

# Indian River Photo Club Newsletter

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**NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2004**

## Minutes to the Meeting of April 21, 2004

Hal duPont opened the meeting at 7:30PM and made a few announcements. George Bachman gave the Treasurer's report; current balance is #####. Maria Heffernan talked about the upcoming pontoon trips and the bus trip to St. Augustine. Both places offer unbelievable photo opportunities.

Bob Reed announced that there currently is an exhibit of 30 photos on the second floor of the I.R. Courthouse. The next opportunity to hang some photos will be October through December at the I.R. Administration building (old hospital). The theme is open and the intake for this will be in mid of late September. If anyone is unable to bring a photo in on the intake day, contact Bob Reed who will be glad to make arrangements to get the photo(s). At the present time, we are notified that there will be no exhibit at the Vero Beach City Hall. This is possibly a temporary situation.

The Indian River Lagoon is part of the estuary management. Its territory covers the area from the Ponce de Leon to the Jupiter Inlets. The organization puts out a calendar annually, and the contest is opened now, with a deadline of July 31st. (*Ed Note: See more details in "Bits and Pieces"*).

Our Club has joined the Florida Camera Council which holds three annual competitions. The next one will be in June, and we will collect entries, at \$1.00 each, at the May meeting. Hal duPont handed out blue ribbons to winners Mike Ricciardi and Jeff Berger who competed against 47 other clubs. Congratulations.

Bill Menzies announced that we need a contest chairman, and some volunteers to bring a bag of easels back and forth to the meetings (there are too many for one person).

The program was presented by Richard and Juanita Baker. They are the authors of the book "Reflections of Blue Cypress." All the profits from the sale of the books go to the Audubon Society, and they were on hand to autograph the people's purchases.

They described the beauty and the vastness of the Lake (5-miles long and 3-miles wide), once named Lake Willington, as they presented their slides. It is the headwaters of the St. Johns river which flows north for 300 miles to Jacksonville.

They have taken hundreds of canoe trips and thousands of photographs, from the canoe, without a tripod! The marsh area is the second largest in Florida, after the Everglades. They have chosen a few trees or tree trunks to photograph repeatedly to see the changes caused by nature, and their photos were not digitally altered. They told of a canoe trip they took around the Lake (you can't canoe across) where they counted 158 osprey nests. They attested to the importance of preservation of the Lake as it is home to several species of plants and animal life.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

*Respectively submitted, Jeannine Demers*

### **ATTENTION - ATTENTION**

The Photo Club really needs one or more of its members to step forward and help out with the Club photo contest. Despite repeated requests at the meetings and in this newsletter, no one has yet called to volunteer their services. Many of you find the contests to be the most educational and rewarding aspect of club membership.

They are designed to give every member at every level of experience an opportunity to show their work and receive friendly, constructive commentary.

The work of chairing the contests is not demanding. It just needs someone who is willing to show up regularly and to do a little organizing between the meetings.

Without someone willing to do this, the burden falls on others who are already involved in many other ways in helping to run the Club. **IT'S YOUR CLUB FOLKS. If you want it to work for you, you need to work for it.**

The basic job description is shown below. If you are at all interested in helping out, or have any questions about what would be involved, please call Bob Reed at 231-0619.

#### **Duties of the Contest Chairman**

The Contest Chairman is in overall charge of managing and conducting the member photo contests. This includes conducting the contests as well as revising, when necessary, the rules for member contests.

#### **SPECIFIC DUTIES:**

##### **FOR EACH CONTEST:**

1. Arrange for one or more judges.
2. Receive and arrange for display of all contest entries.
3. Assist the judges by presenting photos for judging.
4. Present ribbons to award winners.
5. Send a list of contest results to the newsletter editor for publication.
6. Select two or three of the winners for display at the Vero Beach Museum

- and deliver them to the Museum for hanging.
- Return the displayed photos to their owners at the next meeting.

### GENERAL

- Maintain a supply of award ribbons for regular member contest.
- Obtain awards (ribbons & trophies) for Best Picture of the Year.

### CONTEST:

- Maintain a supply of easels for displaying photos during contest.
- Consult with Executive Committee in establishing contest schedules and themes for the year.

