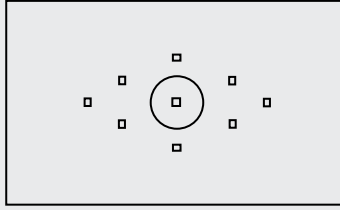


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September Assigned Category: BALANCE

OUR JUDGE THIS MONTH - MATT HAINES

SHOOTING WITH FRIENDS

As photographers, there are many different ways to expand the way we think about and create our images. We open up ourselves to the ideas of others by visiting museums and reading photography books and blogs. We push ourselves to originate new ideas by participating in club assignments and personal projects. But there is nothing quite like the experience of standing side-by-side photographing with good friends and comparing your different perspectives at the end of the day.

Last month several of us arranged an impromptu meeting at the Ventura County Fair to shoot the night-time lights and fireworks. As we explored the area, we would often bump into one another, drawn to the same subject. If we found something interesting, we would pass the word. On one hand there was certainly a wealth of subject matter: rides, people, booths, animals. But on the other hand, the Fair was still a fairly limited area and subject.

Within the next few days we all started to share our results through email, Flickr, and personal web sites. What a wonderful experience it was to see each person's view of the night. Even more delightful was to

SHOOTING WITH FRIENDS, *continued*

see our personalities shine in our photos. We saw the wonderful control and precision of one photographer versus the experimental nature of another. We saw the fair in short and long exposures, color and b&w, close and far away, and wide-angle and long lens. Each one of us was able to take away a new experience by looking across the collection of photos. It was eye opening and inspiring.

The magic of the experience was the combination of good friends, an interesting environment, and the willingness and confidence to share. I encourage each of you to find your shooting mates whom you can trust in your personal photographic journey. Not only will they hold you to your commitments to get up too early, stay out too late, and drive too many miles, but they will also push you and pull you to new perspectives, ideas, and accomplishments.

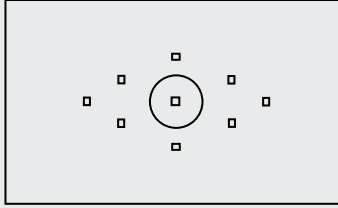
Nancy Lehrer - Co-president

Please send your digital images to Anne Allen at ipix4u@verizon.net by Monday,

September 6th by 8 p.m. Thanks!

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OUR JUDGE THIS MONTH

Matt Haines - Learn & Laugh

Matt was voted “Best Photographer of Ventura County” two years in the row as well as “Best Photographer” in the latest Ventura County Star Readers Polls. His studio exists in the wide open spaces of the outdoors. He started out in the music business but turned his photography from a hobby to a profession when he discovered he loved making portraits. As a result, he is a photographer renowned for his outdoor family portraits.

His photographs of children, families, adults and pets—that’s right, you can bring your dog!—have earned him awards and recognition both locally and nationally. All portrait photography sessions are conducted “on location”, whether it’s at the beach, a beautiful park or garden, or in a client’s backyard or living room. He regularly risks his photographic equipment to sand, wind and surf, in the quest for the perfect family portrait.

Matt was once a member of our club and he continues to inspire us by taking his photography to the next level. We are lucky to benefit from his expertise and wonderful sense of humor. You can’t beat that perfect combination!

REQUIRED VIEWING

Susannah Kramer

Susannah, our co-vice president has just published a Blurb book called, *Travels With My Brother, A Journey To The Emerald Isle*. It is a book about the trip she took with her brother David to Ireland last April. The first thirteen pages can be seen at: <http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/1535786>. She also has a blog: <http://noonum.wordpress.com/2010/08/31/a-week-on-orcas-island/>

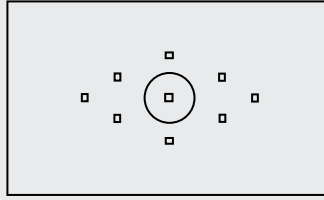
A CALL TO ARTISTS

The Ojai Valley Museum Presents:
Ojai Celebrates Art III
A juried exhibition of Fine Arts with an open theme - bring your best!
October 7 - December 31, 2010
Awards Ceremony Sat., Oct.16, 4-5 p.m.
Cash Awards for 1st, 2nd and third places
Questions? Contact the museum by phone: (805) 640-1390 or go to: www.ojavalleymuseum.org/ or contact Myrna at photomyrna@sbcglobal.net

THANKS TO LAST MONTH’S JUDGE

Ines Roberts for coming down to judge our photographs. We always benefit from her perspective and learn a great deal.

