruiting a new member or persuading a dropout to renew his or her membership. There is no limit to how many cards or cash you can earn. This incentive offer is good through December.

Field Trips Needed!

Too long we have gone without a field trip. We need you to suggest a trip and lead it. It does not have to be far though an overnight trip might be nice. Some places are too far to go and return in a day. Please give Bob Burns your suggestions.

Restaurant Needed!

On Monday, December 17, we will have our holiday party. We could do it in a restaurant's private room, or in a regular restaurant near 28 East 35th and then walk to our usual meeting room if available. We could also eat and walk to a member's home if she or he wanted to host our after-dinner shows and dessert. Give us your ideas.



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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 Community Church of New York, 28 East 35th Street, at 6:30 pm. **Guests welcome!**

MMCC and some of its members belong to the **Photographic Society of America**.

For information about joining PSA, go to www.psa-photo.org.