

The Focus

Newsletter of the CCAA Camera Club

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The next Outing will be held on Sunday, March 26 at 3:30PM in Falmouth. Contact Kate Walls to get directions
- Congratulations to Lily Ainsworth, who has won our contest to name this Newsletter. She will receive a gift certificate to AC Moore.

Our New Camera Club Starts!!

On January 12 a new Camera Club was born. Roberta Miller, Vice President of the Art Association and Bob Singer, a long-time NECCC member and presenter, and author of photography magazine articles, saw the need to start a club in the Mid-Cape area.

We joined the NECCC and started planning. Publicity and mailings went out to a long list of photographers and the applications started rolling in.

Our mission is to provide a place where photographers, amateur or professional, beginners or advanced, can learn and expand their photographic knowledge and capabilities.

Very quickly, members stepped up to fill the Board positions.

Elaine Johnson started out on Publicity; Bob Cormier became the Competitions Chair, while his wife Nancy became the Hospitality Chair. Kate Walls took



New Home of the CCAA Camera Club on Rt 6A

the Outings Chair position and enlisted Linda Phillips to assist. Marylou Joyce took the responsibility of getting Jurors for the Competitions and a group consisting of Alfred Neal, Adele Collins and Bob Singer took the

task of planning out the Programs.

Thanks to Richard Muccini, President of the Cape Cod Art Association and a very wise and visionary Board of Directors, the support and infrastructure was created. Richard, the webmaster of the CCAA, aptly designed our website and published it as part of the art association. Check out www.capecodartassoc.org and click on Camera Club for all the information about this new group.

The Club meets the second and fourth Thursday in the large studio of the art association and will meet all year. A Mentor program starts the meeting at 6:40 and the Business meeting and program begins at 7PM.

First Competition Held!

Thanks to the expertise of Bob Cormier, Competition Chair, the first ever competition of the CCAA Camera Club was held on February 23. This was a print competition and 46 prints were entered.

Congratulations to the winners.

1st place— David Jordan

2nd place - Larry Sweeney

3rd Place —Connie D Kennedy

HM-Bob Cormier

HM- Peter Barrows

HM-Birger Anderson

HM- Linda Phillips

HM-Kate Walls

HM- Birger Anderson

HM—Adele Collins



From last years' conference, attendees shooting a model.

NECCC Conference

The New England Camera Club Council will be holding its annual 3 day conference at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst on July 14, 15 and 16.

The NECCC is a camera club council with 85 member clubs from all over New England. Its conference draws people who will enjoy the exhibits, educational programs, photo shoot opportunities and demonstrations and picture competitions in a lot of different categories.

Congratulations to Merideth Toler who is the recipient of the courtesy NECCC conference enrollment from our Club. We hope she enjoys this new experience. This is one of the largest photography conferences in the US and proves to be a popular event for its' members.

Our own Bob Singer and his son David, owner of Singer Creative Services, will again be conference workshop presenters.

Go to the NECCC website for information on registration and what is in store for this

conference. www.neccc.org. There will be a large group of our members attending, so we can try to arrange carpools. For those first time attendees, we will hand out conference information at a meeting as soon as the flyers are out and answer all of your questions.

“This will be a great opportunity for our members to sell some of their work.”

Art in the Village

The Cape Cod Art Association holds a day long art festival in Barnstable Village every year. This year our Camera Club has been asked to have a tent and participate in this fun filled day on **June 24**.

One large tent will hold a silent auction of original artwork submitted by CCAA's juried artists members. This will be gin at 9AM and the winners

will be announced at 4PM.

Another tent will hold works for sale by Associate Members. They will be framed and priced under \$200 and will be sold right off the wall. Those of you who have joined the CCAA can submit work for this tent.

The Camera Club will have a tent where we will sell matted photos, photographic note cards, calendars that we will

produce and CDs of the calendar and some photographic screensavers. This will give us some well earned funds with which to buy supplies for our Club, as well as an opportunity for our members to sell some of their work.

Childrens art activities will also be available. In the past, this has been a huge event. Plan on volunteering for our Club!



The Silent Auction Tent

How can you help?

The CCAA Camera Club tent at the Art in the Village needs you!

