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## The Official Newsletter of the Anne Arundel Camera Club

<http://arundelcameraclub.org/>

### Programs Planned

December 5 Contest Digital and Mono, Abstract  
December 12 Contest Slide and Color Prints, Abstract  
December 19 **Christmas Party**  
December 26 No Meeting - Christmas break

January 2 No Meeting - News Year's Break

### Field Trip

December 8 Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade in Annapolis

### November Contests

**Novice Digital November 14, 2007**

1st Place Gene Humphrey, Jr "Gone Ashore"  
2nd Place David Harding "Sunbreak"  
3rd Place Gene Crooks "Mt McKinley"  
4th Place Betty Harris "Mother Teaching"  
HM Sunny Frank "Meerkat Manor"  
HM Bob Miller "Iceland Falls"  
HM David Rice "Butterfly"  
HM Bob Miller "Calla Lily"

**Unlimited Digital November 14, 2007**

1st Place Donna Neal "American Flag"  
2nd Place Howard Penn "Blue Poison"  
3rd Place Ted Golczewski "Hitchhiker"  
4th Place Chip Bulgin "Rusty"  
HM Chuck Gallegos "Harvest"

HM Tim Champney "Regress"

**Novice Monochrome Prints November 14, 2007**

1st Place David Harding "Big Cypress Egret"  
2nd Place Mike Thomas "Candace"  
3rd Place David Joyner "Glass"  
4th Place Howard Penn "I'm Cute"  
HM Bob Miller "Native American 2000"  
HM Bob Miller "Earl"  
HM Cathleen Steele "Helping Hand"

**Unlimited Monochrome Prints November 14, 2007**

1st Place Donna Neal "Angles"  
2nd Place Donna Neal "Starfish"  
3rd Place Chuck Gallegos "Trot Lining"  
4th Place Angel Kidwell "Just Kissing the Surface"  
HM Ernest Swanson "Biker"  
HM Angel Kidwell "Look at Me Mommy"

**Novice Color Prints November 28, 2007**

1st Place David Harding "Halfway Bay"  
2nd Place Mary Swanson "Classic White"  
3rd Place David Harding "Blue and Gold"  
4th Place Mike Thomas "Discretion"  
HM Mike Thomas "Great Grandmother's Pearls"  
HM Tim Champney "Don't Shoot"  
HM David Harding "Spring Snow in Lundis Pass"

**Unlimited Color Prints November 28, 2007**

1st Place Ernest Swanson "Sunflower"  
2nd Place Donna Neal "Lotus # 2"  
3rd Place Howard Penn "Screech Owl Eye"  
4th Place Ernest Swanson "Lift Off"  
HM Chuck Gallegos "Face Painting"  
HM Howard Penn "Nose to Nose"

**Unlimited Slides November 28, 2007**

1st Place Tim Champney "Tall Ship Sunset"  
2nd Place Howard Penn "Blue at Dawn"  
3rd Place Sunny Frank "S Curves"  
4th Place Betty Harris "Three Stages"  
HM Sunny Frank "Furry Eyelids"  
  
HM Sunny Frank "Quiet Garden Retreat"

**Member News**

The local Digital Photo Club (that Don Dement founded) is having a show presently at Quiet Waters Park, with about 60 [framed photos](#) in the Garden Gallery - up until Dec 31.

## Christmas Party

The clock is ticking, only two weeks till the annual Arundel Camera Club Christmas party. Sunny and Tom Frank have graciously opened their home to the camera club rebel rousers this year. Bring something yummy to share with your fellow clubbers. And it's BYOB if you plan on getting crazy and singing drunken [Christmas songs](#), which would be very entertaining by the way. Don't forget to bring a gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange game - a certain *someone* has promised to bring back the infamous make-up case gift, so be on the look out. The gayety starts at 7:30 pm, so be there or be square!

### Christmas Party Directions

Directions to Sunny and Tom Frank's House  
1703 Peartree Lane, Crofton  
301-261-6181

#### From Annapolis:

Take Route 50 to exit 16/ Davidsonville Road/ MD 424. Bear right at the light and go north on 424/ Davidsonville Road towards Crofton. Go through 2 traffic lights and you will see the Crofton Middle School on your right. Directly opposite the school, turn left on Pleasant Meadow Rd. Pleasant Meadow dead-ends on Mayfair Pl. Make a right turn on Mayfair and then make your first left onto Peartree Lane. Drive to the cul de sac at the end.  
1703 is the Tudor house on the left.

