



Roberson Photo Club Newsletter

Member of PSA

December 2005

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome all to Roberson Photo Club's second **RPC f / Stop** of the 2005-2006 year! We have had a great first half to our year and looking forward to things to come in 2006!

I would like to start off and say that our new members have continued to impress us with their great work and capabilities. It's always great to see the new faces and fresh outlook each year. Overall we have seen excellent photography from all of our classes so far this year.

Our bus trip to the Jacob Javits center in New York City, for the Photo Plus Expo went very well (much better and quicker than last year's). It was a little windy and cooler than last year but I believe everyone enjoyed themselves in the city and no doubt came home with a few more things on their wish list for Santa. I think one of the biggest new items at the show was Macintosh's "Aperture" software. I heard quite a few people talking about how impressive it was. I even ran into George Lepp, this year's Teach-In speaker, at the show and he was planning to have some words with Adobe and Microsoft about how well thought out it was.

Most of you already know about our 2006 Teach-In being put on hold until 2007 but for those who don't we will instead be offering a bus trip down to the PPSNYS trade show and seminar in March 2006. Our board decided that because of all that was involved in this year's Teach-In that we would not have enough time to get one put together properly for 2006. By doing this we can put more effort into the 2007 Teach-In. Pete Kofira Jr. has put more information about the bus trip later on in the newsletter. If you are interested in going make sure to get your free pass at one of our next meetings.

Last but not least, our fall beginner photography class was a very nice surprise. We had twelve (12) very enthusiastic students this year that showed up bright-eyed and bushy-tailed to every meeting. We had some great instruction by **Scott Eldridge, Bernie Lewis, Fran Quinlivan, Pat Nash, Art Acenas, Barb Kirch, Ken Hull, and Bill Stein**. I would also like to thank all of the members who came each night to share their ideas and knowledge with the students. Without all of you we wouldn't be able to offer such a great learning experience!

In closing I would like to wish all of our members and families a very safe and *Happy Holiday Season* and a great *New Year!*

P.S. don't forget to get out in those great powder covered mornings coming soon!

RPC President, Dave Williams

RPC HOLIDAY PARTY:

(plus A & B Open Board Competition)

Please plan to attend the annual **RPC Holiday Party** on **Friday Dec. 16, 2005**. It's an A & B competition night also so come to enjoy some great photos, food and fun. Members are requested to bring a dish to pass. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM at the **Roberson Education Center**. Guests are always welcome.

RPC MEETING FOR JANUARY 2006

The meeting in January will be a **Black & White/ Monochromatic** and **Creative Digital** competition. This will be an OPEN subject competition for all classes and members can submit a maximum of two (**prints only**) in each category. **PLUS....** bring your garage sale items and look for deals.

The B&W / monochromatic will be a judged competition and points awarded will count for your year-end total. The Creative Digital will also be judged but the points will not count.

The Creative Digital category is described as something you would construct using your digital toolbox for fun and not necessarily an image you would submit in the general club competition. Have FUN with it.

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"ONE SUBJECT CHALLENGE WINNERS"

The over-the-summer 'One Subject Challenge' theme was 'APPLES' this year. Judging was done by people's choice at the first meeting of the club in September 2005. Here are the winners:

CLASS	WINNER	TITLE
1 st 'B' Class	Karen Dillon	Gala Splash
2 nd	John Rehak	Buds & Blossoms
3 rd	Mike Cempa	Granny Smiths
1 st 'A' Class	Pat Bonamo	Three Apples
2 nd	Geoff Gould	Molly Loves Apples
1 st 'Salon' Class	Lindsay Adler	Rack of Apples
2 nd	Barb Kirch	Granny Wild
3 rd	Bill Stein	Apple Peduncle

NEW FUN COMPETITION ANNOUNCED:

Bernie Lewis suggested at the last board meeting that we use one of our free nights (**April 21, 2006**) to have some fun with digital imaging. Here's how it will work:

Anyone that wants to participate will be given a CD with a simple image recorded on it in .jpeg format. There will be a \$1.00 fee for the CD to offset the cost of burning in the original image.

The challenge will be to take that image, manipulate it, enhance it or do what ever you want with it and submit it back to the club as a PRINT (no larger than 16x20) for the April 21, 2006 meeting.

The images will be judged by a people's choice vote. Sound like fun? Come on try out your digital skills. The theme will be **'It's What You Make It'**..digitally that is.

BUS TRIP PLANNED TO PPSNYS TRADE SHOW

The club is planning a 1 day bus trip to the PPSNYS 101st Annual Conference and Trade Show on Sunday March 19, 2006 at The Fallsview at the Nevele Grande Resort in Ellenville, NY.