We need you to volunteer to set up the tent, man the tent during the day or help to break it down after 4PM. We will have a sign up sheet at all of the next meetings until the event.

Next, we need you to start matting your work to be sold and we will be taking your orders for plastic bags to store them in. Also start creating photographic notecards packaged individually, in sets of 4, 6 or 8. We can give you guidelines for pricing.

We will be asking for entries

of photos that will be placed in the calendar. So be sorting through your work...try to match a Cape Cod scene to a specific month. Our calendar must be to the printer by sometime in April, so please start looking and we will give you details at our March 23 meeting.

The New Program Calendar

Thanks to a lot of fact finding work on what our members want from the Camera Club, the Program Committee has submitted a list of activities that you want at the meetings.

Please go to our website, www.capecodartassoc.org and click on the Camera Club link on the left. In the menu go to Programs and then click on the new schedule. You should find a list of each of our meetings planned out until December.

In the Fall, we will again have the

committee poll you to see if the activities we have planned are what you want and then we will plan out programs for the next six months. Members of this committee will also be instrumental in planning out the individual events so that they run smoothly.

Notice that we have put in some special Saturday events...the Art in the Village in June and a Scavenger Hunt in September. Mark your calendars for these activities and plan to be a part them.

The Scavenger Hunt might be new

to some of you. This is a day when we all get together for coffee, get a list of items that you must find and take a picture of and then be back to the same starting location to upload your pictures into a computer or hand in your film for development.

When the pictures come back, a jury of people will choose the best photograph for each of the items on the list.

In a subsequent meeting planned for October 26, the pictures will be shown and awards given out.

**Post your
photography
online...
FREE**

For your information.....

There are a number of excellent free opportunities for you to publish your photographs online.....a way for others to see your work without having to print them.

Most of them limit you to a specific number you can post for free and then charge you a membership fee if you want more...your choice!

When you register, they will most

likely encourage you to download software that makes it so easy to upload your pictures.

Here are some that you can investigate:

[Wwww.webshots.com](http://www.webshots.com)

[Wwww.pbase.com](http://www.pbase.com)

[Wwww.kodakgallery.com](http://www.kodakgallery.com)

[Wwww.ofoto.com](http://www.ofoto.com)

[Wwww.shutterfly.com](http://www.shutterfly.com)

[Wwww.myfamily.com](http://www.myfamily.com)

[Wwww.familybug.com](http://www.familybug.com)

[Wwww.smugmug.com](http://www.smugmug.com)

[Wwww.fotki.com](http://www.fotki.com)

This is a space for you.....

We would like to give every member an opportunity to tell us about you, your work, your photographic experiences, your upcoming exhibits, your awards.

If you would like to submit an article or an announcement, please send them to Roberta Miller at berta1@comcast.net and she will include it in the newsletter.

Since this is the first newsletter and I don't have anyone's article, I will share with you a photo of a "roo" recently taken in Australia. Once I get to organize my Australia and New Zealand pictures, I will post them on www.webshots.com so you can see them.





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Everything Photographic

We will attempt to bring you up to date information from the world of Photography. If there is something that you want to know about, let us know and we will report it here.

Photography Forum

Go to www.MyDigitalVideo.com and sign up for the Forum. This is a discussion board for all types of photography issues, new equipment, software etc. This is your chance to post your questions and have other photographers answer them.

Photoshop Tutorial Website

Go to <http://simplephotoshop.com> to learn about how to use this complex program

New Course at CCAA

Photoshop and Photoshop Elements for the Raw Beginner.

Taught by Bob Singer on Thursday nights (opposite weeks of the camera club)

- o Adjusting your camera exposures to minimize your adjustment work in Photoshop.
- o Getting pictures from your camera into your computer.
- o Storing and protecting your digital image files.
- o Basic digital photo file formats that you should use...and why.
- o Setting up your computer to easily find and open your digital pictures

- o Understanding the Photoshop workspace, concepts, terms and tools.
- o Using Photoshop tools to improve your pictures - basic photo editing that gets the job done.
- o Choosing the Photoshop options that work best for you.
- o Saving your images to display as prints, on projection screens, computer monitors and TVs.

Call the curator at 508-362-2909 to Register.

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