

# Lens Line Newsletter

# George Smyth - The Extras



On December 1st, George Smyth gave a presentation on bromoil photography. George began to seriously study photography upon his return from an extended trip to Wales in 1990. After experimenting to find his personal style, he decided to concentrate on pinhole, infrared and alternative process photography.

A member of the Bowie-Crofton Camera Club since 1992, the largest in the Washington-Baltimore area, he has won numerous awards, including Photographer of the Year in 2009. He is a regular lecturer on pinhole and infrared photography, and has offered numerous presentations to area clubs, as well as presenting to PhotoPro Expo twice.

According to George his current project "The Extras refers to those individuals who play such roles in the movie of my life. I have no interaction with them, I do not hear their conversations, they remain in the background. However, their lack of presence would be disquieting, and I need them to help complete my story. Although they remain at a distance, each extra has their own successes and failures, worries about the future and care for loved ones, and a life as complete as my own. Just as they are extras in the movie of my life, I serve the same purpose for them.

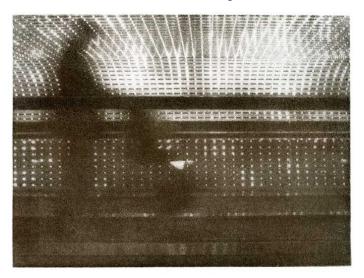
I have decided to allow the viewer to create their own vision without interference, thus these images are offered without titles.

Each print is created through the Bromoil process, a labor intensive, time consuming procedure where the silver is removed from a traditionally made darkroom print, and replaced with lithographic ink by striking its surface with a stiff, ink charged brush. Although this process is seldom used to make images of this nature, it adds an ethereal atmosphere to the scene, which allows the viewer to enter and understand the image on their own.

All images are available as unique editions, as no two Bromoil images can be created exactly the same."

You can see George's exhibition from November 2010 until January 2011 at the Montpelier Arts Center, winner of the 2010-2012 Library Gallery Competition juried by John Ruppert (Chairman of the Art Department of the University of Maryland)

You can also check out his book "The Extras" on Blurb or Download the free PDF (4.2 Meg).



#### 2010-2011 Schedule

#### January 2011

- 5 Program Ryan Courtade
- 8 Trip to NYC Metropolitan Museum of Art
- 12 Contest Digital and Monochrome Prints Open
- 15/16 Field Trip National Cathedral
- 19 Program Susan Milestone
- 26 Contest Slides and Color Prints Open

#### **February**

- 2 Program Chip Bulgin Beauty Photography
- 9 Contest Digital and Monochrome Prints Abstract
- 12/13 Field Trip National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center
- 16 Program
- 23 Contest Slides Open and Color Prints Abstract

#### March

- 2 Program
- 9 Theme Contest Digital Night and Monochrome Prints High Key/Low Key

- 16 Program
- Theme Contest Slides Photo Journalism and Color Prints Motion or Movement
- 26/27 Field Trip Eastern State Penitentiary
- 30 Program

### April

- 6 Contest Digital and Monochrome Prints Open
- 9/10 Field Trip St. Michaels
- 13 Program Ian Plante
- No Meeting Easter / Spring BreakContest Slides and Color Prints Open
- 30 Field Trip Kinetic Sculpture Race

#### May

- 4 Business Meeting
- 11 Club Events Contest
- 18 Banquet
- 25 Snow Date

# Glowing Apples Mike Thomas



To create this shot, I tried to shoot all three apples at once with three flashes. This turned out to be more difficult than expected. I ended up shooting each apple individually and combining them in PhotoShop during post.

I carved out the inside of the apple. I masked off

the flash with black tape and put it behind the apple. I triggered the flash wirelessly using Nikon CLS. Flash power was set to manual and varied per apple.

Turns out different apples are more translucent than others. This could be the apple itself or variables in how I carved each apple out.

To get the reflection, I sat the apples on black Plexiglas. The reflection is real not photoshoped. Here is a setup shot.



<sup>\*</sup> Changes indicated in Bold/Red.

# December Field Trip B&O Railroad Museum / Baltimore Museum of Industry

Seven club members went on the December 11th field trip to the B&O Railroad Museum and to the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

We started the day at the B&O Railroad Museum. They had decorated some of the trains for Christmas. They also had a number of scale model trains on display as well as photos with Santa, crafts, and live music.

Half the club members went to Ledo's pizza for lunch. The other half went to "Little Havana" for some cuban sandwhiches and a lot of atmosphere.

We finished the day at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. We almost had the museum to ourselves. The print shop was especially entertaining.







# January Club Trip to NYC Chip Bulgin

Details regarding the trip to New York City to see the Alfred Stieglitz, Edward Steichen, and Paul Strand exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Saturday, January 8th.

#### **Costs:**

Bus fare from Baltimore to NYC: The best deal I've found for more than one person is \$35 round trip here: http://www.mvpbus.com/

MoMA admission: \$20.

Subway fare: All day pass is \$8.25

#### Times:

I'd like to take the 8:45AM bus from Baltimore that

arrives in NYC at 12:15pm and return on either the 5:00pm or 7:00pm bus leaving NYC. The 5:00pm bus gets back at 8:30pm and the 7:00pm bus gets back at 10:30pm.

#### **RSVP:**

If you're interested in going as a group, please send an email to president@arundelcameraclub.org by Sunday, December 26th with the following information (you can always make your own arrangements and meet us there): Number of people you're responding for and your Preferred return time (Leave @ 5, leave @ 7, no preference).

# Christmas Party







On December 15th, club members gathered for our annual Christmas party and gift exchange. We had a great turn out and as usual the gift exchange and food were great. Much thanks go to Guff and Elizabeth Gauld for hosting this year. Between the wine, eggnog, and cozy fire everything was wonderful.







