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The Official Newsletter of the Arundel Camera Club
May, 2006

Program Planned for May

May 3rd Annual [Club Events](#) Photo Contest

May 10th Annual Business Meeting

May 17th Annual Banquet, Café Mezzanotte, see attached menu and reservation information

May Field Trip

Carroll County Farm Museum There is a \$5.00 adult [admission](#) fee and their web site is:

<http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/farmmus/default.asp>

April Contest Results

Phyllis Avedon judged the April 5, 2006 slide and digital competition. Ms. Avedon is an artist in residence at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts. She is a portrait painter and studied in California and on the East Coast. Avedon says that when she does portraits of children she prefer to work from a photograph. Children should either be photographed or buried, according to Ms. Avedon. And out of the several photographs of children entered, only one survived.. Ms. Avedon's husband is a cousin of photographer Richard Avedon.

Unlimited Slides April 5, 2006

- 1st Place Howard Penn "Great Blue Heron"
- 2nd Place Chuck Gallegos "Red Leaves, Blue Berries"
- 3rd Place Tim Champney "Enchanted Woods"
- 4th Place Chuck Gallegos "Rainy Trail's End"
- HM Chuck Gallegos "Mt. Taranaki from Pungarehu"
- HM Ted Golczewski "Mandarin Two"
- HM Tim Champney "Too Late for Planting"
- HM Elizabeth Gauld "Wheel Shadow"

Digital April 5, 2006

- 1st Place Donna Neal "Leaf Warrior"
- 2nd Place Sunny Frank "A Courting Couple"
- 3rd Place Tim Champney "Orchids on Display"
- 4th Place Donna Neal "Daffodil Gossip"
- HM Angel Kidwell "Down the Hatch"
- HM Tim Champney "Reflections"

Richard Niewerth judged our April 19th contest. Mr. Niewerth teaches in the art department at Anne Arundel [Junior College](#) and has judged our work several times. His commented on the simplicity of design of several pictures. Matting was an issue for several photographs: a matte color clashed with one photograph and solid white matting detracted from other photographs. Mr. Niewerth also noted that several pictures were interesting because of the subject matter, but that the photographer only recorded the subject and failed to add any sort of interpretation.

Novice Color Prints April 19, 2006

1st Place Gene Crooks "Early Morning Fog"
2nd Place Gene Crooks "Milford Sound"
3rd Place Mary Swanson "Beauties"
4th Place Donna Neal "Red Coat"
HM Charles Graf "Maligne"
HM Angel Kidwell "Stranded"
HM Donna Neal "Yellow Leaf"

Unlimited Color Prints April 19, 2006

1st Place Chuck Gallegos "Street Lights on Whittoria Bridge"
2nd Place Ernest Swanson "Lookie Here"
3rd Place Ernest Swanson "Sunflower"
4th Place Chuck Gallegos "Wine Berries in the Mist"
HM Chuck Gallegos "Fan Tail with an Attitude"
HM Dolphy Glendinning "Falling Water"

Novice Monochrome Prints April 19, 2006

1st Place Gene Crooks "Happy Kiwi"
2nd Place Gene Crooks "Outback Guy"
3rd Place Tim Champney "Plein Air Restoration"
4th Place Gene Crooks "Hopelessness"
HM Cathleen Steele "Forgotten"
HM Angel Kidwell "Shell"

Unlimited Monochrome Prints April 19, 2006

1st Place Chuck Gallegos "Foggy Wetland"
2nd Place Donna Neal "Tree Art"
3rd Place Donna Neal "Marathon Runner"
4th Place Chuck Gallegos "Not too Crabby"
HM Chuck Gallegos "Gearing Up"
HM Chip Bulgin "Cool Breeze"

Election of Officers Plus Two Important Issues to Resolve At the Annual Business Meeting

Dues

ACC members have made a dramatic switch away from film and into digital technology in recent years. Now it's time that the club also makes the switch and purchases a digital projector and a laptop computer. Dick Chomitz has been most generous and allowed the club to utilize his

personal projector. Some members have contributed toward the purchase, but we've still got a ways to go. The most obvious way to achieve this is through a dues increase. Members will vote on the amount. Here are examples of dues for clubs around the country. Bowie Crofton will be raising their dues; note that Baltimore Camera is among the highest in the nation.