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FROM THE DESK OF PHOTO FROYD

One of my favorite musicians and all around talent was Steve Allen. I loved his early television shows. During an interview about his music, someone asked him, what was his biggest problem when composing a new song. His answer was; “*Hands fall upon familiar keys*”. Meaning that what you’re most familiar and comfortable with, limits your ability to be original, unique and different. I find myself falling back on what I know and do best when going on a photo shoot. It’s like when you go out at a restaurant and order the food you like best, rather than being adventurous and ordering something you have never eaten before. When you go out to photograph a subject, I’ll bet you put on your favorite lens, go to your favorite place, and shoot what’s in your comfort zone. Yes, you feel secure and comfortable, but creativity goes down the drain. During the Ventura Fair a group of us met to shoot the evening lights and attractions. Was I comfortable with it? *NO*. But I said if they can do it so can I. I did. I had a blast and came up with some very good images. So I say to you, challenge yourself, shoot something different and out of your comfort zone. That’s one of the reasons we have categories for our monthly meetings. October’s topic is “Table Top”. Get your tripod out, put a table cloth over the kitchen table, grab a flashlight or two, some lights, and a nice subject (look what

PHOTO FROYD continued

Ed Weston did with bell peppers) and experiment. I am comfortable with sharp images throughout (a very small aperture). So guess what I will be doing the next time I go out in the field? *Selective Focus* - very large aperture. So my suggestion to you is challenge yourself, do something different. It will make you a better photographer.

Roy Allen

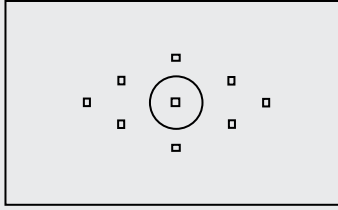
SUBSCRIBE TO A FREE NEWSLETTER

Hank Stoutz has informed us about a free newsletter from Tim Grey. He says that sometimes it is pretty technical but may be of some interest to the group. Here is the link where you can sign up for the answers to some of your digital questions:
www.timgrey.com

PICTURE PARAMEDIC

David Saffir, a camera club member is providing a service where he repairs, resuscitates and retouches images. He has I have “treated” literally thousands of images from other photographers - including scans from film, digital raw files, and previously processed image files - for web, exhibition, gallery, or personal use.
davidsaffir@mac.com.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS Cristela & Alexandra Koreisz

MERIT AWARDS FOR AUGUST

Please visit our website to view the digital open merit photos: **Just click on the link below!**

<http://www.venturacountycameraclub.com/meritawards.htm>

Print Merits

Black & White

Ken Clunis: Mt. McKinley - SE Buttress
Nancy Lehrer: Tree in Winter

Color Print Merits

Jean Castaing: Lonely Cypress
Jean Castaing: Twilight At Point Rush
Hal Epstein: Sea Foam 01
Ron Matson: Caterpillar
Albert Huen: Raise the Red Lantern
David Orias: Streaming Clouds
Ed Pinsky: Quoth The Raven
Ingus Richter: Untitled

Digital Art Prints

Susannah Kramer: Anika

Digital Merits (Projected)

Assigned

Anne Allen: The Mayor's Place
Anne Allen: Where Is The Knob
Myrna Cambianica: Gallipoli Laundry
Jean Castaing: You're Goin' Nowhere
Kevin Charbonneau: 95 Lombard Place
Hal Epstein: At The Top Of The Stairs
John Ferritto: Closed
Albert Huen: Looking At Yesterday
Albert Huen: Outhouse
Hutch Hutchinson: Lindsey's Room

Digital Merits

Assigned, continued

Susannah Kramer: Leaving
Nancy Lehrer: Who Stays There
Ken Macgregor: Style All the While
Fred Magness: Closed
Susan Magness: Tularosa Door
Darrel Priebe: Car Door

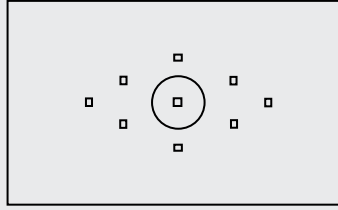
Open

Anne Allen: Town Down
Roy Allen: See An Elephant?
Roy Allen: Space Ship On Main Street
Myrna Cambianica: Fiddle necks
Patty Hester: Flying Blossom
Hutch Hutchinson: Sunshine
Brian Jones: Innocence
Brian Jones: Marilyn
Susannah Kramer: The Last Native Grassland
Ken Macgregor: American Box Turtle
Ken Macgregor: Yellow Echeveria
Ron Matson: Lonesome Tree
Ron Matson: Pretty Boy
Joseph Osborne: Billy Sits
Darrel Priebe: Hand in Hand
Darrel Priebe: Teamwork
Gina Ramsay: Airplane Rivets
Gina Ramsay: Let's Go Riding
Randi Seigel: She Is Fire Maker
Hank Stoutz: Almond Field
Hank Stoutz: Hawk & Tree At Sunset

