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CLUB PRESIDENTS TAKE NOTE . . .

The November delegates meeting was cancelled due to the aftereffects of Sandy. So, Club Presidents are now invited to the December 3rd Delegates Meeting and asked to prepare a **short** [five minutes or so] presentation on what's doing at his/her club. We'd like to hear about what works and what doesn't work for your club, etc.

Presidents, please clear your schedules and plan to attend this important meeting.

PHOTORAMA 2013

Mark your calendars: Photorama 2013 will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013 in the FEA Conference Center, 12 center Drive, Monroe Township, right off Exit 8A of the New Jersey.

The Speaker will be Bryan F Peterson, photographer, author and founder of the Perfect Picture School of Photography. You can see ads for PPSOP at adoama.com and in Popular Photography Magazine. Bryan's main theme for the program will be "Seeing Creatively."

You be able to order a ticket via the NJFCC website; however, at this moment, the website isn't accepting orders. Keep checking www.njfcc.org

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LANDSCAPES
Sept 11-18, 2011, Sept 9-16, 2012

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WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT NJFCC MEMBER CLUBS
IN
JANUARY 2013

Club	Location	Date	Topic	Judge or Speaker
Camera Naturalist	Somerset Co. Env Ed Ctr Spanish Tavern Somerset Co. Env Ed Ctr	1/10/13 1/19/2013 1/24/13	Program No. 3 Wildlife Photography After Holiday Party 12:00-4:00 PM Competition: Animals [No Birds]	Roman Kurywczak, NJFC Roman Kurywczak, NJFC
Cranbury "Digital"	Cranbury Methodist Church	1/9/13 1/26/13	Club Meeting Competition: Leading Lines	
Cranford/Millburn	Bauer Center, Millburn Bauer Center, Millburn	1/14/13 1/28/13	NJFCC Photo Travel Competition Competition: Shadows and Silhouettes	Roman Kurywczak, NJFC, Stanley Kantor, Jeff Norton Peter Lekos
Essex Photo	Caldwell United Methodist Church	1/3/13 1/17/13 1/24/13	Program: Shoot Passionately Competition: Macro Open Board Meeting	Brien Szabo Nick Palmieri
E.C. Nature	Essex Co. Env. Center	TBA	TBA	
Gateway	Sacred Heart School	1/8/13 1/15/13	Competition No. 4 Presentation: Exposure & Understanding Histograms	Sara Signorelli Phil Echo, NJFC
Hillcrest	Phillipsburg Pilgrim Presby. Church	TBA	TBA	
HUB	Mountain Lakes Library	1/28/13	Competition: Open Pictorial	Dave Mills, NJFC
Livingston	Sr./Comm. Center Livingston	1/14/13 1/28/13	Competition No. 4: Open Presentation: How to Prepare Entries for themed competition "Water in Any Form"	Dave DesRochers Bart Zoni
Metedeconk	Metedeconk Lakes Regency Adult Comm.	TBA	TBA	
Monmouth	Colt's Neck Reformed Church	1/10/13 1/24/13	Presentation: Painting with Light Merit Judging	Arik Gorban Arik Gorban
Monroe Photography [Formerly Greenbriar]	Monroe Township Comm. Center	1/2/13 1/16/13	Presentation: The Art of Landscape Photography Competition: Water	Dave DesRochers Tom Calamia
Morris Photocolor	Morristown Town Hall Sr. Center, 3rd Floor	1/2/13 1/16/13 1/30/12	Competition: Open and Travel Program: Travelogue on Ireland Competition: Open and Creative	Roman Kurywczak, NJFC Vinnie Kempf Arik Gorban
Ocean County	Girls Scouts of the Jersey Shore Toms River	1/7/13 1/14/13 1/28/13	HDR Slide Show and Demo Program Competition: Patterns Competition: Mono	Denise Ippolito
Photographers of Sussex Co.	Sussex Co. Fairgrounds	1/21/13	TBD	
Pocono	East Stroudsburg University	1/15/13	Monthly Membership Meeting	
Princeton Photography Club	D&R Greenway LandTrust Princeton	1/9/13	General Meeting Many workshops throughout the month. See website	
Raritan Photographic Society	American Legion Milltown	TBA	TBA	
Ridgewood	VFW Hall Franklin Lakes.	1/2/13 1/9/13 1/16/13 1/23/13 1/30/13	Executive Committee Competition: Nature No 3 Program No 4: 12 Elements of an Award-Winning Image Ridgewood International Judging Digital Peer Critique	Roman Kurywczak Bill Rudock

Joby Gorillapod Focus w/ Ballhead X
Keith Patankar
Hunts Photo & Video

Sometimes you want a tool that is versatile and flexible. Especially when traveling, photographers are always looking for to lighten their load. Instead of carrying a full tripod that is heavy and bulky the Joby Gorillapod Focus just may be the perfect tool to take with you. But don't expect the Gorillapod to replace your tripod. Instead it is a flexible support system that can be used for support in certain situations. Unlike a straight table top tripod the Gorillapod allows you to bend the legs in different angles. This allows you to place your Gorillapod on uneven surfaces. You can place it on a rocky hillside, wrap it around a tree branch or railing, or just lay it flat on the ground.



