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HOT NEWS

Adobe has released the finished versions of Camera Raw 5.3 and Lightroom 2.3. These are the final versions of updates which were previously posted as release candidates on the Adobe labs site. Both provide additional Raw support for Nikon D3X and Olympus E-30 DSLRs. A new update to Photoshop CS4 which among other things speeds up its performance is now available. It is version 11.0.1.

Canon has announced a new AF fix for the EOS-1D Mark III and the EOS 1DS Mark III. This will require the cameras to be sent in to a Canon repair facility. In addition new firmware has been released for both models and is available immediately.

Nik Software announces Plug-in updates for Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 2.

Microsoft released a statement that it intends to open a chain of retail stores in competition with Apple. The names and locations as well as other details have yet to be worked out.

At last, at last. This new release by Samsung is sure to thrill every serious photographer. Hold your breath because you are about to have your wildest dream come true. It's a point and shoot camera, namely the Model CL5. What's the big deal? It has a built in MP3 player. I'm so excited. You can even get it in pink.

Check out the website photographybb.com to download the release of their latest free online magazine. All past issues are additionally available. This monthly publication is very well done.

Ritz Camera, the nation's largest retail camera store chain, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. This over 600 store chain also operates under the name of Wolf Photo and additionally owns 137 Boater's World stores. A combined amount of \$40,000,000 is owed to Canon and Nikon alone.

PMA 2009

As this is being written, the major photographic show of the year in the USA, the PMA 2009 International Convention and Trade Show is being held in Las Vegas from March 3-5. Many new products have been announced and will be showcased at the show.

The rumor mill was way off base so far as predicting new DSLRs from Canon, Nikon or Sony. Nothing has been announced as of yet but the show is still ongoing.

Panasonic has introduced the DMC-GH1. This is a new HD video capable Micro Four Thirds camera. In addition two new lenses for use with this system were announced. One is the Lumix G Vario HD 14-140 lens which allows continuous AF during movie recording. This has a 28-280 equivalent focal length. The lens is smaller and lighter than the previous model with similar equivalent for the Four Thirds system and was specifically designed for video as well as photo use. The second lens is the G Vario 7-14 ultra-wide angle.

Sigma announced a rash of new lenses designed for use with Sigma, Canon, Nikon, Sony and Pentax DSLRs. They are a 10-22 f3.5, 18-50 f2.8-4.5 (for use with APS-C/DX sized sensors), 50-200 f4-5.6, 24-70 f2.8 and the 18-250 f3.5-6.3. The last two are available immediately

Although there is a noticeable absence of new DSLRs at the show, the opposite can be said for the release of new point and shoot models. Canon has several but drawing the most attention are its SX200 IS compact superzoom and the D10 water/shockproof compact.

RESULTS OF NJFCC ANNUAL TOPS IN NJ - NATURE PROJECTED IMAGE COMPETITION

Host: Hillcrest Camera Club

February 23, 2009

Judges: Marian Boyer, Arik Gorban, Ray Yaros

Note: All images were digital.

General

Title	Photographer	Organization	Award
El Capitan Storm Clearing	Tibor Vari	Teaneck Camera Club	Plaque
After the Storm	Vladimir Bykov	Ridgewood Camera Club	Medal
Banff National Park	Stephen Kamin	Essex Photo Club	MA
Weathered Woods	Bob Raichelson	Essex Photo Club	MA
Half Dome at Sunset	Bob Peltz	Ridgewood Camera Club	HM
Valley View Storm Clearing	Tom Babich	Teaneck Camera Club	HM
Three Brothers Awaken	Bob Sayegh	Teaneck Camera Club	HM
Weed	Gisela Schroeder	Teaneck Camera Club	HM

Botanical

Title	Photographer	Organization	Award
Pink Cactus Flowers	Florence Kantor	Ridgewood Camera Club	Plaque
Pink Lady Slipper	Dieter Steinmeyer	Ridgewood Camera Club	Medal
Pink Water Lilly	Cathy DesRochers	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	MA
Iris Ensata	David Mills	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	MA
Second White Trillium	Marjorie Forrest	Ridgewood Camera Club	MA

