

# Focal Plane

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Watching us Watching them

Fred Helfst

Happy New Year

## From the Editor.

This is our winter issue, the second one already by this editor.

By the time you read this the mad rush of the Christmas season is over except for the returns. I am by nature not a shopper except for the local hardware store or the Home Depot. While doing some seasonal shopping I usually wind up at the camera counter. ( only looking).

It's amazing how many people buy digital cameras. Digital cameras came a long way in a very short time. The upscale ones can rival the quality of film or do even better. The hottest model for this season must be the Digital Rebel by Canon. Some dealers were already out of stock way before Christmas. Did you get yours?

Coming up fast this month is the RCC International Exhibition of Photography. Did you ever consider entering, It's fun plus it supports our club.

The big event this past month was of course the Holiday Party thanks to the generosity of Ed and Alyce Parseghian. It even inspired our President to write a poem about it. Ed must have served him some special beverage. Did somebody else sample it? There is room in the next Focal Plane for your output.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year

*Dieter*

## Photographers Showcase

On Wednesday, January 28, 2004, our Feature Presentation will be "OUR" BEST SLIDES. Slides that must have won AWARDS or ACCEPTANCES in Internationals.

Each participant may give to me on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004 slides he/she considers his/her Best work. A limit of ten slides is set but the number of slides accepted may force a different determination. Slides will be returned immediately after the presentation. List your slides in the order you wish them presented, which is also your priority if a lesser number is to be shown.

It will be a high quality night and it should be quite interesting

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We meet on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 8:00 pm  
The Woman's Club of Wyckoff, 176 Wyckoff Ave. Wyckoff. NJ  
Guests are always welcome at regular meetings

**Assigned Subject  
Creative**

**December 10, 2003**

**Judge: Gil Lopez-Espina NJFC, FMC**

**Assigned Subject  
Architecture**

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**Honorable Mentions**

*Bleeding Heart #4* ..... V. Kempf  
*21<sup>st</sup> Century Bloom*..... R. Gheno  
*Black Light Glass Detail* ..... A. Gunther  
*Patriotic* ..... B. Bain  
*Wood and Bird*..... J. Becker  
*Stroll-Different View*..... A. Gunther  
*Orchids through Glass* ..... P. O'Malley  
*Doodles* ..... D. Steinmeyer  
*Lilies in Black Light* ..... P. O'Malley  
*Bottles Reflecting Fluorescent Colors* D. O'Malley

**Honorable Mentions**

*view Through the Window* ..... L. Lembo  
*Fruita Barn Capitol Reef*..... T. Vari  
*Orthodox Church, Myconos*... R. Gheno  
*World Trade* ..... B. Bain  
*Chapter House Arch* ..... A. Parseghian  
*Excalibur's Towers* ..... D. O'Malley  
*Yosemite Sanctuary*..... T. Vari  
*Sand Castles way up*..... D. Phillip

**Awards**

*Twisted* ..... B. Bain  
*N.Y. Stock Exchange*..... V. Kempf

**Awards**

*Glass & Railing* ..... J. Fornarotto  
*Differet Styles*..... J. Fornarotto  
*High Rises*..... V. Kempf

Marie's pick of the month



**Bottles Reflecting Fluorescent Colors  
Della O'Malley**

**RCC Calendar for January 2004**

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|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>8 Executive Committee MTG.</b>                        | <b>Host: Alice Gunther</b>  |
| <b>14 Pictorial Competition ( PIC-3)</b>                 | <b>Judge: Ralph Krubner</b> |
| <b>21 Nature Competition ( N-3)</b>                      | <b>Judge: Dr. Phil Echo</b> |
| <b>28 Photographer's Showcase with MC- Ara Chakarian</b> |                             |
| <b>31 RCC INTERNATIONAL SALON JUDGING</b>                |                             |

**Workshops**

- |                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>9 Bird Photography</b>            | <b>Doug Goodell</b> |
| <b>30 Fundamental Camera Control</b> | <b>Vinnie Kempf</b> |

## Class A December 2003

CLASS A	P	A	N	TOTAL
V. Kempf	48	45	46	139*
J. Fornarotto	44	43	51	138*
T. Vari	46	40	47	133*
S. Kantor	47	38	46	131*
P. O'Malley	39	42	47	128*
R. Gheno	40	41	44	125*
D. O'Malley	39	41	42	122*
A. Parseghian	35	39	41	115*
D. Steinmeyer	40	38	37	115*
A. Gunther	35	40	39	114*
M. Kelleher	34	37	42	113*
A. Simpson	33	35	44	112*
R. Bader	32	36	37	105*
D. Phillip	39	27	36	102
J. Becker	35	38	21	94
B. Bain	20	42	21	83
F. Alam	39	18	0	57
L. Vincour	39	0	0	39
D. Friedman	19	0	19	38
A. Chakarian	36	0	0	36
G. Levine	18	0	17	35
T. Spector	18	0	17	35
J. Cuomo	0	0	22	22

## Class B December 2003

	P	A	N	TOTAL
C. La Placa Post	38	36	36	110*
M. Badala	33	36	35	104*
L. Lembo	34	20	36	90
F. Lopez	19	35	15	69
N. Merena	38	11	17	66
D. Young	39			39
P. Gordon	20	6	12	38
J. Placer	19		18	37
L. Iulo			15	15

\* Denotes entered 3 slides in all competitions

## Class B Prints December 2003

### Black & White by Maker:

K. Licht	51*
B. Ullmann	44*
J. Levine	38*
R. Kiil	18
F. Lopez	12

### Color by Maker:

F. Helfst	50*
J. Levine	45*
B. Ullmann	42*
K. Licht	41*
B. Winston	13

## Class A Prints December 2003

### Black & White by Maker:

G. Garbeck	46*
R. Gheno`	46*
D. O'Malley	44*
P. O'Malley	44*
J. Schilling	40*
F. Alam	20
B. Bain	18
C. Fox	18
D. Steinmeyer	17
M. Molino	8
J. Fornarotto	7