Gorillapod Focus

The Joby Gorillapod Focus supports up to 11lbs; which is sturdy enough to hold a DSLR with zoom lens. The Gorillapod measures under fifteen inches and weighs just over a pound and a half with the heavy duty Ballhead X attached. The unique difference between the Gorillapod and a traditional tripod or table stand are the ball joint legs that are chained together and allow you to twist and turn each individual leg in any direction you desire. I was able to take this out and attach it to a railing, wrap it around a steady tree branch and position it on a rocky surface. The Ballhead X is very strong and is easily adjustable. It has a quick release plate with a standard 1/4" thread to mount to the base of your camera. The bottom of each leg is equipped with rubberized seals that prevent the Gorillapod from sliding on smooth surfaces. It would be nice to see retractable spikes in future models to anchor into loose gravel surfaces. Overall the design and finish of the Gorillapod Focus is solid and does not feel like it will easily break.



Ballhead - X for Focus

So if your off on a hike or taking a trip that your will not need a full tripod the Gorillapod Focus with Ballhead X should be considered as a travel companion. It can't and won't replace your full size tripod, but adds another alternative in support when you need it in a pinch. I have focused on the larger of the Gorillapods in this article, but there are many flavors available to every kind of photographer out there. Joby makes Gorillapods for smaller cameras from point and shoots to smaller mirrorless cameras and even has options for your iphone. They have Gorillapods with magnetic feet to snap onto magnetic surfaces. With all these choices you have support for any device to choose to capture your world.

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DECEMBER 2012**

Club	Location	Date	Topic	Judge or Speaker
Rockland Photography	Clarkstown Comm Ctr. New City	1/17/13	Competition No. 5: People and Portraiture	Leon Hertzen
Somerset County	Bound Brook Memorial Library	1/8/13 1/22/13	Competition: Back Lighting and Open Print Competition: Open	Dave Mills, NJFC
South Brunswick	New Location To Be Announced	1/2/13 or 1/9/13	TBD	
Sparta	Sparta Amb Squad	TBA	TBA	
Staten Island	Snug Harbor Bldg. Staten Island Mus.	1/3/13 1/10/13 1/17/13	Program: Ways of Eliminating Noise from Photos Program: Practice Session: Ways of Eliminating Noise from Photos Competition: Prints and Digital	Eri Mayr Eric Mayr
Teaneck	Rodda Rec Center Teaneck	1/8/13 1/15/13 1/22/13 1/29/13	Holiday Party Competition: Pictorial Digital Images Workshop: How Much Manipulation is Enough Members Meeting	Brien Szabo Nick Palmieri
Tri - County	Nutley High School TBD	TBA	TBA	
Vailsburg	Bailey Civic Center	TBA	TBA	

**Tibor Vari
Photo Workshops 2013**

T-Tours is proud to announce our workshop schedule for 2013 to Yosemite, Colorado, and Utah! All trips limited to 6 participants with a minimum of 3.

Details on these workshops are on my website <http://www.tiborvari.com/workshops/workshops.htm>.

Yosemite in Winter from 2/20 to 2/24 2013. The trip starts with workshop members being picked up at San Francisco airport and spending 3 nights in Yosemite and our last night near the airport. Trip details can be found here along with sample images taken from prior trips. [3 spots open] <http://www.tiborvari.com/workshops/2013YosemiteWinter.pdf>

Colorado Fall Foliage Tour from Sept 21st to 28th starting out from Denver and will include Maroon Bells outside Aspen, Kepler Pass, Sneffels Range, Last Dollar Road, Ashcroft (Ghost town), Owl Creek Pass, Red Mtn Pass, Garden of the Gods and the Great Sand Dunes. <http://www.tiborvari.com/workshops/201309Colorado.pdf>

Zion Fall Foliage Tour from Nov 2nd to 8th, starting out from Vegas and will include Zion & Bryce National Parks, Antelope Canyon, and Pink Sand Dunes <http://www.tiborvari.com/workshops/201311ZionPage.pdf>

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