Baltimore Camera Club \$45-\$55 (Single-Family)

Bowie Crofton Camera Club \$12-\$18 (Will be raised for 2007-2007)

Richmond Camera Club \$25-\$35

Omaha Camera Club \$25-\$35

Western Reserve Photographic Society \$20-\$25 (NE Ohio)

Northern Virginia Photographic Society \$40-\$55.00

Delaware Photographic Society (Wilmington) \$35-\$60, first year, \$20.00

A club with high dues usually indicates that the club must pay for its meeting place. ACC is fortunate to be able to use a Severna Park High School classroom for free.

Digital Contests

How do we categorize digital photography? Using a digital camera to record what we see is not much different from film. Instead of Tri-x or Velvia or Ektachrome film we record the image as electronic pixels on a silicone chip. And we can manipulate digital images pretty much the way we did traditional film images---using a filter (Polaroid, for example) to change tonal values, or enhancing contrast and burning and dodging with software (usually Adobe Photoshop). But the digital image and software allow the content of the original photograph to be changed. The photographer, using software is able to add and subtract objects to the picture. . Software allows the skillful photographer to make content changes that are not detectable.

So the question arises: How do we run digital imaging contests?

Those who still use film and have scanners can simply digitize their photographs by scanning. That would allow them to compete in the digital contest as we now operate it. A discussion and vote of how we will categorize digital work will be part of the agenda.

Annual Club Banquet will be held at Café Mezzanotte On May 17th Drinks at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00

Paid reservation should be in by the May 10th club meeting. Three entrees are offered, all come with a salad, julienne vegetables, and unlimited non-alcoholic beverage. All dinners are \$27 and the club will pay for the tax and tip which is \$6.21 per person. Alcoholic beverages are not included. **Please submit your reservations using the form below to Betty Harris.** If you have any questions, please talk with Betty at a club meeting, call her at home at (410) 729-0255, or send her an email at ef.harris@verizon.net. For those that might not be able to make a meeting, your check and dinner selection can be mailed to Betty Harris, 4 St. Andrews Rd., Severna Park, MD, 21146.

Dinner selections:

Salmon Imperial – Fresh pan seared salmon with mushrooms, roasted peppers and jumbo lump crab in light white wine, garlic and lemon with julienne vegetables.

Bistecca Pepperonata – New York strip grilled to perfection with fire roasted mixed peppers in an aged balsamic reduction with julienne vegetables.

Chicken Principessa – Chicken breast topped with jumbo lump crab meat and mozzarella cheese with red roasted peppers and julienne vegetables in light white wine, garlic and lemon.

If someone is a vegetarian or has special dietary requirements please make a note in the space provided below.

Café Mezzanotte is located at 760 Ritchie Highway, in Severna Park (just south of Cypress Creek Rd). Their telephone # is (410) 647-1100.

Name(s): _____

Dinner(s) @ \$27.00 x _____ = \$ _____

of attendees payment - cash or check (preferred)

Dinner choice and # (please put names if responding for more than one):

Salmon _____

New York Strip _____

Chicken _____

Vegetarian or special dietary requirements:

Noted in April

Several ACC members head south, usually for Florida in the winter. But Dick Chomitz and Betty Harris went north to Homer, Alaska to photograph American bald eagles. The results were shown to us at our April 12th meeting. Dick used digital imaging and Betty recorded on film.

Christine Hunt, a member of the Bowie Crofton Camera Club, and a budding professional photographer, spoke about composition and listed a number of basic rules of composition to follow. She noted that breaking the image into three sections is a great start as is taking advantage of the 8 to 5 ratio of a 35 mm. image. And avoid centering, she said. But rules can be constricting. The cover on a recent catalog of Andre Kertesz work has a photograph of a man doing a silly dancing in silhouette on the cover. The silly dancer is dead center in the photograph. Get a good sound basis with rules, then go break a few.

Rogard Ross says he'll be happy to continue as web master, but would like to have some help. Any volunteers, please contact him.

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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