

Lens Line Newsletter

May 2017

www.arundelcameraclub.org



Contents

3 - Business Meeting

7 - Financial Report

8 - End of Year Banquet Photos

10 - Photo Opportunities

12 - April Digital Contest Results

15 - April Color Contest Results

17 - April Monochrome Contest Results

19 - Club Officers & POCs

20 - Club Information



On the Cover: The cover image titled “Street Performers” was taken by club member Cathy Hockel and won 4th Place in the April Unlimited Color Prints Humor/Whimsey contest.

On This Page: The above image titled “Whimsical Sky” was taken by club member Cathaleen Ley and won 1st Place in the April Novice Color Prints Humor/Whimsey contest.

Copyright info: All Rights Reserved to the images in this newsletter by the respective photographers.

Business Meeting

Meeting opened with a general welcome by club president Chip Bulgin.

Maryland Photography Alliance - This group has been discussed at times in the past. Chip has been our representative to their organizational meetings. The draft constitution for the Alliance was handed out for reference (see attached). This group is still trying to get fully formed. Its purpose is to help the local photography clubs to pool various resources like judges and speakers. At this time discussion is suggesting there may be a fee of about \$100 for us to join them. They have been discussing sponsoring an "event with one or two nationally known speakers. Ron Pieffer has agreed to take over from Chip as our representative. Motion made by Chip Bulgin, seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report - Club Treasurer Jackie Colestock handed out and went over the Year End Cash Flow Sheet and Balance Statement for the club. She noted that the reports handed out had some errors due to a recent upgrade from Quicken.

She will attach corrected versions to the minutes. She reported that the club is in good standing financially and that she did not foresee a need for a dues increase so long as next year's expenses were similar to this year's. There were no questions.

Elections - The Slate of Officers was presented verbally and nominations were asked for from the floor. The state of the current Membership Database was discussed and no changes were recommended. The Slate of Officers was passed as presented:

President: Chip Bulgin

Co-VP (Programs): Greg Hockel, Cathy Hockel

Co-VP (Contests): Bob Webber, Mike Thomas

Secretary/Treasurer: Jackie Colestock

Members-at-large: Chuck Gallegos, Brian Flynn

Field Trips: Bob Webber, Susan Webber

Newsletter: Mike Thomas

Membership: Jackie Colestock

Webmaster: Mike Thomas, Russ Zaccari

Maryland Photography Alliance: Ron Pieffer

Refreshments: Fred Venecia

Business Meeting (Continued)

By Laws - Discussion regarding who actually does the editing upon a submitted image. Currently our bylaws allow for some editing by someone other than the actual photographer (creator) of the image. This is a carryover from the days of sending film out for developing. There has been some concern recently that some creators have had extra editing help from more experienced members in the editing of their work. Motion to revise Contest Rules to require that all photos entered for completion be edited by the creator themselves. Editing includes cropping and the use of all photography editing programs. Motion made by Mike Thomas, Motion NOT seconded. Motion FAILED. Motion AMENDED to revise Contest Rules to require that all UNLIMITED photos entered for completion be edited by the creator themselves. Editing includes cropping and the use of all photography editing programs. Motion made by Mike Thomas, seconded. Motion FAILED.

Room - Our meeting place was split this year between the old and new High Schools. The new

room has generated a few comments/complaints including the lack of a window, lack of cell service, lack of network access, and building accessibility (we must man the door to let our members in – so late members may not be able to get to the meeting.) On the positive side, it is very near the door and parking lot, and we can move the desks around so long as we put them back. Some of the discussion brought up that several members liked the meeting place at the Middle School during January and February. In general we like the location, but would really like to have the issue of lack of cell service and/or network addressed. Chip will research with schools to see if a better room is available or if a different school is our only other option.

High School Photo Clubs - The Club used to be more active in working with the High School Photography teachers and clubs. At one time there was even a student rate for membership. The club is aging and needs to recruit younger members, and this is one way it was done in the past. The membership agreed that this is an avenue of membership that

Business Meeting (Continued)

should be more actively pursued again. Contact High School Photography/Art Instructors and Clubs and invite them to our meetings.

