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# RIDGEWOOD CAMERA CLUB

Members Orientation  
2013-2014



[www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org](http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org)



# AGENDA

- Welcome to the RCC
- Your Membership
- How to Find Your Way Around
- Learn, Discover, Compete, Network
- Attending Events
- Staying in Touch
- Getting More out the Club
- Questions?



# WELCOME TO THE RCC

- Established in 1937 - 76 Years ago
  - 1949 - First color slide competition
  - 1968 - 1979 - Print competitions discontinued
  - 1984 - First International Salon
  - 2002 - RCC website launched
  - 2004 - First Digital competition
  - 2008 - Slide competitions dropped off
- Most active club and best reputation in New Jersey
- ~160 members
  - From beginner to professional
- Member of:
  - Photographic Society of America (PSA) - [www.psa-photo.org](http://www.psa-photo.org)
  - New Jersey Federation of Camera Clubs (NJFCC) - [www.njfcc.org](http://www.njfcc.org)



# WELCOME TO THE RCC...

- Executive Committee
  - Drive club activities and represents club membership
  - Officers elected every year (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer)
  - Chairpersons selected by President



Boris Hardouin  
President



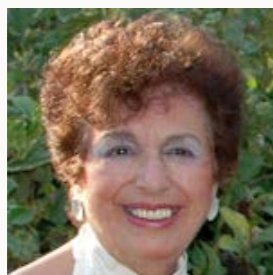
Connie Fox  
Vice-President



Lynn Lander  
Secretary



Joseph Placer  
Treasurer



Alyce Parseghian  
Dinners/Fund.



Lisa Olsen  
Digital Comp.



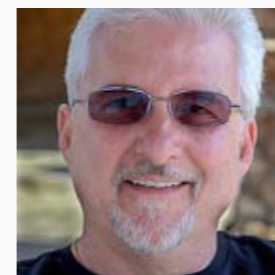
John Paulyson  
Document



Laura Warren  
Equipment



Virginia Autenrieth  
Hospitality



Dana Autenrieth  
Nature Comp.



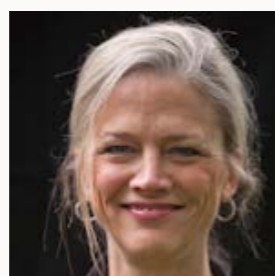
Marie Kane  
Internat. & NJFCC



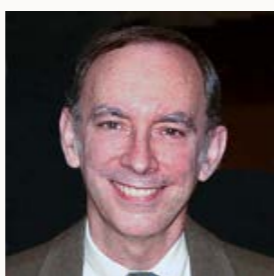
Robert Matthews  
Meetup



Toby Spector  
Membership



Denise Borgess  
Pictorial Comp.



Peter O'Malley  
Print Comp.



Della O'Malley  
Workshops



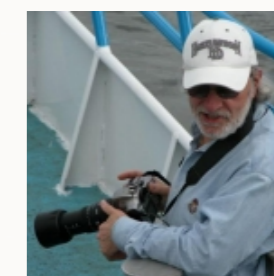
Lisa Matthews  
Programs



Jacek Kowalski  
PSA Interclub



Vinnie Kempf  
Webmaster



Stanley Berlin  
Publicity/Media



# YOUR MEMBERSHIP

- Meet weekly on Wednesdays from September to June (except 1st of the month)
- Learn through free Workshops, Programs, Field Trips, Critiques, Tutoring, ...
- ...and from a wide variety of award winning photographers
- Compete in a friendly environment
- Get discounts on equipment purchases
- Access to a library composed of hundreds of photography related books
- Participate, participate, participate...
- ...\$40!



# HOW TO FIND YOUR WAY AROUND

- **Sponsor:** [http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/members\\_access/sponsors.php](http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/members_access/sponsors.php)
  - Assigned to all new members. Do you know who is yours?
  - Single point of contact for anything you may need
  - Will introduce you to other members and shepherd you
- **Website:** [http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/member\\_orientation.html](http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/member_orientation.html)
  - Arguably one of the best photo club website in the country
  - Spend some time to familiarize yourself with its content
  - Subscribe to the emails and RSS feeds to stay in touch
  - Create your gallery and publish your work
  - Update your profile and bio, search for a fellow member (your information is private)
  - Check events and do not miss an opportunity to participate
  - Review your competition scores or study last competition images
  - Everything you need to know...and much more