Ornithological

Title	Photographer	Organization	Award
Ospreys Morning Catch	Roman Kurywczak	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Plaque
Egret Feeding the Chicks	Della O'Malley	Ridgewood Camera Club	Medal
Northern Mockingbird	Ann Watts	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	MA
Eastern Bluebird with Spider 1	Jerry Fornarotto	Garden State Six Shooters	MA
Northern Cardinal	David DesRochers	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	HM
Ibis with Shrimp	Ben Venezia	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	HM
Common Tern Feeding Chick	Susan Candelario	Garden State Six Shooters	HM
Just the Right Size	Klaus-Dieter Schleim	Garden State Six Shooters	HM
Dancing High	Jia Han Dong	Ridgewood Camera Club	HM
Snowy Egrets Mating Dance	Peter O'Malley	Ridgewood Camera Club	HM
Loon on Wonder Lake	Joel Schilling	Ridgewood Camera Club	HM
Harris Hawk Landing	Doug Goodell	Ridgewood Camera Club	HM

Zoological

Title	Photographer	Organization	Award
Siberian Tiger Coming at You	Phil Echo	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Plaque
Deer Fly Laying Eggs	Jenny Harrington	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	Medal
Mating	Art Lee	Livingston Camera Club	MA
Green Tree Python	Larry Mammone	Camera Naturalist Photo Club	MA
Gray Wolf	Brent Archibald	HUB Camera Club	HM
Sibling Rivalry	Joe Giordano	Teaneck Camera Club	HM
Bobcat	Vinnie Kempf	Ridgewood Camera Club	HM
Jumping Spider with Fly	Butch Van Seters	Hillcrest Camera Club	HM
Fly on Flower	Barry Wolfe	Livingston Camera Club	HM

RESULTS OF NJFCC ANNUAL TOPS IN NJ - NATURE PROJECTED IMAGE COMPETITION

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Score	Number	Percentage
27	0	0.00%
26	0	0.00%
25	1	0.70%
24	7	4.90%
23	4	2.80%
22	14	9.79%
21	26	18.18%
20	26	18.18%
19	21	14.69%
18	16	11.19%
17	14	9.79%
16	4	2.80%
15	6	4.20%
14	1	0.70%
13	2	1.40%
12	1	0.70%
Totals	143	100.00%

Club	Total Entries	Total Awards	Total Score	Average
Camera Naturalists PC	12	9	271	22.6
Essex PC	4	2	76	19.0
Garden State Six Shooters CC	5	3	108	21.6
Hillcrest CC	26	1	493	19.0
HUB CC	11	1	195	17.7
Livingston CC	9	2	177	19.7
Monmouth CC	18	0	317	17.6
Morris PC	5	0	100	20.0
Ridgewood CC	32	11	640	20.0
South Jersey CC	2	0	38	19.0
Teaneck CC	18	5	355	19.7
Totals	143	34	2767	19.3

Number of Clubs Participating	11	Number of Qualifying Images	143
Number of Slides	0	Number of Digital Images	143
Percentage of Slides	0.00%	Percentage of Digital Images	100.00%
Number of Awarded Slides	0	Number of Awarded Digital Images	34
Percentage of Awarded Slides	0.00%	Percentage of Awarded Digital Images	23.78%

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2009 ANNUAL SPRING NJFCC PRINT COMPETITION

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Color B

Maker	Title	Club	Score	Award
John Paulyson	What do you see?	RID	25	Medal
Alyse Wolfson	Cambodian Mother and Child	LIV	25	MA
John Sandstedt	As Seen at Antelope Canyon	GBW	24	MA
John Paulyson	Tiger Time	RID	24	MA
Eunice Neubeck	Fences	PLA	24	MA
Patrick Philippi	Kiss of the Autumn Sky	HIL	23	HM
Bernie Solomon	Pueblo Ladder #2	GBW	23	HM
Patrick Philippi	View Through the Barn Window	HIL	23	HM
Butch VanSeters	Going Nuts	HIL	23	HM
John Sandstedt	Fire Across the Pond	GBW	23	HM
Bruce Stetson	Harp Player of Quebec	ROC	23	HM

