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## 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](http://adoama.com) and in Popular Photography Magazine. Bryan's main theme for the program will be "Seeing Creatively." Order your ticket on the website at: [www.njfcc.org](http://www.njfcc.org)

## RARITAN RIVER WATERSHED

Can you help me celebrate the wonders of the Raritan River Watershed? I have a contract with Rutgers Press to produce a new book: *The Raritan River, Our Landscape, Our Legacy*

The plan is to address the issues facing the region - from the top of the South and Upper Branches all the way to the Bay - and all the tributaries in between - capturing the beauty of the area - and pointing out, as they say, opportunities for improvement.

Imagine a book populated with pictures taken by many, many local photographers - so we can expand our pool of advocates - and generate ever higher levels of understanding and participation in your efforts.

Here's the announcement - <http://blousteinschool.wordpress.com/2012/12/20/seeking-photos-for-rutgers-university-press-publication-on-the-raritan-river-watershed/>

Please share with your friends and colleagues - and it will be an honor to credit hundreds of great folks from across this region who love nature, who appreciate beauty in the built environment, and who understand the need to engage the larger Raritan community in an effort to address the challenges ahead.

Thank you for all you achieved in 2012 - and the very best in 2013!

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**Results of the NJFCC Annual Fall Nature Projected Image Competition  
Held on October 17, 2012 at the Gateway Camera Club  
Judges: Judy Helderman, Roman Kurywczak, NJFC, Jimi Iannizzotto**

**A total of 208 images were entered. Three were disqualified**

<b>BOTANICAL</b>			
<u>Photographer</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Award</u>
Lynn Padwee	Cranbury Digital CC	Hibiscus	Medal
Art Lee	Livingston CC	Japanese Anemone	Merit
Lee Wuenn	Morris PC	Backlit Myrtle	HM
Lee Wuenn	Morris PC	Wild Geraniums	HM
Rachel Ellentuck	Morris PC	Sweet Nectar	HM
R. Allen Simpson	Ridgewood CC	Mycena Inclinata	HM
<b>GENERAL</b>			
Greg DeAngelis	Cranbury Digital CC	Chimney Bluffs	Medal
David Pierson	Ridgewood CC	Mountain and Snow	Merit
Sue Green	Cranbury Digital CC	Mist Reflections	HM
Cathy DesRochers	Cranford / Millburn CC	Serengeti Plains Kopjes	HM
Nick Palmieri	Cranford / Millburn CC	Fall In The Adirondacks	HM
Jordan Basem	Livingston CC	Inferno	HM
Joseph Placer	Ridgewood CC	Sunrise at Pilgrim Creek	HM
<b>ORNITHOLOGICAL</b>			
Hal Crosthwaite	HUB CC	Black Headed Weaver	Medal
Ami Dayan	Teaneck CC	Focusing on prey	Merit
Joe Feldman	Teaneck CC	Great blue heron criss crossed	Merit
Jeff Norton	Teaneck CC	Bronzed cowbird	Merit
Tibor Vari	Teaneck CC	Blue bird launching	Merit
Ann Watts	Camera Naturalist PC	Scaled Quale	HM
Nick Palmieri	Cranford / Millburn CC	Sharing Breakfast	HM
Art Lee	Livingston CC	Puffin with Fish	HM
Jerry Fornarotto	Ridgewood CC	Common Tern with Menhaden	HM
Wayne Klierer	Camera Naturalist PC	Cormorant Enjoying a Snack	HM
Al Brown	Cranford / Millburn CC	Grab 'n' Go	HM
Al Brown	Cranford / Millburn CC	I Got Mine, Where's Yours?	HM
Boris Hardouin	Ridgewood CC	Blue Jay Feathers	HM
Elaine Call	Teaneck CC	Gimme shelter	HM

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Deborah Lewinson	Camera Naturalist PC	Got Ya	HM
Ken Curtis	Cranbury Digital CC	Loon in Morning Mist	HM
Marie Kane	Ridgewood CC	Lilac Breasted Roller 2	HM
<b>ZOOLOGICAL</b>			
James Lott	Camera Naturalist PC	Close Family	Medal
Jenny Harrington	Camera Naturalist PC	Chasing the Salmon	Merit
Chris Kliever	Camera Naturalist PC	Successful Seal Hunt	Merit
Wayne Kliever	Camera Naturalist PC	Polar Bear Posing	Merit
Alan Bogard	Monmouth CC	Orangutan 1	Merit
Griff Smith	Morris PC	Dorsal View of Malachite	Merit
Della O'Malley	Ridgewood CC	Snow Monkey	Merit
David DesRochers	Camera Naturalist PC	Chasing Salmon	HM
Jessica Kirste	Camera Naturalist PC	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail on Mexican Sunflower	HM
Phil Witt	Camera Naturalist PC	Grizzly fishing	HM
Tam Stuart	Cranbury Digital CC	Hover Fly On Leaf	HM
P Phillippi	Hillcrest CC	Millipede	HM
L Van Seters	Hillcrest CC	Just Lyin' Around	HM
Griff Smith	Morris PC	Jellyfish #1	HM
Alda DeLorenzo	Ridgewood CC	Beauty Becomes Her	HM
Lora Lekos	Ridgewood CC	Night Spider and Fly	HM
Peter O'Malley	Ridgewood CC	Red Panda Closeup	HM