Digital Art

Allyson Barnes
Kevin Charbonneau: My Three Sons
John Ferritto: Last Rose

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FALL WORKSHOPS & BEYOND

Fall Into New England!

Photo Tours 2010

A Photographers Outing

Wed. Oct 6 - Sunday Oct 10 Vermont/New Hampshire

Tues Oct 12 - Saturday Oct. 16 Maine

Guide: April Bielefeldt

<http://www.yourphototravelguide.com/>
818-723-7413 or april@aprilart.com

Steve Sieren Photography

Eastern High Sierra in the Fall

http://www.sierenphotography.com/gallery/2590866#933867819_SG9Jn-A-LB

Weekend or Weekday

October 5-9 (10th optional) & October 8-10

Based in Mammoth Lakes, California

Mark Jansen Photography

Jansen Photo Expeditions

<http://jansenphotoexpeditions.com/default.aspx>

Eastern Sierra: Oct. 15-17, 2010

Death Valley: Feb. 18-20, 2011

Big Sur: Mar. 18-20, 2011

Dan Holmes Photography

Shooting Ventura

<http://www.vitaartcenter.com/index.php?name=teachcl&ins=Dan%20Holmes>

Dates: Mon. & Wed. Oct. 18 - Nov. 3, 2010

Four Sessions, Time: 4-6 p.m.

CLUB OFFICERS

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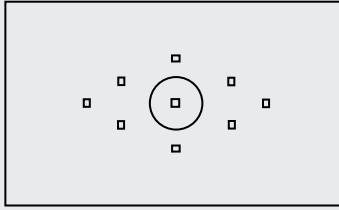
Workshop Committee: Les Ammann

Banquet Gal: Jean Castaing

Assigned Category Developer:
Hutch Hutchinson

Go To Club Guy: Roy Allen

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VCCC KNOCKS 'EM DEAD AT THE VENTURA COUNTY FAIR

This past month the photography exhibit at the Fair rewarded the fine work of many of our members. Congratulations to the following sharp shooters:

2010 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners

Division 600 Black & White

Class 2: 1st - John Ferrito; 3rd - Roy Allen

Class 3: 2nd - Brian Jones

Class 4: 1st - Nancy Lehrer

Class 5: 2nd - Rachael Allen

Class 7: 1st - John Ferritto,

3rd - George Hutchinson

Class 9: 3rd - Rachael Allen

Class 10: 1st - Rachael Allen

Division 601 Color Prints

Class 1: 1st - George Hutchinson

2nd - Darrel Priebe

Class 2: 2nd - Harold Epstein

Class 3: 1st - George Hutchinson

3rd - John Ferritto

Class 4: 1st - Ed Pinsky

Class 5: 2nd - Nancy Lehrer

3rd - Patricia Marroquin

Class 6: 1st - Ron Matson

Class 7: 1st - Nancy Lehrer;

2nd - Les Ammann; 3rd - George Hutchinson

Class 11: 2nd - George Hutchinson

Class 12: 1st - Joseph Osborne

Class 14: 1st - Roy Allen

VENTURA COUNTY FAIR WINNERS Continued

Class 15: 1st - Darrel Priebe; 2nd - Roy Allen

3rd - Ron Matson

Class 17: 3rd - Ron Matson

Class 19: 2nd - George Hutchinson

Class 20: 1st - Ron Matson;

2nd - Anne Allen

RED RIVER PAPER

Red River Paper - When ordering paper, please go to :

www.redriverpaper.com/myclub

and use the following code:

vccc (enter code in lower case)

DISCOUNT TO VCCC MEMBERS

Dexter's Camera on 484 Main St in Ventura is offering a special 10% discount to all VCCC members. If you are

looking for camera gear be sure to check with Dexter's. Ask for Greg

805-643-2172 & 805-485-5815

info@dexterscamera.com

Also in Ojai

1117 Maricopa Highway

805-646-2771