There will be a **\$ COST \$** for the bus transportation but entry to the Sunday Trade Show and a special program by Joel Sartore will be FREE with an advance ticket available at Tuthills Photo.

The special Sunday program by **National Geographic Magazine Photographer Joel Sartore**, titled, "Piranhas, Grizzlies and Flesh-Eating Pigs" will run from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. and the Trade Show hours will be from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

There will also be PRINT ONLY competition open to amateurs during the seminar. We have not received the rules or guidelines yet but will share them with you as soon as we get them. We do know that there will be cash prizes if the number of entries meet the submission quota. Info to follow.

Please contact Patsy Nash 607-724-2611 or email at: panashe@stny.rr.com for **BUS TRIP** reservations.

The entire conference runs from March 17-22, 2006. For more details or if you choose to do more at the conference than the one day trip the club is planning see the PPSNYS section in this newsletter or visit the PPSNYS website at: www.ppsnys.com

"FRAME TO PLEASE" SHOW & APPLE FEST SHOW SEPT. 2005

Thank you to all the club members that submitted photos to make this show a big success: Kathleen Adler, Lindsay Adler, Pat Bonamo, Gary Brownell, Barb Croteau, Bob Chauncey, Jim Dutko, Ken Hull, Pete Kofira Jr., Brad Marple, Cindy Ruggieri, Ted Scarpino, George Schumacher & Helga Stein.

A special thanks to those people that helped setup and run the information table on the day of the Apple Fest: Barb Croteau, Fran Quinlivan, Pete Kofira Jr., Helga Stein, & Pat Bonamo. And let's not forget our four-legged helper 'Molly' for adding to the excitement of the day.

Frame To Please owner Amy Burgess was very appreciative of the work we put into the show and she is looking forward to allowing us to use her shop for next year.

ROBERSON PHOTO CLUB HANDBOOK REVISED

A new revised edition of the club's information & competition guidelines, **'The Roberson Photo Club Handbook'** is available and can be picked up at any of the general club meetings. The board has reviewed and updated the content to reflect recent changes. Thanks to the efforts of **Pat Stone** for doing the final draft work and putting it all together.

CONTEST RESULTS

The saying "You have to buy a ticket to win" also holds true with photo contests. "You have to enter a photo to win" Here are some recent RPC club member winners:

John Mullen - 2nd Place *'Enjoying the Susquehanna River'*, Tioga County Tourism contest Picture This. Photo will appear in the 2006 issue of Tioga County "River Country" visitors guide.

John Mullen - 1st Place *'Coming & Going'*, Best Of Show and *'Backyard Favorite'* Honorable Mention, 2005 TCCA Animal Photo contest

Pat Bonamo - 1st Place *'Dog'*, Most Photogenic, 2005 TCCA Animal Photo contest.

Pete Kofira Jr. - Honorable Mention *'Pick Me'*, 2005 TCCA Animal Photo contest.

Steve Brandt - 1st Place *'Mule'* Most Humorous, 2005 TCCA Animal Photo contest

DICK WARD SHARES HIS PASSION FOR PHOTOGRAPHY

In a recent article published in the Mental Health Assoc. of the Southern Tier newsletter, '**Compeer In The Tier**' RPC club member Dick Ward shares his thoughts and insight on his photographic inspirations.

Although the article is written for a non-technical audience, many of his ideas and thoughts are applicable to all photographic skill levels.

'Why I Am a Photographer'

by Dick Ward

"This question has been asked of me several times and there is no one appropriate answer". "After much thought, I have come up with six reasons". *Dick Ward*

A Desire To Show Others What I Have Seen

The subject can be a flower close up in my garden, a wild animal in Yellowstone Park, autumn foliage in Vermont, snow covered Swiss Alps, a quaint street scene in a hill town in Tuscany, or it might be the desperate facial expression of a Russian gypsy in St. Petersburg or a laughing and cute little Chinese boy in Beijing.

The point is to convey not only the picture I see in the camera's viewfinder, but also to reflect the emotion I feel when I push the camera's shutter button. Feelings may range anywhere from happiness, beauty, admiration, wonder and awe to sadness, loneliness and pain.

Photographic Competitions

I am a member of two camera clubs locally and participate in their 35mm-color slide competitions. Professional photographers who are not club members judge the competitions. This can be an important learning experience for two reasons. First, you listen to the judges' comments about your photo and what could have been done to improve it. Second, you are able to see other photographers' submissions and learn why the judges gave them the comments they did.