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**Qualifying Entries**

Entry Breakdown	Number of Qualifying Entries	% of Entries	Number of Images Awarded	% Awarded
Botanical	24	11.7%	6	25.0%
General	30	14.6%	7	23.3%
Ornithological	78	38.0%	17	21.8%
Zoological	73	35.6%	17	23.3%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>47</b>	

**Qualifying Images**

**Participating Clubs**

Club	Bot	Gen	Orn	Zoo	Total Entries	Categories Entered	% of Total Entries	Images Awarded	% of Total Awards
Camera Naturalists	2	3	8	11	24	4	11.7%	10	21.3%
Cranbury Digital	3	5	10	6	24	4	11.7%	5	10.6%
Cranford Millburn	2	2	7	5	16	4	7.8%	5	10.6%
Essex PC	1	1	1	2	5	4	2.4%	0	0.0%
Hillcrest	2	1	8	10	21	4	10.2%	2	4.3%
HUB	5	6	7	5	23	4	11.2%	1	2.1%
Livingston	1	3	4	5	13	4	6.3%	3	6.4%
Monmouth	1	0	3	7	11	3	5.4%	1	2.1%
Morris	4	2	8	6	20	4	9.8%	5	10.6%
Ridgewood	2	3	11	8	24	4	11.7%	10	21.3%
Teaneck	1	4	11	8	24	4	11.7%	5	10.6%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>205</b>		<b>100.0%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Awards Scores**

Award	Botanical	General	Ornithological	Zoological
<b>Medal</b>	23	23	24	24
<b>Merit Award</b>	23	22	24	23
<b>HM</b>	21, 22	21, 22	22,2; 22,3; 23	22



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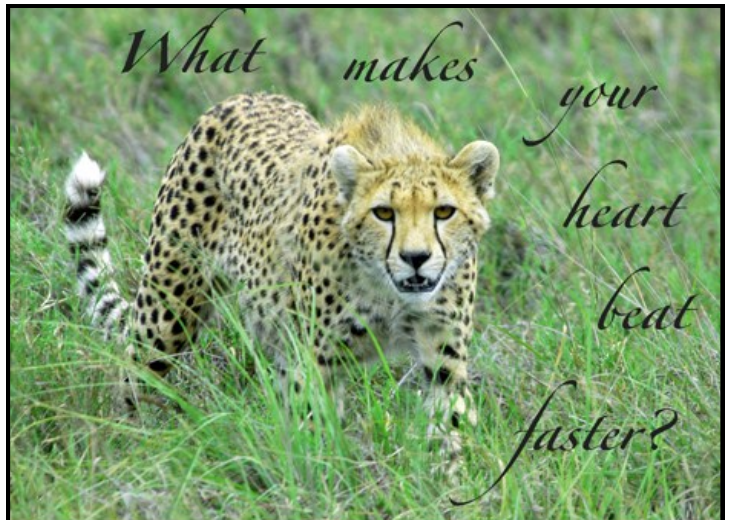
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**WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT NJFCC MEMBER CLUBS**  
**IN**  
**JANUARY 2013**