Mono A

Maker	Title	Club	Score	Award
Art Lee	Hoian River Taxi	LIV	26	Medal
Art Lee	Apprehensive	LIV	26	MA
Vladimir Bykov	Taltsi	RID	26	MA
Linda Hollinger	Mr. Fixit	SJCC	26	MA
Robert Thompson	Catching a Breeze	HIL	24	HM
Jia Han Dong	Uncle Li Smoking	RID	24	HM
Art Lee	Village Elder	LIV	24	HM
Peter O'Malley	Westminister Abby Façade	RID	24	HM
Fernando Lopez	Taylor in Mommy's Lap	RID	24	HM

Mono B

Maker	Title	Club	Score	Award
Ed Cohen	Riding and Running on the Boardwalk	GBW	24	MEDAL
Mike Hurwitz	Kristin	SJCC	24	MA
Katie Juhasz	Walking in Death Valley	RID	24	MA
Patrick Philippi	Millipede	HIL	24	MA
Debra Calie	Is This the Way?	HIL	23	HM

Statistics

Total Number of entries	213
Number Participating Clubs	10
# DQ / Withdrawn	1
Total Awarded Images	42
% awarded	20%

PHOTOGRAPHY OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE

The National Geographic Society's historical mission is "to increase and diffuse geographic knowledge while promoting the conservation of the world's cultural, historical, and natural resources."

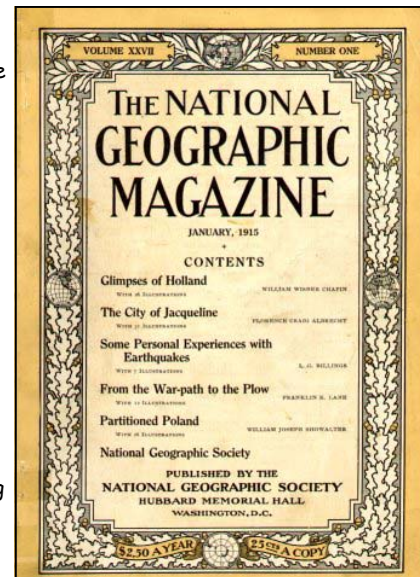
Vicki DeVico, Monmouth CC

We all know that some of the most beautiful, meaningful, and/or moving images have been found on and beneath the covers of National Geographic Magazine. Many of the images have documented events long past for posterity, as well as recording living species that are no longer in existence. Because of this, the magazine has an important place in history. The following is an excerpt from Wikipedia:

On January 13, 1888, 33 explorers and scientists gathered at the Cosmos Club, a private club located on Lafayette Square in Washington DC, to organize "a society for the increase and diffusion of geographical knowledge." After preparing a constitution and a plan of organization, the National Geographic Society was incorporated two weeks later on January 27.

...
The first issue (of the magazine) was published nine months after the Society itself was founded. To this day, it is identifiable by the characteristic yellow frame that surrounds its front cover.

...
In addition to being well-known for articles about scenery, history, and the most distant corners of the world, the magazine has been recognized for its book-like quality and its standard of photography. This standard makes it the home to some of the highest-quality photojournalism in the world. The magazine began to feature color photography in the early 20th century, when this technology was still rare. During the 1930s, Luis Marden (1913-2003), a writer and photographer for *National Geographic*, convinced the magazine to allow its photographers to use small 35 mm cameras loaded with Kodachrome film over bulkier cameras with tripods and glass plates. In 1959, the magazine started publishing small photographs on its covers, later becoming larger photographs. National Geographic photography has quickly shifted to digital photography for both its magazine on paper and its website. In subsequent years, the magazine cover, while keeping its yellow border, shed its oak leaf trim and bare table of contents, for a large photograph taken from one of the month's articles inside.



