



# LENS LINES

The Official Newsletter of the Arundel Camera Club  
December, 2005

## PROGRAMS PLANNED

Dec. 7, 2005, Club Auction

Dec. 14, 2005, Combined Slide and Print Contest: Category for Slides and Color: Abstract

Dec. 21, 2005, Christmas Party, location Sunny Frank's House.

Dec. 28, 2005, No Meeting

## DECEMBER FIELD TRIP

December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Christmas decorations along Baltimore's 34<sup>th</sup> street in the Hampden neighborhood. Obviously, an evening trip. Details and times to come.

## SPEAKING OF PICTURES

Jack Mills visited ACC with a nice menagerie of wild animal and bird photographs along with a straightforward approach to photographic problem solving. Mills gets to the animals with four hundred and six hundred millimeter lenses attached to [Canon digital cameras](#). His photographs have the sort of sharpness that causes the viewer tingle. Wolves romp with their playful puppies and we forget that they are wild and that they are serious predators. Hungry eagles fishing for their next meal have the determined look of all serious fishermen. But the star of the show was the hummingbird. Mills demonstrated how to set-up a hummingbird "studio" with four small strobe lights distributed around a feeder. A couple of examples of his problem solving: The chest of a hummingbird is often quite beautiful, so light it from the bottom. Set-up equipment and allow the hummingbird to check out the cameras and the photographer. Once the hummer is satisfied that no harm will come he goes about the business of getting fed. Mills distributed several pages of suggestions and if you didn't get one, the instructions are attached to this Newsletter.

## CONTEST NOTES

Kevin Richard Reppenhagen judged our November 9<sup>th</sup> contest, the second contest to have digital photographs. Subject matter ranged from the bottom of a bear to the top of a mountain where a sign declared Pavement Ends. Alas, several digital file entries were "crushed" in the e-mail process, a sort of computer murder. Ace digital detectives Dick Chomitz and Chip Bulgin are at work to solve the crime.

Reppenhagen's judging dwelt heavily on two issues, picture cropping and composition using the

rule of three, or breaking the composition into three distinct areas. He suggested using tape to crop slides, a suggestion that has come up before. Some members are reluctant to try this, and understandably so, because of the potential damage to their [35mm slides](#). Photographer Walker Evans used to cut his negatives to crop them. That's fairly easy when you're using an 8x10 view camera as Evans did. A couple of members said they were reluctant to tape because some judges didn't care for it. But one must keep in mind whether we are taking photographs solely to satisfy a judge or to develop our own eye.

### **And the Winners Are:**

Novice Slides November 9, 2005

1st Place Dick Chomitz "The Basics"  
2nd Place Tim Champney "Jenny Lake"  
3rd Place Jean Friday "Hello"  
4th Place Tim Champney "Seattle Canal"

Unlimited Slides November 9, 2005

1st Place Howard Penn "Silky Falls"  
2nd Place Ted Golczewski "Beauty"  
3rd Place Howard Penn "Life Guard"  
4th Place Chuck Gallegos "Inching Along"  
HM Sunny Frank "S Curve"  
HM Chuck Gallegos "The Drop Out"  
HM Chuck Gallegos "Ripening Wineberries"

Digital Combined Modified and Unmodified November 9, 2005

1st Place Sunny Frank "Lady Hummer"  
2nd Place Dick Chomitz "Eagles Have Landed"  
3rd Place Leigh Penfield "World War II Memorial"  
4th Place Donna Neal "Backlit Bear"  
HM Chuck Gallegos "Forgotten Farm"  
HM Chip Bulgin "Obsession"  
HM Chuck Gallegos "Wineberries in the Mist"