Meeting Times - There has been some concern about the hour the meetings start and the late hour the often end. It was suggested that starting at 7 and ending at 9 might be better. As recorded below a motion was made and withdrawn as discussion determined that a motion of this type was not needed, that the Officers could finalize this decision. It was also decided that it would be a good idea to poll the membership via Survey Monkey before the Board acted on this idea. Motion made by Mike Thomas, Motion WITHDRAWN. Action taken to use Survey Monkey to poll the membership BEFORE the Officer's Meeting on 5/31.

Field Trips - Suggestions requested doing more local trips, and that maybe it was time for an overnight. Generally the membership felt that the Webbers have done an excellent job with this year's Field Trips, and that there has not been a great deal of repeat trips. A Survey Monkey poll of the

membership was suggested to see if there is interest in doing an overnight trip next year. Bob requested that ideas for location to visit be sent to him and Susan. Survey Monkey to be generated to poll the membership regarding interest in an overnight Field Trip. Request that ideas be forwarded to Webbers.

Judges and Judging - The issue of giving the judges guidance was brought up, again. This is a perennial issue. The Competition Chairs do give them guidance, however, they are free to ignore that information and frequently many of them do. We do all consider feedback important, so it was suggested that maybe the judges should be verbally reminded of the time constraints they are working with to encourage some better time management.

It was asked if the biographies of the judges could be posted prior to the competition. This has been discussed a bit in the past and there are difficulties: some Judges don't commit till close to the meeting they are attending and some just don't show. In addition there was quite some discussion about whether or not members should really care about

Business Meeting (Continued)

who the judge is, or what their implicit biases are. Judge Biographies would not be published on the website at this time. The Competition Chairs should continue to give the judges as much guidance as they can prior to the meeting.

The Competition Chairs should start giving the judges time checks throughout the evening's event. Contest Chairman took an action to keep Judges apprised of their time constraints throughout the evening.

Competition Themes - We discussed lots of potential themes for next years competitions including: Birds, Flowers, Red, Wildlife (not zoo), Bridges, Still Life, Love, Upside Down, Hi Key/ Lo Key, Streets after Dark, People, Maryland Parks, Sports, Long Exposure, Emotions, Literature, Song Titles, Doors & Windows, Architecture, Repeating Patterns, Collections, Animal Contact (non-pet), Metals, Existing Light,

We selected the following themes: Surrealism, ScapeStracts (land/sea/city abstracts), Above or Below (Hi/Lo angle), Reflections.

Surrealism - "Surreal photography would be more about creating a world or image which goes beyond the physical world as we know it. It usually shows something which would be impossible in real life or tampers with the line defining what is real and what is imaginary. Surreal = beyond the real."

ScapeStracts (land/sea/city abstracts) - This is a combination of our *scape and abstract categories.

Above or Below (Hi/Low Angle) - A photograph of something above you or below you either from a low angle or hi angle respectively. This pretty much includes anything except eye level images.

Reflections - You got it. Reflections in water, mirrors, in windows, on buildings, etc.

Thank You

A special thanks goes out to our April judge Steve Cohen and to - [Lori Gross](#) who gave a program on before you click the shutter.

Financial Report

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Bank of Glen Burnie	3,017.55
Banquet Payments	506.00
Dues Payments	0.00
Petty Cash Envelope	59.00
TOTAL	<u>3,582.55</u>
Club Assets	2,987.52
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>6,570.07</u>

Category

7/1/2016-5/12/2017

INFLOWS

Banquet Ticket	961.00
<u>Dues Income (Business)</u>	<u>1,210.25</u>
TOTAL INFLOWS	2,171.25

OUTFLOWS

Food & Dining	
Banquet	250.00
Monthly Meeting Refrements	130.89
Other Refresments	<u>53.48</u>
TOTAL Food & Dining	434.37
Misc. Expense (Business)	-0.24
Office Expenses (Business)	
Supplies (Business)	55.77
WebSite	<u>230.79</u>
TOTAL Office Expenses	286.56
<u>Speaker Presenter Fees</u>	<u>200.00</u>
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	<u>920.69</u>
OVERALL TOTAL	1,250.56