Some of the best talks available are presented by National Geographic photographers. There's a wonderful series of videos available for viewing online at their website—they give pointers and show their works and how they were achieved.

In 2006, National Geographic began conducting an international photography competition with participation by photographers in over eighteen countries. Whether you choose to enter a contest of this magnitude or not, all photographers can benefit by visiting their website (www.nationalgeographic.com), clicking on the "Photography" link on the left, and exploring the photos and information available there. Check out their Photo Galleries, Photos of the Day, Photographers and Photo Tips...it's well worth the visit!



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2009 ANNUAL SPRING NJFCC PRINT COMPETITION

HUB Camera Club

February 10, 2009

Judges: Jerry Fornarotto, Vinnie Kempf, Dave Mills

Competing Entries

213

Entry Breakdown	# Entries	% of total entries	# images awarded	% awarded
Mono B	19	9%	5	26%
Mono A	53	25%	9	17%
Color B	69	32%	11	16%
Color A	72	34%	17	24%
Totals	213	100%	42	20%

Participating Clubs

Club	# accepted entries	# categories entered	% of total entries	DQ's / With-drawn
Essex	10	2	5%	
Hillcrest	49	4	23%	
Ridgewood	32	4	15%	1
Livingston	15	3	7%	
Plainfield	11	1	5%	
Rockland	19	3	9%	
Cranbury Digital CC	16	3	8%	
Hub	12	3	6%	
Greenbriar @ Whittingham	15	2	7%	
South Jersey CC	34	4	16%	
Totals	213		100%	

Color A

Maker	Title	Club	Score	Award
Denise Bush	Jefferson at Dawn	SJCC	26	Medal
Fernando Lupez	Framed Beauty	RID	26	MA
Jay Matusow	L'aube (Dawn)	ROC	25	MA
Len Sherman	Arms & Legs	LIV	25	MA
Linda Hollinger	Emily	SJCC	25	MA
Tam Stuart	Touchdown	CDCC	25	MA
Jia Han Dong	Sunset Claming	RID	24	HM
Art Lee	Eagle with Fish in Talons	LIV	24	HM
Art Lee	Happy Villager	LIV	24	HM
Peter O'Malley	Pelican Portrait	RID	23	HM
Martin Joffe	Vietnamese Water Front Property #1	ROC	23	HM
Florence Robin	Starry Night	SJCC	23	HM
Ralph Baron	Secluded Barn	SJCC	23	HM
Martin Joffe	Female Baltimore Oriole Number 1	ROC	23	HM
Don Myles	Blue Bottles	HIL	23	HM
Jay Matusow	Chez Elle	ROC	23	HM
Della O'Malley	Beautiful Clematis	RID	23	HM

**WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT NJFCC MEMBER CLUBS
IN
APRIL 2009?**

Club	Location	Date	Topic	Judge or Speaker
Camera Naturalist	Somerset Co. Env Ed. Center	4/16	Competition: Landscapes	Tibor Vari
		4/30	NJFCC Spring Nature	Jerry Fornarotto
Central NJ	Ray Dwier Centre Groveville	4/2	Competition: Hands	Alan Leckner
Cranbury "Digital"	Cranbury Methodist Church	4/8	NJFCC Tops in NJ [Prints]	
		4/22	Competition: Winter Scenes	
Cranford/Milburn	Cranford Community Center	4/13	Program: Cold Weather Photography	Roman Kurywczak
	Bauer Comm. Center Milburn	4/27	Competition: Places of Worship	Stanley Kantor
Essex	Caldwell United Methodist Church	4/2	Photo Lab - Incorporating Shadows into Your Photographs	Joe Thomas
		4/16	Competition	Marjorie Forrest, APSA
E.C. Nature	Essex Co. Env. Center Roseland	TBA	TBA	
Gateway	Staten Island	4/1	Competition	Eli Rivera
		4/15	Program - Workshop	Jimmy I.
Greenbriar @ Whittingham	G@W Towne Centre Monroe Township	4/1	Photoshop Tools—Marquee Presentation: Exposure	Bernie Solomon John Sandstedt
		4/15	Competition: Open and Theme [Bridges]	Gail Tanski
Hillcrest	Phillipsburg Pilgrim Presby. Church	4/13	Competition: Ice and Snow	
		4/27	Member Showcase and Social	
HUB	Mountain Lakes Library	4/27	Presentation: How to Photograph Wildlife	Phil Echo
Livingston	Sr./Comm. Center Livingston	4/13	Competition: Best of Year	Vinnie Kempf, Howard Knauer, Judy Helderman
		4/27	Presentation: The Art of Seeing	Roz Rosenbloom
Mapleshade/Moorestown	Mapleshade Municipal Building	4/7	Presentation - The Pinelands, A Visual Journey Competition: Song Titles II	Albert D. Horner
Monmouth	Colt's Neck Reformed Church	TBA		
		TBA		
Morris	AT&T Building Florham Park	4/8	Competition: Black and White	Heinz Otto
		4/22	Presentation: Working in the Field	Ben Venezia
Ocean County	Lakewood High School	4/6	Grab Shots	
		4/13	No School - No Meeting	
		4/20	High School Students Competition	
		4/27	Competition	

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<u>Club</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Judge or Speaker</u>
Photographers of Sussex County	Sussex Co. Fairgrounds	4/20	Open House	
Photographic Soc. of So. Jersey	ACUA Bldg. Egg Harbor	TBA	TBA	
Photographic Soc. of Vineland	Christ Church Newfield	4/2	Competition: Open-Open and Critique	
Plainfield	Fleetwood Museum North Plainfield	4/1	Competition: Reflections and Night Photography	
		4/21	Competition - PSA Nature	
Princeton Photography Club	The 1860's House Skillman	TBA	TBA	
Pocono Photo Club	East Stroudsburg, PA	4/17	Monthly Meeting	Mike Brigader
Raritan Photographic Society	Library East Brunswick	4/2	Competition: Open and Slides	
	No B. High School	4/23	Presentation: Abstracts in Nature and The Real World	Brien Szabo
Ridgewood	Women's Club Wyckoff	4/8	Competition; Nature #4	Ben Venezia
		4/15	Competition: Print #4	Joe Thomas
		4/22	Competition: Assigned Subject #2 - Waterfalls	Phil Echo
		4/29	Program #7 - Macro Photography	Brien Szabo
Rockland	Clarkstown Comm. Center, NYC	4/2	Competition: Abstracts	Ford Weisberg
		4/9	Workshop: Actions	Martin Joffe
		4/23	Presentation: Digital Image Show	Walter Kimmel
Somerset County	Bound Brook Memorial Library	4/14	Competition: Sunrise - Sunset, Open	Nancy Ori
		4/28	Presentation: Being More Creative	Roz Rosenbloom
South Brunswick	South Brunswick Public Library	TBA	TBA	
South Jersey	Medford Leas Community Center	4/21	Presentation: Digital Essay Contest Competition:	Tom Icklan
Staten Island	S.I. Inst. for Arts & Sciences	4/2	Program at Museum	
		4/16	Competition; Assigned Subjects	Roz Rosenbloom
Teaneck	Roda Rec Center Teaneck	4/7	DVD Showing: National Geographic	
		4/14	Presentation: Seeing Things	Joe Thomas
		4/21	Competition	Stanley Kantor
		4/28	Tri-Club Competition	Dave DesRoches, Dave Mills Roman Kurywczak
Tri - County	Nutley High School	4/7	Competitions: Pictorial and Creative	
		4/21	TBA	
		4/28	Competition: Animal Nature	
Vailsburg	Springfield	TBA		

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<u>Club</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Judge or Speaker</u>
Tri - County	Nutley High School	3/3	Ridgewood International	
		3/10	Competitions: Pictorial #5, Creative #5	
			Competition: Nature #5 Critique: Pictorial	
Vailsburg	Springfield	TBA	TBA	



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