#### From Severna Park area and Severna Park High School:

Take Benfield Rd to Veteran's Highway. Cross over Interstate 97 and make a left onto 97 South. Stay in the right lane and exit immediately (Exit 7 – Bowie) onto Route 3 South. Follow Route 3 South (Crain Hwy) for 4.7 miles. Turn left on Davidsonville Rd/MD 424 and go 2.1 miles (through 3 lights.) When you see Crofton Middle School on your left, turn RIGHT onto Pleasant Meadow Rd. Pleasant Meadow dead-ends on Mayfair Pl. Make a right turn on Mayfair and then make your first left onto Peartree Lane. Drive to the cul de sac at the end.  
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#### From Baltimore:

Take 97 South off of the Baltimore Beltway and then follow the directions from Severna Park area.

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<http://www.flickr.com/>

**What is Flickr?** Well according to their website "Flickr is a huge, diverse bunch of

people masquerading as a photo-sharing website... Flickr is the best way to store, sort, search, and share your photos online. Flickr helps you organize that huge mass of photos you have and offers a way for you and your friends and family to tell stories about them.

The best way to learn about Flickr is to upload some photos (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/upload/>), explore (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/tags/>) the site, join some groups (<http://www.flickr.com/groups/>) and make some friends.

**Membership Levels** - There are two membership levels. There is a **Free** account with limitations and a **Pro** account for \$24.95/yr around \$2.00/mo.

**Free Account** - With the free account, you'll only see the most recent 200 photos displayed and your upload limit is 100MB per month. With a free account, you can upload files up to 5MB in size. If you have a free account, no one (including you) can access your original file. If you have a free account, you can have up to three sets.

**Pro Account** - The Pro account provides unlimited storage, uploads, sets, bandwidth, permanent archiving of high-resolution original images, and ad-free browsing and sharing. If you have a Pro account, you can upload files up to 10MB. For pro accounts, your original files are available for download. I personally tried out the free account and quickly upgraded to the Pro account.

**Organize Your Photos** – Flickr provides lots of tools for organizing your photos including sets, collections, geotaging, and tags (i.e., key words).

**Sets:** You can organize your photos into sets. Free accounts are limited to three sets. Pro accounts are unlimited. Sets are useful for grouping photos. For instance you can create sets for each club field trip. I have sets for my various vacations, etc.

**Collections:** A set contains photos. A collection can contain sets (or other collections). Collections are only available for pro account holders.

**Map:** You can geotag your photos by using the organizer to place photos on a map where they were taken.

**Tags:** Tags are like keywords or labels that you add to a photo to make it easier to find later. You can tag a photo with phrases like "Nikon D80 Renaissance Portrait Monochrome" Later if you look for pictures taken at the Renaissance Festival, you can just click that tag and get all photos that have been tagged that way. Another way to find photos is by surfing tags such as "me" or "selfportrait". Or look for specific tags such as "neon" or "sunset". You can also surf the "most popular tags" on Flickr, or run a search there for any tag you like.

**Groups** - You can also create public or private groups. Private groups are good for small groups of friends, or for events such as weddings. You can post photos to a group photo pool so everyone can see them in one place! You can also join an already existing group. For instance I have joined the "Imagery of Maryland Renaissance Festival" and the "Strobist" groups. I have already created a private group for the "Arundel Camera Club." <http://www.flickr.com/groups/arundelcamera/> so that members of our club can share and comment on each others photos. Just send a note to one of the group administrators asking to join the group and we will add

you.

**Favorites** - Favorites are photos by other people that you want to bookmark in Flickr, so they are easy to find later. You can add any photo that you can view to your favorites.

**Comments** – One of the great things about Flickr is your ability to leave comments and annotate photos. Even better is receiving comments from others. It's always nice to log in and see someone marking your picture as a favorite or leaving a nice comment on it.

**Upload** – Flickr provides uploading tools (<http://www.flickr.com/tools/>) for both Windows and Mac that will help you get your photos on Flickr. Flickr provides you with your own unique email address so that you can email photos to upload photos to your Flickr photostream and automatically post them to your blog. You can also use a web form to upload your images.

**Image Types** - Flickr officially supports JPEGs, non-animated GIFs, and PNGs. You can also upload TIFFs and some other file types, but they will automatically be converted to and stored in JPEG format.

**Licensing** – You can select what licensing is associated with your images. I have selected the default which is “All rights reserved ©” I don't know much about the other licenses but you can read about them in the Flickr online help. The other licenses available are:

5. Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike Creative Commons
6. Attribution-NonCommercial Creative Commons
7. Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivs Creative Commons
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9. Attribution-ShareAlike Creative Commons
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If you've attached a Creative Commons license to your photo indicating you're OK with sharing the photo, the original image is available to anyone to download. You can use the global setting in your account to specify who can download originals: The choices are: Only you; your friends and/or family; your contacts; any Flickr user; or anyone.

So in summary why don't you sign up and give Flickr a try? Hope to see you online. Mike Thomas (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/bmthomas>)

## **Around Town**

The Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington DC is exhibiting two photography exhibits.

Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life, 1990—2005  
October 13, 2007 — January 13, 2008

Ansel Adams

Through January 27, 2008

The Corcoran Gallery of Art is located at 500 Seventeenth Street NW, Washington, DC. The Corcoran is just a few blocks away from two convenient stations: Farragut West- on the Orange/Blue lines (take the 17th street exit) and Farragut North-on the Red line (take the K Street exit).

Details at <http://www.corcoran.org/index.asp>

### **Holiday Festival of Trains**

Venue: [B&O Railroad Museum](#)

Dates: Through Dec. 30

Summary: Greet Santa as he arrives by train for the opening of the Holiday Festival of Trains at the B&O Railroad Museum. The festival, which runs through Dec. 30, will have several types of trains on view, including operating toy trains and model layouts and steam engines. Train rides will also be available and Santa visits for children will be held Saturdays and Sundays throughout the festival.

### **Chanukah by the Inner Harbor at B'nai Israel**

Venue: [B'nai Israel Synagogue](#)

Dates: Dec. 4

Summary: Bring a menorah and candles for a candle lighting ceremony for the first night of the Festival of Lights.

The ladies of the Covenant Guild will present Hanukkah musical renditions.

Play some Ultimate Dreidel and have sufganiyot (jelly donuts), latkes, chocolate gelt and other refreshments.

### **Thu, 06 December 2007 - Fri, 07 December 2007 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm**

Annapolis Chorale's Celebration of Christmas

Deck the halls and get out the eggnog! The Chorale and Annapolis Chamber Orchestra get you into the holiday spirit with this standing-room-only Annapolis tradition that mixes the best music and sentiments of the season. Musical guests include singer/songwriter Mollie Weaver, jazz singer Heather Venesile and lyric soprano Amy Cofield and very special guest reader, Annapolis' own Gary Jobson. Thursday 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday 8:00-10:30 p.m. - Holiday party follows concert.

Contact: 410-280-5640 or visit [www.annapolischorale.org](http://www.annapolischorale.org)

Location: Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, 801 Chase Street, Annapolis 21401

### **Thu, 06 December 2007 6:00 pm - 12:00 pm**

Midnight Madness

Downtown merchants will show their hospitality with special sales discounts and complimentary refreshments. The merchants will remain open until midnight to welcome holiday shoppers. Singing groups, musicians, performers and entertainers interested in showcasing their talents in front of thousands at the annual Midnight Madness in Annapolis. Free parking in downtown Annapolis and free shuttle service from the USNA Stadium until 12:30 a.m.

Contact: 410-956-0182 or visit [www.annapolisbusinessassoc.com](http://www.annapolisbusinessassoc.com)

Location: Annapolis City, Downtown, Annapolis 21401

**Fri, 14 December 2007 7:30 pm**

USNA Band performance

Trombone Recital. Naval Academy Band concerts are free and open to the public with no tickets required.

Contact: 410-293-0263 or visit [www.usna.edu/USNABand](http://www.usna.edu/USNABand)

Location: Christ Our Anchor Presbyterian Church. 1281 Green Holly Drive , Annapolis 21409

**Sat, 22 December 2007 - Sun, 23 December 2007 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

In the Shadow of the Cross....Live Nativity

Come and see the real meaning of Christmas. "In the Shadow of the Cross....Live Nativity" hosted by Severn Covenant Church. Carolling and light refreshments.

Contact: 410-987-3021 or visit [www.severncovenant.org](http://www.severncovenant.org)

Location: Field by Walmart. 7992 Crain Hwy S , Glen Burnie 21061

**Sun, 30 December 2007 9:00 am - 11:00 pm**

Gingerbread Village

Gingerbread Village at the Westin Annapolis main lobby. Not just a gingerbread house, but an entire village. This 10 by 20 foot cookie and candy wonderland, created by executive chef James Barrett, will feature over 40 houses and historical buildings reminiscent of downtown Annapolis. The largest gingerbread house in all of Annapolis will feature houses made of cookies and rooftops of peanut M&M's, Frosted Mini-Wheats, sliced almonds, Andes mints, Rice Chex and Neco Wafers. Free to the public.

Contact: 301-661-1448

Location: Westin Annapolis Hotel. 100 Westgate Circle , Annapolis 21401

**Tue, 01 January 2008 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Lights On The Bay

Proceeds from Lights On The Bay will benefit Anne Arundel Medical Center's growing medical campus. Lights On The Bay runs nightly from Friday, Nov. 16, 2007 until Tuesday, January 1, 2008 from 5:00-10:00 P.M. (9:00 P.M. on weeknights in November). Admission.

Contact: 443-481-4702

Location: Sandy Point State Park. 1100 East College Parkway , Annapolis 21401



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