

NEWSLETTER

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- Best Picture of the Year club contest Dec. 01
- Program for February Meeting

**2006 DUES
ARE DUE AT END
OF MARCH
ANYONE NOT PAID
AT THAT TIME WILL
NO LONGER
RECEIVE
NEWSLETTER OR
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MINUTES TO JANUARY 26 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President, Mike Ricciardi and we had reports from the following committee heads:

Maria Hefferman, Special Functions Committee, announced that our initial informal local photo trip in January will be guided by Bill Menzies at the OCRA sit off Oslo Road.

Donna Green, Publicity, the Art Museum will cover publicity for the 2006 Print

Exhibition. Mike Ricciardi promoted the IR Photo Club 20 January on our portion of the Cultural Council taping on the Marcia Littlejohn Show with Todd Wood due to our club name selection at the January Cultural Council meeting of 5 January.

Curtis Jensen, Exhibit Committee, the annual Indian River Photo Club 2006 Print Exhibition will be on display until February 17. Intake date is 16 January. This month's

contest is "Landscape" Mike Hinkle from Jiffy Photo brought Jeff Voegali, Tamron and Lowepro rep to talk to us about his products and show us the latest models available.

Mike and Jeff were our judges for the "Landscape" contest.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Donna Green, Secretary

THE FEBRUARY 23RD MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY MAIN LIBRARY

1600 21ST STREET

AT 7:00 PM—EVERYONE IS WELCOME

If you have a photo hanging in the Vero Beach Museum of Art you will need to pick it up Friday, February 17, between 10:00am and 2:00pm. If you cannot pickup your photo, please have someone else pick it up for you.

We will publish a list of the Contest Winners in next month's Newsletter.

INDIAN RIVER PHOTO CLUB



www.irphotoclub.org



Mike Ricciardi
President

The Indian River Photo Club exists to promote the art and science of photography and to encourage the learning of the skills necessary for such promotion, and to provide an atmosphere, through meetings and programs, whereby friendly relationships between the member photographers can be realized.

MONTHLY CONTEST WINNERS

CATEGORY FOR JANUARY — LANDSCAPES

CATEGORY "A" — COLOR PRINT

1. Barbara duPont "BOSQUE SUNRISE"
2. Mike Ricciardi "PALOUSE COUNTRY"
3. Bob Carey "PORTLAND HEADLIGHT"

CATEGORY "A" — BLACK AND WHITE

1. Hal duPont "MIST OF IRISH MAGIC"
2. Bob Carey "STEEPLES"

CATEGORY "A" — DIGITALLY ALTERED

1. Bob Mitchell "THE MASTER"
2. Linda Badgley, "DALI"
3. Jesse Hendelman "STORMY PLAZA"

CATEGORY "A" — SLIDE

1. Betsy McKean "MAGICAL LIGHTS"

CATEGORY "B" — COLOR PRINT

1. Denise Ritchie "NOVA SCOTIA"
2. Debbie Caulfield "RED ROCK OF ALBIQUE"
3. Maria Simons "ROOM WITH A VIEW"

CATEGORY "B" — BLACK AND WHITE

1. Denise Ritchie "THE ABYSS"
2. Maria Simons "DRIVING ALONG JUNGLE TRAIL"
3. Tanya Sockol Untitled

BITS & PIECES

- Due to lack of participation, we will no longer have a slide category in the monthly contests.
- Hackberry Hammock photo trip will be on March 11th and is limited to 20 people. We have only 4 spaces left, please contact Maria Heffernan ASAP if you would like to go, you can e-mail her at mayoheff@bellsouth.net
- Florida Camera Club Council Annual photo convention is on March 26th, this is a great convention and I would encourage everyone who can to attend. Please visit our website for more details.
- The Indian River County Admin Building has asked us to decorate their walls again. You can bring your framed, ready to hang photos to the March meeting. Everyone will be able

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ADD INTEREST & DIMENSION

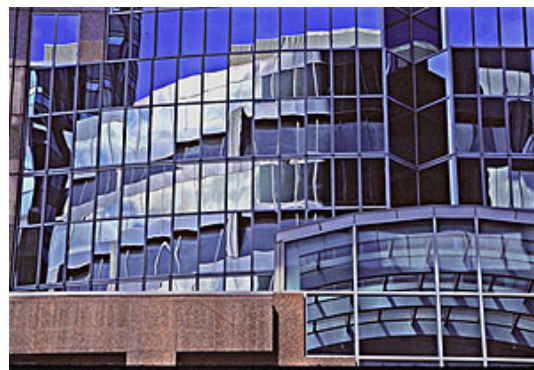
SPECIAL EFFECTS

Brilliant reflections

Want to add a new dimension to your photos? You can find it in mirrors, glass, and water.