### **And the winners from November 30<sup>th</sup> Print Contest are:**

Novice Color Prints November 30, 2005

1st Place Cathleen Steele "Sunset Through an Attic"  
2nd Place Gene Crooks "Fugisan and Lake Hakone"  
3rd Place Chris Hobaugh "Scenic Walk"  
4th Place Betty Harris "Yellow Lily and Reflection"  
HM Angel Kidwell "Thirst Quenching"  
HM Angel Kidwell "Over Yonder"  
HM Gene Crooks "Water Ballet"  
HM Chris Hobaugh "What's Around the Corner"  
HM Rogard Ross "Yosemite Daybreak"

Unlimited Color Prints November 30, 2005

1st Place Ernest Swanson "Tropical Perspective"  
2nd Place Ernest Swanson "Heat of the Machine"  
3rd Place Howard Penn "Top of the Aviary"  
4th Place Chuck Gallegos "Duluth Anchor and Light"  
HM Dolphy Glendinning "Great Falls"  
HM Ernest Swanson "Water Wheel"

Novice Monochrome Prints November 30, 2005

1st Place Gene Crooks "Hands"  
2nd Place Gene Crooks "Everybody Look"  
3rd Place Cathleen Steele "Old Courtyard Reflections"  
4th Place Cathleen Steele "Hanging Out to Dry"

HM Gene Crooks "The Feminine Guitar"  
HM Donna Neal "Seed Pod"

Unlimited Monochrome Prints November 30, 2005  
1st Place Ernest Swanson "Sand Shadows"  
2nd Place Chuck Gallegos "Bow Lines"  
3rd Place Chuck Gallegos "Woodend Light, Provincetown"  
4th Place Chuck Gallegos "Flag Pond 's Toad"  
HM Chuck Gallegos "Laundry Day"

### **Auction**

The Arundel Camera Club will hold its annual auction on December 7. This is a chance to clean out equipment that you no longer use and to allow another member who would use it to purchase it. Remember that this is a fund raiser for the club. When the item is sold, the seller receives half the price and the club keeps the rest. The auction is often a chance to pick up equipment at a very reasonable price. What is available is limited by what members bring in to sell and varies greatly from year to year.

### **Combined Competition**

The December 14 meeting will be a combined slide and print competition. The category for both slides and color prints is Abstract. Monochrome prints may be of any subject matter. For a definition of Abstract, check out the club website, [arundelcameraclub.org](http://arundelcameraclub.org) and click on Contest Categories and Themes for 2004-2005 in the lower right corner of the page.

### **Annual Christmas Party**

The Christmas party will be held on December 21. The party will start at 7:30 PM. Sunny Frank has graciously volunteered to host the party. Non-alcoholic drinks will be paid for by the club. Members may bring spouses or significant others to the party. Each couple or individual is encouraged to bring a desert or salad to share with the group. If you wish to have alcoholic beverages, please bring your own. At the party, we will have the annual gift grab. Anybody who wishes to join in the fun should bring a gift, in the 10 to 20 dollar range. They are placed in a pile and the players draw numbers. The person with number 1 picks a package and opens it to show to the group. Person 2 can either steal the package or open a new one. Person 1 can then open a new gift. Later, when your gift is stolen, you may steal another gift. You can't steal back the one that was just stolen from you. When a gift is stolen for the second time, it cannot be stolen again and the third owner gets to keep it.

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[Hummingbird Photography How To](#) BY Jack Mills

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NOTE from our WEB MASTER The Arundel Camera Club website URL is now

<http://arundelcameraclub.org/>

Camera Club Member's image galleries are at [Arundel Camera Club Galleries on PBase](#) and are linked from the club website.

**Arundel Camera Club** meets every Wednesday evening when school is in session. We meet at 7:30 and usually end around 9:00 p.m. at Severna Park High School, 60 Robinson Road, Severna Park in room G144. Meetings are open to the public, but only dues paying members

may enter competitions. Annual dues are \$15 per adult, \$7.50 per full-time student. If a second family member joins the club, the second member's dues are discounted 50% or \$7.50. For further information, check on the club website or feel free to call or e - mail any of the club's officers:

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