End of Year Banquet



End of Year Banquet



Photo Opportunities



May 9 - June 11: Photo Opportunity - Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival - This one-of-a-kind experience includes an all-new collection of larger-than-life, illuminated silk sculptures, acrobatics, dancers, authentic crafts and the return of a 200-foot-long dragon. Tickets \$17. Days & Hours: Sunday - Thursday 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Friday & Saturday 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm. [Details Here.](#)

May 17-Oct. 1: Abstract Photography - The Baltimore Museum of Art. Browse photographs by 20th-century American photographers Harry Callahan, Aaron Siskind, and Minor White.

June 2-4: Photo Opportunity - WWII Weekend - Everywhere you look there is living history before your eyes. Go back in time to learn about WWII from the brave men and women who lived it. Featuring the Commemorative Air Force B-29 Superfortress, "Fifi". WWII Air Show: All types of famous WWII aircraft on the ground and in the air! Military Vehicle Show: See Allied and Axis vehicles placed in contextual display. WWII Battle Re-Creations: Skirmishes in a re-created French Village and a large scale



demonstration battle take place. War Front Tent Displays: Allied, Axis, PTO, ETO, Mediterranean and Russian. Great American Home Front Displays: A 1940's street re-creates the Home Front including the Victory Theater. Gates open at 8:30 AM. Tickets \$26. [Details Here.](#)

June 9: Photo Opportunity - Horseshoe Crab Spawning, Slaughter Beach, DE - Slaughter Beach is an official sanctuary for horseshoe crabs. This is the state marine animal of Delaware and a "signature species" of the Delaware Bay estuary. Watch as these harmless animals swarm the beach while spawning during full moon in May and June.

June 10: Photo Opportunity - Frederick County Barnstormers Tour - The Barns Of Linganore Valley. Nine barns in the rolling hills of Eastern Frederick County will be featured during the Frederick County Landmarks Foundation 11th Annual Barnstormers Tour and Plein Air Paint-Out. The event will take place on Saturday, June 10, 2017. [Details Here.](#)

Photo Opportunities



June 10-11: Photo Opportunity - HONFest - Time for beehives at the 24rd Annual HONfest. "Hon" the Bawlmer term of endearment short for "Honey." Come for the photo opportunities stay for the food, music, and vendors. [Details Here.](#)

June 17-18: Photo Opportunity - Ocean City Air Show - The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will headline the 10th anniversary edition of the Ocean City Air Show on June 17-18, 2017! This year's event will feature a wide variety of military demos including the F-22 Raptor, USMC MV-22 Osprey plus the return of the A-10 Warthog and civilian performers like the GEICO Skytypers. [Details Here.](#)

July: Photo Opportunity - Longwood Gardens - July is a great time of year to visit Longwood Gardens. Their waterlily displays are magnificent. They have also just reopened the Grand Fountain Garden has just reopened. [Details Here.](#)

July: Photo Opportunity - Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens - The best time to visit Kenilworth is when the Lotus and water lilies are in bloom in July. If you are lucky you will see turtles and harens.



Go in the morning. It's hot and humid. Protect your equipment from condensation. [Details Here.](#)

July 6-9: Photo Opportunity - Tuckahoe Steam Rally - This annual event includes parades, tractor pulls, and exhibits including: Steam Engines, Gas & Oil Engines, Rural Life Museum, Farm Machinery, Machine Shop, and Saw Mill. [Details Here.](#)

August 19-20: Photo Opportunity - Flying Circus & Balloon Festival - The air show is every Sunday May through October. The Balloon Festival in on August 19-20. The air show consists of wing walkers and vintage biplanes. [Details Here.](#)

Get Out There and Shoot!