By Elinor Stacker-Orel

Read the Article



<http://www.adorama.com/catalog.tpl?op=academy>

FIELD TRIP TO OSLO CONSERVATION AREA

A note from Marilyn Cook, who was kind enough to judge one of our contests.

“Thank you for inviting me back as a judge in this year’s photography contest. I was very impressed by the work submitted by your members. I wish we could explain the criteria used to select the photographs, but I know that is isn’t possible.

I just wanted to let you know again that we looked at the following:

- *First & most important: Content-emotional quality & creativity.*
- *Second—Exposure—under/over exposure & the effect it has on the image quality.*
- *Third—Composition and design.*
- *Fourth—Printing quality and presentation—(Color accuracy—shouldn’t be over saturated or misprinted; framing—simple is usually better, matting—white or black is usually better—a color mat doesn’t always enhance the beauty of a photograph, and little things like clean glass/frame, photography mounted securely in frame, etc.*

Five of us, including our group leader, Bill Menzies, met at the parking lot of the Oslo Conservation Area just East of US 1 on Oslo Road early Saturday morning February 11. Bill and Patrick Rice were there before the rest of us to try to get the sunrise, but unfortunately they made a wrong turn on one of the paths and by the time they arrived into the open the sun was already above the horizon. We had a good walk and saw some interesting plants and animals. The Area is a wonderful resource, close to home for anyone interested in our natural habitat.



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We need volunteers to:

- Assist with member check in at meeting.
- Assisting with monthly photo check in / contest
- Greeting guest and new members.

We're on the web
www.irphotoclub.org

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

The February meeting will be held at the Indian River County Main Library—1600 21st Street at 7:00 PM.

The date for the meeting is February 23rd, the fourth Thursday of the Month.

Pat Rice will give us a demonstration on how to EVALUATE your photographs, which is something we all can use at one time or another.

The Monthly Contest theme is "OPEN"

Our meetings will be held at the Library from now until July.

MONTHLY CLUB PHOTO CONTEST THEMES

- Feb. Open
- Mar. Pets
- April White on White, Black on Black, Green on Green, etc.....
- May Open
- June Doors and Windows
- July Lines and Patterns
- August Open
- September Churches & Cemeteries
- October Night Time
- Nov/Dec Best Picture of the Year
- January Open
- February Birds

BITS AND PIECES (CON'T)

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- to hang at least one photo.
- If you enjoy having refreshments available at our meetings everyone has to help with the task. We have passed around a sign-up sheet several times and have failed to get volunteers for all the months that we meet. The job only requires that the volunteer bring in two 2-liter bottles each of regular soda and diet. Two 5 lb bags of ice, and four bags of cookies or equivalent. Save the receipt and the Club will reimburse you. The Club will furnish the napkins and paper plates.
- Art Morris is scheduled to give us another of his wonderful presentations on June 3rd, details will be in future newsletters.
- We are planning a bus trip to St. Augustine on May 20th, keep your calendar clear for that trip.
- In March Dr. Ullin Leavell will talk to us about the tropical birds that are available to us within 50 miles of Vero.
- In April Gary John Norman, a working professional photographer, will talk to us about his equipment and assignments.
- In May, Marilyn Cook is going to tell us about the finer points of judging a photo contest.
- Heathcote Gardens is holding 2 Artist Days in March and April. The first is Sat. March 25 from 7am to 6pm at Adams Ranch. Deadline for registration is Friday, 3/17. The second is at Hackberry Hammock—7am to 6pm on Monday April 3rd. Reg. Deadline is Friday 3/31. Each day costs \$25/per & includes a continental breakfast & a box lunch. To receive registration info & form call Heathcote Botanical Gardens at 772-464-4672 or e-mail at:
<http://www.heathcotebotanicalgardens.org/events.html>