# LEARN

- **Workshops:** [www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/workshop\\_list.php](http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/workshop_list.php)
  - Improve your skills in an informal setting
  - Held on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays - about 1 per month
  - Nighttime landscape, Hi-res mosaic landscape, Wildlife portraits to action, Making of a print, Lightroom, Photoshop, Plug-ins, Flash, Macro, etc...
- **Programs:** [www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/events.php](http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/events.php)
  - Expand your knowledge with experts
  - Held on Wednesdays at the VFW - about 6 in a year
  - Vision, Creative process, Composition, Light, Competition, etc...
- **Critiques:**
  - Have your images critiqued in a constructive way by your peers and experts
  - 4 sessions scheduled on Wednesdays at the VFW
  - Many other sessions scheduled ad-hoc on the boutique "meetup"
- **1 on 1 tutoring**
  - Get comfortable with your camera



# DISCOVER

- Field Trips: [www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/field\\_trip\\_list.php](http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/field_trip_list.php)
  - Discover the best places in the tri-state area (or in the world)
  - From day-trip to week-long trip
  - Best way to improve your photography
  - Meet people and create lifelong friendships
  - Organized by the club or the members
- Hosted on the [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) site





# COMPETE

- Competitions: Digital and Prints
  - Another great way to improve your photography...but judging is subjective and does not necessary reflect the artistic quality of your image
  - 2 levels: beginners (class B) and advanced (class A)
  - 5 types:
    - Pictorial: Anything goes, 2 images per competition
    - Nature: No hand of man, 2 images per competition, Botanical, General, Ornithological and Zoological
    - Print: Anything does, 3 color AND 3 monochrome images
    - Assigned Subject: Subject assigned before the season (Windows and Doors), 2 images per competition
    - Annual: Images entered in competition, 2 Pictorial, 2 Nature, 3 color prints and 3 monochrome prints
  - All images must be submitted by Sunday prior to the competition
  - You need to have an account in Photo Contest Pro
  - See Appendix for tips on preparing images for competitions



# COMPETE

- RCC
  - 4 Pictorial, 4 Nature, 4 Print, 1 Assigned Subject and 1 Annual Competitions
- Ridgewood International
  - PSA International Competition with ~3,000 entries
- Tri-Club and other inter-clubs
  - Competition between RCC, Teaneck, Tri-County and Rockland
- NJFCC
  - Digital
  - Prints
- PSA
  - Jacek



# NETWORK

- Build lifelong friendships
- Come early on Wednesdays and mingle with members
- Participate in club activities
  - Field Trips and workshops are very conducive to building relationships
  - Annual dinner and Holiday party
- Ask your sponsor to be introduced to other members
- How not to “stay in your corner”
- ...participate, participate, participate...



# ATTENDING EVENTS

- Regular club meetings - Wednesdays
  - Just show-up, bring your friends
- Workshops, Field trips, Critiques
  - Register with our RCC Boutique Meetup
    - Meetup is a third party organization providing best platform to organize and communicate around an event
    - Reserved for RCC members
    - You can also participate in many other Meetup groups
  - RSVP, attend and share your experience
  - Events can be organized by the club or by another member
  - Create your own event
  - \*read the terms of reference before publishing any images



# STAYING IN TOUCH

- Attend Wednesday meetings
  - Announcements are made before we start the activities
- Make sure you opt for receiving RCC emails
- Visit regularly and subscribe to the bulletin board
- Like our Facebook Page
  - [www.facebook.com/pages/Ridgewood-Camera-Club/277924192260657](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ridgewood-Camera-Club/277924192260657)
- Join the RCC Flickr group
  - [www.flickr.com/groups/ridgewood\\_camera\\_club/](http://www.flickr.com/groups/ridgewood_camera_club/)
- Have your antennas out
  - The club does a lot to reach out to the members



# GETTING MORE OUT THE CLUB

- Only you know what else you need
  - Ask questions
  - Share your needs, ideas, projects, etc...
- Want to get more?
  - Give more...
  - You don't need to be an accomplished photographer
    - The club caters to all
    - It takes a village...





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## APPENDIX





# PREPARING IMAGES FOR COMPETITIONS

- Projected

- 768 x 768 pixels
- sRGB Color Profile
- Sharpen after resize
- Add border if image is very dark
- Verify how it looks after all the above changes...
- ...it will never look exactly the same

- Prints

- 20" x 16" Maximum
- Light and sturdy mount
- Label in the back
- Upload in PCP
- Use a lab...or print yourself
- The light box is at 6,000K (very bright)



# PHOTO CONTEST PRO

- Register
  - Send email to [pcpregistration@ridgewoodcameraclub.org](mailto:pcpregistration@ridgewoodcameraclub.org)
  - Go to the site and change your password if you want
- Demo
- Upload Images



# RCC BOUTIQUE MEETUP

- Demo
- Register
- RSVP and Attend Event
- Create your event