April Novice Digital Competition Results



1st Place Bob Webber
"Big and Little"



2nd Place Allart Kok "
Meepmeep Vroom"



3rd Place Susan Webber
"Nature's Guardian"



4th Place Chris Van Valkenburg
"Joker"



HM Chris Van Valkenburg
"Sausage"



HM Susan Webber
"At the Studio"

April Unlimited Digital Competition Results



1st Place Cathy Hockel
"Big Bite"



2nd Place Brian Flynn
"Good Taste in Fashion"



3rd Place Greg Hockel
"Lego Hanging"

April Unlimited Digital Competition Results



4th Place Cathy Steele
"Tired Gondalier"



HM Brian Flynn
"Pirate Queen"



HM Cathy Hockel
"Pumpkin Man"



HM Dick Chomitz
"Big Kiss"

April Novice Color Competition Results



1st Place Cathaleen Ley
"Whimsical Sky"



2nd Place Cheryl Kerr
"No Parking"



3rd Place Cheryl Kerr
"These Walls Have Eyes"



4th Place Julie Bennett
"Weeee"

April Unlimited Color Competition Results



1st Place Brian Flynn
"Art Appreciation"



2nd Place Cathy Hockel
"Blowing Bubbles"



3rd Place Greg Hockel
"Now do you believe me"



4th Place Cathy Hockel
"Street Performers"



HM Mike Thomas
"What are you looking at?"



HM Dick Chomitz
"Eye to Eye"

April Novice Monochrome Competition Results



1st Place Anne Hickman
"Window Shopping"



2nd Place Julie Bennett
"Bubbles"



3rd Place Cathaleen Ley
"A Model Monkey"



4th Place Jackie Colestock
"Lunch Time"

April Unlimited Monochrome Competition Results



1st Place Ron Peiffer
"Bottle Caps"



2nd Place Cathy Hockel
"Scallywag"



3rd Place Mike Thomas
"The Finger"



4th Place Bob Webber
"King of the Kettleheads"



HM Greg Hockel
"Garden Whimsey"

Club Officers and Points of Contact

President -	Chip Bulgin	president@arundelcameraclub.org
Co-VP of Programs -	Greg Hockel Cathy Hockel	programs@arundelcameraclub.org
Co-VP of Competition -	Mike Thomas Christina Van Valkenburgh	contests@arundelcameraclub.org
Treasurer/ Secretary -	Jackie Colestock	sec-treas@arundelcameraclub.org
Newsletter -	Mike Thomas	newsletter@arundelcameraclub.org
Field Trips -	Bob Webber Susan Webber	field-trips@arundelcameraclub.org
Member at Large -	Ron Peiffer Dick Chomitz	exec_comm@arundelcameraclub.org
Webmaster -	Mike Thomas	webmaster@arundelcameraclub.org
Refreshments -	Charlie Graff	

Club Information

Meeting Nights

The Arundel Camera Club meets every Wednesday evening when school is in session and weather permitting. We only meet if the School is open. Check for school closings at the following link <http://www.aacps.org/>.

We meet at 7:30 p.m. and usually end before 9:30 p.m. The school doors are locked. We man the doors until 7:30. It is important to be there by then to gain entrance to the school. Meetings are open to the public, but only dues paying members may enter competitions.

Meetings alternate with programs of informative speakers and photographic competitions. Competitions give us a chance to show off our work and to get constructive critiques from our judges. Ribbons are awarded for first through fourth place and honorable mention. We have competitions for slides, color prints, monochrome prints, and digital images. Competitions are held for both novice and unlimited club members. Awards are awarded at the end of year banquet.

The club also has monthly photographic field trips to locations of interest. This is a chance to go out and practice what we learned during programs, a time to socialize with other club members, and a chance to do a little photographic exploration.

Membership Rates

Students.....	\$17.50
Individual	\$35.00
Family	\$15.00 each additional family member

Directions

We meet at the Severna Park High School which is located at 60 Robinson Road, Severna Park, MD 21146-2899. We are now meeting in the the new building in room 156 on the first floor. You can park in the teacher's lot on the left of the school and come in the side door. We must put the room back the way we found it and vacate the building by 9:30 PM.