# 2010 November: Novice Digital Results



2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Greg Badger - Ride Free



3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Dawn Grannas - Florida Sunset



 $4^{\mbox{\tiny th}}$  Place - Chris Putnam - Racing the Train



HM - Sunny Frank - Julia



HM - Dick Chomitz -Jimmy Carter



HM - Jackie Colestock - Father of the Bride Gets Kissed



HM - Pamela Miller - Serenity

# 2010 November: Unlimited Digital Results



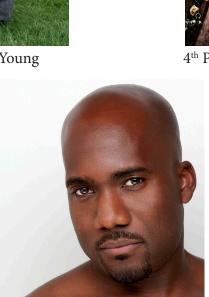
1st Place - Chuck Gallegos - Wild Ride



3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Donna Neal - Starting Young



HM - Bob Miller - Village Elder



HM - Donna Neal - Handsome



2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Dawn Miller - A Merry Man



4th Place - Dawn Miller - Pirate



HM - Chip Bulgin - Windows to the Soul

#### 2010 November: Novice Monochrome Print Results



1st Place - Cathleen Steele - High Trip



3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Dawn Grannas - USMC



2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Christine Metzgar - Getting Started



4th Place - Christine Metzgar - Are You Ready Yet

# Nikhil Bahl Creative Interpretations

On 10 November 2010 Nikhil Bahl gave a program titled "Creative Interpretations."

According to Nikhil "Photography is all about interpretation. From subject selection, to focal length, shutter speed and aperture, to camera placement, post-processing, a photographer makes many decisions that interpret the subject. A photographer can show the subject in an atypical manner that may challenge the viewers perceptions or by delving into the abstract the

viewer can be left guessing as to what the subject really is.

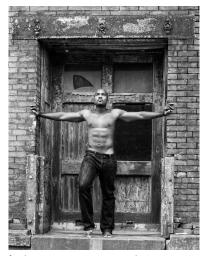
In his presentation, Nikhil Bahl will take you into the realm of conceptualizing and interpreting the scene that is to be captured by the creative photographer."

You can find Nikhil Bahl's work at his website at www.nikhilbahl.com. Be on the lookout for his upcoming e-book titled "Creative Interpretations."

#### 2010 November: Unlimited Monochrome Print Results



1st Place - Chip Bulgin - Repose



3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Donna Neal - Iron Man



HM - Elizabeth Gauld "Creation



2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Mike Thomas - Florida Surfer



 $4^{\rm th}$  Place - Mike Thomas - High Key, Liz Ashley

The results for the December competitions will be published in the January newsletter.

# 2010 November: Novice Color Print Results



1st Place - Chip Bulgin - Behind Blue Eyes



2nd Place - John Milleker, Jr. - Bar Mitzvah



 $3^{\rm rd}\, Place$  - Dennis Balog - Who Wants Liver?



 $4^{th}$  Place - Dennis Balog - Kidnapping



HM - Dawn Grannas - Surfer on Red Board

# 2010 November: Unlimited Color Print Results



1st Place - Ernest Swanson - Walking my Dog



3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Ernest Swanson - Native American



HM - Tim Champney - Artistic License



2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Mike Thomas - Soccer Babe



4th Place - Mike Thomas - Balloon Crew



HM - Ernest Swanson - Rider Down

#### 2010 November: Novice Slides Results



1st Place - Tom Henderson - Mexican Shrine



3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Jackie Colestock - Bear Meadows



2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Jackie Colestock - Toronto 83



4th Place - Christine Metzgar - Flying Flag

# January Field Trip - National Cathedral Dolphy Glendinning

According to the website, "The Cathedral is a spiritual resource for our nation: a great and beautiful edifice in the city of Washington, ..."

The Washington National Cathedral is located at 3101 Wisconsin Avenue in Northwest Washington, DC, at the intersection of Wisconsin and Massachusetts Avenues.

The Cathedral opens at 10 am. Meet at park and ride by 9:30 am. As I recall they had no problem with tripods. Just be mindful of other people.

If you plan on going on this field trip, send an email to dolphyglendinning@comcast.net. If I don't get any email responses, I will not be going to the park and ride. I will be leaving from home.



# 2010 November: Unlimited Slides Results



1st Place - Dolphy Glendinning - Burned Out



 $2^{nd}$  Place - Chuck Gallegos - Pick Me



 $3^{rd}$  Place - Charles Graf - Rainy Day at Mabry Mill



4th Place - Godfrey Gauld - Waterfall



HM - Godfrey Gauld - Volcano



HM - Dolphy Glendinning - Sunset and Reeds

#### 2010-2011 Club Officers

President - Chip Bulgin Executive Committee - Chuck Gallegos and

Charlie Graf

Co-VP of Programs - Steve Putnam

Co-Webmasters - David Joyner and

Co-VP of Competition - David Joyner and

Mike Thomas

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Charlie Graf volunteered to take care of refreshments

for the meetings.

Treasurer/ Secretary -

Mike Thomas

Sunny Frank

Field Trips -

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Dolphy Glendinning

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There are two new mailing aliases for our club.

To email the officers send an email to officers@arundelcameraclub.org

To email the members send an email to members@arundelcameraclub.org

### Membership Rates

## Meeting Nights

Students	\$12.50
Individual	\$25.00
Family	\$37.50

The Arundel Camera Club meets every Wednesday evening at the Severna Park High School when school is in session, weather permitting.

We meet at 7:30 pm and usually end around 9:00 pm. Meetings are open to the public, but only dues paying members may enter competitions.

Meetings alternate with programs of informative speakers (educational, technical, etc.) and photographic competitions (slide, print, and digital on alternating weeks). The club also has monthly (and occasionally more often) photographic field trips to locations of interest.



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