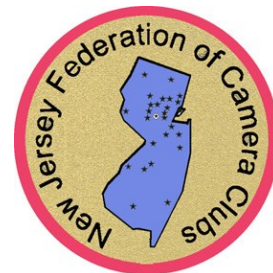


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PHOTORAMA 2013

This year's Photorama was a great success and thanks in part to the speaker, Bryan Peterson, it was a sellout.

Thanks to Organizer/Coordinator Ken Curtis and his loyal assistance from the Cranbury digital Camera Club.

Thanks to our vendors, including Hunt's Photo, Tamron, More Photo, Awaken to Africa, Roamin' with Roman, Datacolor, Epic Photo Tours, Amazing Images, NY/NJ Camera Shows, Photodex and Red River Papers.

There were lots of door prizes awarded from NJFCC, Tamron and Bryan Peterson. Congratulations to the winners.

Keep in mind, Photorama 2014 will be here, bigger and better, before we know it. Tentative dates [third Saturday in April] will be April 18th.

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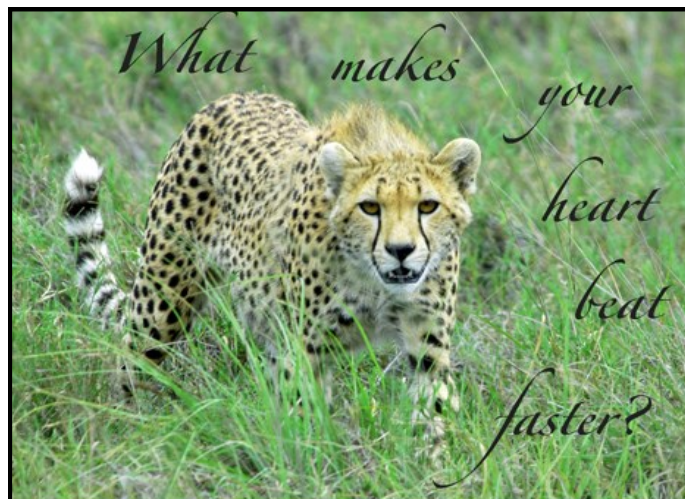
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NEW EQUIPMENT REVIEW

GiSTEQ Flashmate F-198C LED Light

Keith Patankar

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We all know how important light and light control is to photography. And in the age of digital cameras that can shoot both still and video finding the right light source can seem overwhelming. LED lighting has now become one of the most popular sources of light. Not only in photography, but everywhere; you see it in building fixtures, flashlights, automobiles, track-lighting and on and on. So it only makes sense to try and balance the light we are using on our camera with the light that is in the environment we are shooting. But with hundreds of models on the market, which one is right for you? Like any equipment in photography today, that largely depends on your needs as a photographer. In this article I will show you a model that is reasonably priced and will fit a large number of photographers and videographers needs.



The Gisteq Flashmate F-198C LED Light is a moderate size LED light that comes with an adapter to fit on top of your camera in your accessory shoe. Like the name suggest it features a panel of 198 LED bulbs. One thing that I always suggest is to get an LED with a dimmer. The Flashmate F-198C features an easy-to-turn knob on the back that allows you to adjust the light output. One really nice feature is there is a separate adjustment knob to control color temperature from 3200K-5500K. Most LED lights in this price range or higher only will come with a separate gel you have to take on and off to change color temperature. This color control knob is extremely useful when working with mixed lighting or moving in and out of different lighting situations. Another unique feature is the use of Matrix Lighting Technology. This technology places narrow angle LED bulbs in the center and wide-angle LED bulbs around the edges. This creates even lighting on the subject from center to edge. It also allow for brighter illumination when you zoom in on your subject. The Flashmate F198C uses 6 AA batteries or has the option to use a Sony lithium L-series video battery. With connections and all four sides you can mount the LED light vertically or horizontally or even stack multiple LED lights together for a brighter output.

I personally found the Gisteq Flashmate F-198C LED Light to be one of the best LED lights on the market under \$200. It has good, even light output and the ability to adjust color temperature easily is a nice feature. The battery life is very good. I have been using digital AA batteries and have not run out of battery life yet. The only downside to some may be the size. If you are used to smaller LED lights or light to keep the size down this LED light will require an extra spot in your bag. The dimensions are approximately 6"x4"x2.25"; not huge, but something to think about. On the other hand light is so important to getting the right shot, it is well worth fitting this LED light into you bag.