Club	Location	Date	Topic	Judge or Speaker
Camera Naturalist	Somerset Co. Env Ed Ctr	1/10 1/24	Program #3: Wildlife Photography Competition: Animals [No Birds]	Roman Kurywczak, NJFC Roman Kurywczak, NJFC
Cranbury "Digital"	Cranbury Methodist Church	1/9 1/23	Meeting Competition: Theme - Leading Lines	
Cranford/Millburn	Bauer Center, Millburn Bauer Center, Millburn	1/14 1/28	Hosting NJFC Travel [Pictorial] Competition Club Competition: Theme - Shadows and Silhouettes	Roman Kurywczak NJFC, Stanley Kantor, Jeff Norton Peter Lekos
Essex Photo	Caldwell United Methodist Church	1/3 1/17 1/24	Program: Shoot Passionately Competition: Theme - Macro Open Board Meeting	Brien Szabo Neil Palmieri
E.C. Nature	Essex Co. Env. Center	TBA	TBA	
Gateway	Sacred Heart School	1/9 1/16 1/30	Competition Presentation: Exposure on Understanding Histograms Program: How to Prepare and Enter Digital Images into a Club Competition	Sara Signorelli Phil Echo, NJFC
Hillcrest	Phillipsburg Pilgrim Presby. Church	TBA	TBA	
HUB	Mountain Lakes Library	1/28	Competition: Open Pictorial [PI]	Dave Mills, NJFC
Livingston	Sr./Comm. Center Livingston	1/14 1/28	Competition #4 Program #5	Dave DesRochers Bart Zoni
Metedeconk	Metedeconk Lakes Regency Adult Comm.	TBA	TBA	
Monmouth	Colt's Neck Reformed Church	1/10 1/24	Program: Painting with Light Merit Judging: Open	Arik Gorban Arik Gorban
Monroe Photography [Formerly Greenbriar]	Monroe Township Comm. Center	1/2 1/16	Program: The Art of Landscape Photography Competition: Open and Theme - Water	Dave DesRochers Tom Calamia
Morris Photocolor	Morristown Town Hall Sr. Center, 3rd Floor	1/2 1/16 1/30	Competition: Open and Theme - Travel Travelogue on Iceland Competition: Open and Theme - Creative	Roman Kurywczak, NJFC Vinnie Kempf Arik Gorban
Ocean County	Girls Scouts of the Jersey Shore Toms River	1/7 1/14 1/28	Program: HDR - Slide Show and Demo Competition: Special Theme - Patterns Competition: Monochrome	Denise Ippolito  Arik Gorban
Photographers of Sussex Co.	Sussex Co. Fairgrounds	1/21	Competition:	
Pocono	East Stroudsburg University	1/15	Monthly Meeting	
Princeton Photography Club	D&R Greenway LandTrust Princeton	1/9	General Meeting Many workshops each month, see website	Ricardo Barros
Raritan Photographic Society	American Legion Milltown	1/10 1/24	Program: Off-Camera Flash Competition: Open	Neil von Niekerk
Ridgewood	VFW Hall Franklin Lakes.	1/2 1/9 1/16 1/23 1/26 1/30	Executive Committee Competition: Nature #3 Program: 12 Elements of an Award-Winning Image Competition: Print #3 Ridgewood International Judging Digital Peer Critique	Roman Kurywczak, NJfc Bill Ruddock Roman Kurywczak, NJFC

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Rockland Photography	Clarkstown Comm Ctr. New City	1/17 1/26	Competition No. 5: People and Portraiture 2011 PSA Exhibition Judging	Leon Hertzen Jay Matusow, Martin Joffe, Dennis Gall
Somerset County	Bound Brook Memorial Library	1/8 1/22	Competition: Back Lighting and Open Print Competition: Open	Dave Mills, NJFC
South Brunswick	New Location To Be Announced	1/9	Presentation: The Glorious Nature of the Northeast	Brien Szabo
Sparta	Sparta Amb Squad	1/7	Expo	
Staten Island	Snug Harbor Bldg.  Staten Island Mus.	1/3 1/10  1/17	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 1/15 1/22 1/29	Holiday Party Competition: Pictorial Digital Images Workshop: How Much Manipulation is Enough Members Meeting	Brien Szabo Nick Palmieri
Tri - County	Nutley High School TBD	1/8	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.

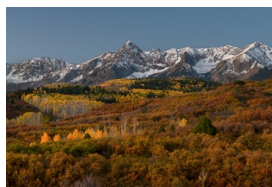
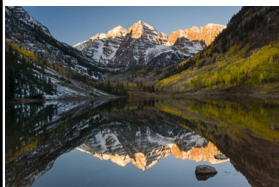
Details on these workshops are on my website <http://www.tiborvari.com/workshops/workshops.htm>.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, 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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## EQUIPMENT REVIEW

### JOBY ULTRAFIT SLING STRAP

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Camera straps are one of those things you love or hate. There is nothing more frustrating than carrying around bulky, clumsy camera equipment that doesn't fit properly on your strap, bounces around when you're moving and worst of all leaves your shoulders and neck feeling sore. In recent years there have been several "sling" style straps introduced to the market. Some feel better than others, but always seem to have a quirk that leaves you feeling like something is missing.

The newest player on the market hopes to fix these quirks that prevent all these straps from becoming the perfect travel camera strap. The Joby UltraFit Sling Strap has been designed for the photographer who wants a comfortable strap that is easy to use and allows you to quickly bring the camera up and shoot while securing the camera comfortably on your hip area when walking around. This new strap does do a good job in addressing several points that are key when walking around with a camera.

The first thing you will notice when you open the box is the simplicity of this strap. There is no setup required or adjustment other than adjusting it to your body type when you put it on. You mount it to the bottom of your camera with the quarter thread screw. It is very easy to attach and pivots 360 degrees on a circular base plate. This feature is really nice and moves smoothly without hitting against the camera bottom. The screw and bearing is constructed of metal, but the rotating clip is made from a plastic material, which concerns me on the durability over time. However, it does feel solid and seem like it would last overtime. The only other thing I would have liked to see is a thread to mount on a tripod without having to take off the strap. The strap itself is made of a light, no intrusive fabric that is not cumbersome and does not dig into your shoulder. The material is very thin with minimal padding. This seems to work well for this strap's design. While I have not been able to go on any long hikes wearing the Joby UltraFit Sling Strap, on my small excursions it has felt comfortable. The camera stays in place on my lower back hip and does not bounce around, which is very important. It is also fairly easy and quick to bring the camera up into the shooting position. If you are looking for a simple, easy strap that makes walking around with your full DSLR comfortable it is worth checking out the Joby UltraFit Sling Strap.

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