### Executive Committee

President	Hal duPont	913-1111	<a href="mailto:hallagator@aol.com">hallagator@aol.com</a>
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### Bits and Pieces and Upcoming Events

**St. Augustine Trips:** There is one more bus trip being planned to the Alligator Farm in St. Augustine, Saturday, June 5. The bus will leave the Vero Beach Art Museum at 1:00PM. The bus will stop in downtown St. Augustine to let anyone wishing to photograph city sights to do so then on to the Alligator Farm. At a prearranged time the bus will make a trip into the City to pick up those wishing to then visit the alligator farm. Leaving St. Augustine and stopping along the way for dinner, the bus will arrive back at the museum around 12:00 AM. The reason for the late start and late return is to be able to take advantage of the late afternoon sunlight. The cost of the bus ride is \$49.00. Any questions please call Maria Heffernan or Hal duPont.

**Pontoon boat trips:** The Pontoon boat trips on the St. Lucie River have been booked as follows: May 22 (Sat), & June 10 (Tues). Because of equipment (tripods, etc.) we are limited to 8 photographers, there will be room for several

non-photographers or point & shot cameras. Cost is \$31/person collected at the pier. The boat will leave *promptly* at 4:30 & we ask that folks *arrive at least 15 minutes early*. This is a rare opportunity to see the birds up close and personal in their natural habitat, building their nests, laying eggs and generally getting ready to raise the next generation. Since space is limited, please call Maria Heffernan at 772-261-1811 to make your reservations.

***Third Annual Lagoon Photo Contest Kicks off:*** It's time again to tap into your artistic side and click a photo to enter in the photo contest for the 2005 edition of the Indian River Lagoon calendar.

Photos must be taken within the Indian River Lagoon watershed, which extends from Ponce de Leon Inlet in Volusia County to Jupiter Inlet in Palm Beach County. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to, wildlife habitats and plants indigenous to the lagoon, recreation and commercial activities, children's activities, scenic vistas and Lagoon landmarks.

Entry forms are available on the St. Johns River Water Management District's Website at <http://irl.sjrwmd.com> or by calling 800-226-3747. Information is also available through the South Florida Water Management District's Website at [www.sfwmd.gov/org.exo.mslsc/irl](http://www.sfwmd.gov/org.exo.mslsc/irl) or by calling 800-250-4100 ext 3605. Deadline for submission is July 31, 2004.

***Program Speaker for this Coming Meeting:*** Jerry Hanzl is a member of our Photo Club and in January 2004 he won first place in Digital Imaging in our annual Photo Club contest. Five of his images were juried into the display at the Vero Beach Museum of Art and one was published in Vero Beach Magazine. Jerry works in the laboratory at Southern Photo (Melbourne) and is a specialist in multiple imaging. He is not only a Photoshop "expert", but as a freelance commercial photographer in Miami prior to coming to Melbourne, he won several "Abby" awards for his work in advertising. Putting his computer background and his photography background together has given him a perspective that should be of great interest to our members. We are fortunate to have him as a member and as a program presenter.

### Monthly Themes for the Coming Year

May 27, 2004	Backlighting
June 24, 2004	Shadows
July 22, 2004	Open
August 24, 2004 - <b>Tuesday</b>	Architecture
September 23, 2004	Trees

December 2, 2004 - <b>Thursday</b>	Picture of the Year Contest
January 27, 2005	Fog
February 24, 2005	Seascapes
March 24, 2005	Open
April 28, 2005	Catch the Action
May 26, 2005	Families
June 23, 2005	Open
July 28, 2005	Doors and Windows
August 25, 2005	Night Time

### **I.R.P.C. Judging Elements**

The following are suggested as a guide when judging the monthly photo contest:

***Subject Matter, appropriate to theme - Impact - Creativity - Composition -  
Center of Interest - Lighting - Print Quality - Overall Presentation.***

### **New Members -- Welcome**

Edward Nolan		Vero Beach, FL 32963	<a href="mailto:enolan@bellsouth.net">enolan@bellsouth.net</a>
Richard and Juanita Baker		Sebastian, FL 32958	<a href="mailto:rhba@canoesrus.com">rhba@canoesrus.com</a>

### **Returning Members -- Welcome Back**

Claudette Nancoo	Del and Jeanne Peterson	Bill and Marlene Spiesel
Pat and Flora McMullen		