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Club	Location	Date	Topic	Judge or Speaker
Camera Naturalist	Somerset Co. Env Ed Ctr	5/2 5/11 5/16 5/30	Program #6: Basics of Bird Identification All Day Program: Focus on Nature Competition: Geology Year End Comp[etition]	Phil Witt Robert O'Toole Paul Boyer Vinnie Kempf NJFCC, George Hall, TBD
Cranbury "Digital"	Cranbury Methodist Church	5/8 5/22	Presentation: Astro Photography—The Night Sky Club Competition: Street Photography	Jack Fusco
Cranford/Millburn	Cranford Comm. Ctr. Bauer Center, Millburn	5/13 5/20	Program: Naturally New Jersey Year End Competition	Larry Zink Susan Candelario, Dan Kincaid, Jackie Dickert
Essex Photo	Caldwell United Methodist Church	5/2 5/16	Program: TBA Annual Competition	Moore
E.C. Nature	Essex Co. Env. Center	TBA	TBA	
Four Seasons at Manalapan	Four Seasons at Manalapan Clubhouse	5/19	Competition: Flowers	Brien Szabo
Gateway	Sacred Heart School Staten Island, NY	5/1 5/15	Competition #8: Color-Americana, B&W-Still Life Presentation: Making Light Your Best Friend	Bill Ruddick Felino Nebiar
Hillcrest	Phillipsburg Pilgrim Presby. Church	5/13	Regular Meeting: Regular Competition and Contemporary Competition	
HUB	Mountain Lakes Library	5/20	Competition: Open Pictorial [PI] PreMeeting: B&W Photography	Arik Gorban
Livingston	Sr./Comm. Center Livingston	5/13	Year End Awards and Social Buffet	
Metedeconk	Metedeconk Lakes Four Seasons, Jackson.	5/1 5/15	Presentation Competition: Pictorial Prints	Rich Pilling
Monmouth	Colt's Neck Reformed Church	5/9 5/23	Presentation: How Much Digital Manipulation Is Enough Merit Judging: Bridges	Nick Palmieri Nat Clymer
Monroe Photography	Monroe Township Comm. Center	5/1 5/15	Presentation: Essentials of Photography Competition: People	Anthony Bianciella Roz Rosenblum
Morris Photocolor	Morristown Town Hall Sr. Center, 3rd Floor	5/1 5/15	Competition: Open and Landscape Salon	Marie Kane NJFCC
Ocean County	Girls Scouts of the Jersey Shore Toms River	5/6 5/13 5/20	Program: A Night Behind the Scenes with Laurie Brandt Photography Photoshop Presentation Year End Competition	Laurie Brandt Tom Icklan Barbara Warren, Denis Bush Marie Kane NJFCC
Photographers of Sussex Co.	Sussex Co. Fairgrounds	5/20	Photo Assignment: NYC High Line and Signs of Spring	Members Present
Pocono	East Stroudsburg University	5/21	Presentation: The Art of seeing	Joe Edelman
Princeton Photography Club	D&R Greenway Land Trust Princeton	5/8	General Meeting Presentation: Sports Photography Many workshops throughout the month. See wbsite	Dick Druckman
Raritan Photographic Society	American Legion Milltown	5/9 5/23	Program: Naturally New Jersey Competition: Fantasy and Imagination	Larry Zink
Ridgewood	VFW Hall Franklin Lakes.	5/1 5/8 5/15 5/22 5/29	Executive Committee Annual Competition Program #7: Wildlife Photography VP Night - TBA Annual Dinner	Klaus-Dieter Schleim, Paul Boyer, Marion Boyer Charles McPherson

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MAY 2013**

Club	Location	Date	Topic	Judge or Speaker
River Pointe		TBA	TBA	
Rockland Photography	Clarkstown Comm Ctr., New City	5/2 5/16	Program: Photography in Black and White Competition #9: Architecture	Nick Palmieri Nick Palmieri
Somerset County	Bound Brook Memorial Library	5/7 5/28	Competition: Open and Theme - Somerset County Presentation: Challenging Yourself to be a Better Photographer	Paul boyer Brien Szabo
South Brunswick	Monmouth Junction Public Works Bldg.	5/1	Presentation; Photoshop CS6 Working with Mixed Brushes	Tom Icklan
Sparta	Sparta Amb Squad	5/1 5/8	Workshop: Lighting and Histograms Meeting: Portrait Photography	Clark Warren Cory DiBiase
Staten Island	Snug Harbor Bldg. Snug Harbor Bldg. Staten Island Mus.	5/9 5/16 5/23	Critique of Shooting a Dancer in Motion Program: Macro Competition: Photo of the Year	Members Jimi White
Teaneck	Rodda Rec Center Teaneck	5/7 5/14 5/21 5/28	Competition: Pictorial Digital Images Competition: Prints TriClub Competition Presentation: First Aid in the Field	Peter Lekos Bill Ruddick Judy Helderman, George Hall, Joe Thomas EMT People
Tri - County	Nutley High School	5/14 5/21	Competition: Pictorial and Creative Competition: Annual Pictorial and Creative	
Vailsburg	Bailey Civic Center	TBA	TBA	

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