Making Salon Quality Color Prints

I am blessed that my recent print exhibit at the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier was so well received and I am seriously considering future exhibits. Each photo in the exhibit was from a 35mm slide that was digitally enlarged up to 20 x 30 inches and printed. It is extremely important to start with a very sharp negative and good color quality so that the finished enlargement will also have these characteristics.

Making Travelogues

The trips I've taking in the last several years have been planned around photography and I try to choose unusually beautiful scenery. Many hundreds of photos

are taken of everything that catches my eye, from a sunset over the Grand Canyon to a roadside sign in Opportunity, Montana. These are edited and re-edited many times until I end up with approximately 160 slides, which equates to about a 45-minute slide show. This show, which is a visual story of my trip, is called a 'Travelogue'.

Special Events

There are many special events to photograph besides birthday parties such as sports activities, weddings, graduations, anniversaries and dedications, reunions, dramatic plays and housewarmings. The thread that joins all these events together is PEOPLE.

Historical and Sentimental Photos

An old adage states, "A picture is worth a thousand words". Unfortunately friends move away, kids grow up, buildings are razed, cars wear out and city skylines change in an instant. However, we are fortunate to be able to go back into our photo archives and locate old photos to see "the way we were".

editors note: Dick is a long time active member of the Roberson Photo Club and we thank him for sharing his thoughts and his photographs over the years.

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RPC MEMBER NEWS, SHOWS & EXHIBITS

Here's what some of our members have been doing or are planning in the near future:

Cindy Ruggieri - Had a photo essay titled 'A Tour of Tioga' published in the Autumn 2005 issue of Life in the Finger Lakes magazine. Also had a travel article and photos published in the Nov/Dec 2005 issue of Country Discoveries magazine on the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michael's, MD.

Lindsay Adler - Worked this summer with noted White House photographer John Harrington covering events in Washington DC and the Library of Congress, House and Senate. Currently Lindsay is attending Syracuse University and is on the staff of the 'Daily Orange' where she enjoys covering the basketball games from the court. She was also assigned to cover the Billy Joel concert coming in March. She recently had a 6-page photo Fashion Shoot featured in Daily Orange. Lindsay is also a freelance photographer for the Auburn newspaper and a contributing photographer to the SU magazine.

Scott Eldridge - Featured in Peterson Photography in October 2005 issue.

Pat Bonamo - TCCA ArtSpace Gallery, 179 Front St. Owego, NY January 2006

Helga Stein - Vestal Public Library, Rt. 434 Vestal, NY Oct. 2005, 'Expressions In Nature'

Pete Kofira Jr. - Vestal Public Library, Rt 434 Vestal, NY Nov/Dec 2005 'People I've Met' +Mixed images

Dick Ward - Will present his slide show travelogue "**The Wild Wild West**" in **December** for the Lyceum group at Binghamton University.

Ken Hull - Will present his slide show titled "**Wild Orchids of New York State**" for the Broome County Orchid Society at their regular meeting on January 15, 2006 at the Vestal Public Library Rt 434 Vestal, NY 2-5 pm.

Brad Marple - Starbucks Coffee House, Rt 434 Vestal Pkwy, Vestal, NY December 2005

Patsy Nash - Coordinated a slide show and music for a **Carousel Harmony Chorus** event using slides of hot air balloons donated by members: Pat Bonamo, Bernie Lewis, Pat Stone, Barb Kirch and Barb Croteau.

Craig Miller - **National Geographic Magazine** has selected one of Craig's pictures and will feature it three times in their publication tentatively called "Road to Revolution". One image is a two-page spread and the other two pictures are "thumbnail" images used elsewhere in the book. The book is part of the "Reading Expeditions: Language, Literacy, and Vocabulary" series

Brad Marple - TCCA ArtSpace Gallery 179 Front St. Owego, NY. The month of November at the TCCA ArtSpace Gallery featured the photographic works of Brad Marple, a local artist and pastor of the Warren Center United Methodist Church. A long time member of the Roberson Photo Club, Brad's work includes landscapes, flowers, birds and other outdoor topics. Dreamscapes are a specialty of Brad's and contain a spiritual quality (*derived from his work as a Pastor, no doubt*). Among the works displayed are: 'Almost Home', winner of the Roberson 2005 Burgess Award, 'Dreaming at Dawn', 'Rest Awhile', & 'LeRaysville Barn' all winners of various Roberson Photo Club awards.