### Color By Maker:

P. O'Malley	49*
J. Fornarotto	46*
G. Garbeck	46*
R. Gheno	43*
V. Kempf	43*
D. O'Malley	43*
J. Schilling	39*
D. Steinmeyer	30
B. Bain	22
M. Molino	22
F. Alam	21
J. Mann	19
C. Fox	18
B. Winston	6

### PRINTS - TRADE

A. Chakarian	48*
A. Parseghian	47*
D. O'Malley	44*
M. Kelleher	41*
A. Gunther	40*
J. Mann	24
D. Young	23
F. Lopez	20
L. Iulo	18
L. Lembo	14
C. La Placa-Post	12
E. Vereb	6

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# PSA. Competition Results

October 2003

## Nature

Pinesap .....	Al Simpson .....	11
Caught! .....	Alyce Parseghian .....	11- HM
Arachne Awaiting Prey .....	Rich Gheno.....	6
Bearded Lizard Pair .....	Peter O'Malley .....	12- HM
Proud Parents .....	Dieter Steinmeyer .....	7

## Creative

Stroll.....	Alice Gunther.....	12 HM
Poppies in Black Light .....	Peter O'Malley.....	10
Eye of a Feather .....	Dieter Steinmeyer.....	9
"Oh No" .....	Rich Gheno .....	11 HM
Really Wild Columbine.....	Peter O'Malley.....	11 HM
On a Moonlit Night .....	Dieter Steinmeyer.....	10

## Pictorial

Columbine .....	Dieter Steinmeyer.....	9
Sunset .....	Vinnie Kempf.....	10
Feeding the Calf.....	Della O'Malley .....	9
Foggy Morning .....	Bob Bader.....	9
Rockport Morning #9.....	Florence Kantor .....	9
Autumn Angling .....	Rich Gheno.....	13



# A Holiday Party Story

verse and photos  
by Peter O'Malley

*Twas a week before Christmas  
and all the club members met  
for a party at Alyce's house.*

*They came bearing good food  
and many brought their spouse.*

*Alyce's stockings were hung  
in the family room by the fire  
and Ed was behind the bar  
helping guests who arrived drier.*

*Alyce laid out a sumptuous table  
while guests Ooed and Ohed!*

*Then they all filled their plates,  
Til they thought they would explode.*

*We talked about photography  
and all of our gear and we talked  
about places we visited far and near.*

*I don't know if you planned a warm  
winter vacation  
or if you planned to stay home  
for some good family cheer.*

*But I hope you all had a  
wonderful holiday season  
and wish you a very Happy New Year.*



*Thank you Alyce and Ed Parseghian*



## Jeffrey Pine, Yosemite NP CA.

© by Tibor Vari  
September 2003

*The Jeffrey Pine is alleged to be one of the world's most photographed trees. Carleton Watkins first photographed the tree in 1867. It has been subsequently photographed by Ansel Adams (1940), and countless other photographers who have made the pilgrimage to this beloved Yosemite icon. Pictures can be found in books, postcards, posters and throughout the Internet. Sadly, the pine died during the drought of 1976-77, despite the best efforts of park rangers and others who bought buckets of water to it in an attempt to save it.*



*Unfortunately, sometime around the week of August 18th 2003, the tree fell to the ground. The cause is believed to have been the severe storms in the Sierra Nevada in early August that may have finally weakened it enough to topple over. But the fall is simply part of the natural process of life and death for these pine trees.*

*While out in San Jose for business meetings in early September. I took the opportunity during the weekend to go shooting in Yosemite. I decided to spend*

*one of my sunset opportunities hiking out to the Jeffrey Pine at the top of Sentinel Dome (8122 foot elevation). This is a moderate 1.5 mile hike, with a modest elevation gain over a well worn path. The sight is quite inspiring as you have a great downward looking view of Half Dome and El Capitan. This location is great for both sunrise and sunset as the lighting on the tree is quite dramatic.*

*I was a bit early so I got a chance to speak to some of the other hikers. The setting sun did not provide any dramatic light on Half Dome but lit up the Jeffrey Pine real nice coupled with a moonrise behind it. Unfortunately, there were a number of people climbing on the tree and taking pictures. So I was competing for space to take photographs.*



*For a wonderful panoramic view of Sentinel Dome and Jeffrey Pine (before its fall), go to <http://www.virtualguidebooks.com/CentralCalif/Yosemite/SentinelDome/SouthSideSentinelDome.html>.*

*All in all it was well worth the hike and will try it again in the future.*

To All RCC Members:

In the event of winter weather conditions that would require the cancellation of our regular club meetings, please follow these procedures.

As RCC President, I will contact the chairpersons responsible for judges or presenters and the RCC website to determine the need to cancel a meeting and inform everyone of the decision. We will try to make cancellation decisions by 5:30 pm in order to provide adequate notice to everyone.

Once a decision has been made to cancel a meeting, Vinnie Kempf will update the RCC website with the cancellation notice.

***RCC club members should use the RCC website as the primary source of cancellation information.***

The website Cancellation page can be found at

***[http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/meeting\\_cancellation.htm](http://www.ridgewoodcameraclub.org/meeting_cancellation.htm)***

If you don't have access to the website, then you can call any Executive Board member to find out the status of the meeting. If you have any other questions or concerns regarding meeting cancellations, you can contact me at 201-967-9186 or by email at peter-della@att.net.



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