(reprinted from the Owego Pennysaver News)

Mead-Westco Calendar Submissions - Here are the most recent member winners announced by Mead-Westco to have their photos used in the next calendar series: **Barb Kirch**, picture of Crater Lake to be used on cover. Images accepted for calendar content: **Fran Quinlivan-4, Dick Ward-5, Ken Hull-1, Cindy Ruggieri-9.**

LIST YOUR SHOW (Deadline changes)

The Press & Sun Bulletin has changed some of the deadlines for submissions to their various public service notices that are published at various times throughout the month.

tripp@pressconnects.com

OAKDALE MALL KIOSK EXHIBIT AUGUST 2006

The club has again secured the Oakdale Mall Kiosk for the month of **August 2006**. This is a great place to show off some of your hard work and also let the

community know what we do and how we can help advance their photography skills. Please plan to participate. More details as the event gets closer.

CONTEST OPPORTUNITIES:

The 2005 National Park Pass Experience Your America Photo Contest

Submit pictures of **USA National Park** scenes to be used in advertising brochures. Complete contest rules and entry form at:

www.nationalparks.org/kodak

2nd Annual 'STOP' Southern Tier Organization of Photographers - Creative Photo Contest

Sponsored by B&C Photo Elmira, NY www.bcphoto.com Go to website or contact John at bcphoto@stny.rr.com for entry form. Cash prize, deadline for entries Feb. 28, 2006. All entries must be at least 8x12 framed and ready to hang.

THINGS TO DO:

LIGHT IN WINTER FESTIVAL - January 19-22, 2006 Ithaca, NY www.lightinwinter.com

MAYVILLE I.C.E.FESTIVAL - February 18-19, 2006 Mayville, NY www.mayville-chautauquachamber.org

ALMOST ANNUAL NYS CRAPPIE DERBY - January 28, 2006 Whitney Point Reservoir, Whitney Point, NY www.crappiederby.com

CAZENOVIA WINTER FEST - February 9-13, 2006 Cazenovia, NY www.shazamny.com/cazwinterfest

WINTERFEST & ICE CARVING CONTEST - February TBA, 2006 Wurtsboro, NY www.wurtsboro.org

A TEDIOUS EXPLANATION OF THE f/STOP - by Matthew Cole, 7 pages www.uscoles.com/fstop.htm

SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS:

Acrey's Photography Expeditions & Workshops - Jan. - May 2006 www.acreys.com

January, 15-21, 2006 Yellowstone in the Winter
February 5-11, 2006 - Death Valley Photo Expedition
March 12-18, 2006 - Bryce Canyon Photo Expedition
April 23-29, 2006 - S.Arizona Photo Expedition
May 21-27, 2006 - Yellowstone in the Spring

One Day Digital Photography Seminars

Website for information: www.markbowie.com

Joe & JoAnne Dimaggio/Kalish - Website for information: www.dimaggio-kalishworkshops.com

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**PPSNYS - 101 Years - Image 2006
Conference & Trade Show:**
March 17-22, 2006
Nevele Grande Resort - Ellenville, NY

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Featured speakers:

Yervant Zanazanian, photo-journalistic wedding coverage: www.yervant.com

Darton Drake, (children, families, seniors) utilizing digital fine art process'. www.dartondrake.com

Joel Sartore, National Geographic Photographer www.joelsartore.com

Suzette Allen, A PhotoShop Diva featured on www.shootsmarter.com. She brings fresh ideas to learn here in the Northeast. www.suzetteallen.com

Kirk Russell, A business and marketing guru. He is featured every week on Miller's Lab newsletter, Inspirational Caffeine as "A Jolt of Inspiration". www.3lenses.com

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GOT E-MAIL ???

If you have an email address and haven't been receiving messages from the club notifying you of upcoming events, contests, shows etc. it could be that the club either doesn't have your current email address or the email address on file is not correct. If you would like to be on the club's email list please contact: Pete Kofira Jr. mrpetek@aol.com RPC newsletter editor.

CLOSED BOARD SUBJECTS FOR 2005/06

Spring - March 3, 2006

'Salon' Class - Rocks
'A' & 'B' Class - Texture

note: ALL classes, 3 submissions total, any combination of prints or slides.

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RPC OFFICERS FOR 2005-06 SEASON:

(the list in the last issue was not complete, here's an update)

Office	Name
President	Dave Williams
1 st Vice-President	Brad Marple
2 nd Vice-President	Ken Hull
Treasurer	Pat Nash
Secretary (<i>temp.</i>)	Jean Stout
Board Members:	
Pat Bonamo	Barb Croteau
Dave Cempa	Fran Quinlivan
Pete Kofira Jr.	Bernie Lewis
Bob McConnel	Lisa McConnel
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be **FREE** with an advance ticket available
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(see article inside for more details)

Cost for bus transportation will be \$ \$
(price to be determined)

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