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## **President's Message**



**Photo by Paul Smith** 

Spring is here or is it, with 80-degree weather Summer is here too. Summer brings us our annual conference and this year we continue with another Virtual Event. So, mark your calendars for an afternoon of photographic inspiration on July 13. Many thanks to Susan Mosser for arranging two worldrenowned, exceptional photographers, Jim Zuckerman and Seth Resnick. Look for additional information with images and the registration link elsewhere in this *Bulletin* issue. Once again, our annual NECCC Representatives and Board luncheon meeting will be held on June 15th at UMASS Amherst. I look forward to seeing and visiting with everyone.

We started two programs during COVID-19: Keeping Clubs Active and the Miniseries. Under the leadership and guidance of Antoinette Gombeda both programs continue their very successful journey. The Keeping Clubs Active Zoom meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month except during the summer. The Miniseries is topic and interest-based and we have had 4 programs based on Judging and Nature competition topics. The second series, focused on Altered Reality has had one session with a second session to be held in May. All sessions are recorded and are available via tabs on the NECCC website neccc.org.

Our revamped Digital Interclub competitions continue to be successful under new leadership and coordination by Susan Mosser and Pam Lintner with help from past chair, Cindy Gosselin. Additional help from Rick Cloran, Patrick Brosnan and other members of the Greater Lynn Photographic Association is appreciated. The addition of the Monochrome category is gaining popularity and has been divided into two classes for next year. Recordings of the judging are available via the Interclub Digital Competition Tab on the NECCC website.

The switchover to Individual Print Competitions has also been a great success under the leadership and coordination of our new Board Members Larry Dunn, and Dana Patch. Since its introduction, two competitions have been held with just under 60 entrants and around 100 prints have been entered and judged.

Our financials remain healthy and we are happy to continue with our scholarship program. This year we are providing scholarships to three past recipients, Adam Bowditch, Danielle Minicucci, and Grace Yoder. In addition, Rachel Lakes is our newest recipient. Congratulations to these four very talented students.

I thank you for all your support in my first year in office and look forward to your suggestions. NECCC is here for you and our member clubs and I encourage you to take full advantage of all the services the council offers.

Sincerely, Shiv Verma, FPSA, HonNEC President, New England Camera Club Council

> The creative act is not performed by the artist alone; the spectator brings the work in contact with the external world by deciphering and interpreting its inner qualifications and thus adds his contribution to the creative act.

> > Marcel Duchamp, artist

## **Charitable Giving**

Richard Cloran, HonFPSA, GMPSA, HonNEC NECCC Treasurer

The New England Camera Club Council, Inc. was established in 1937, and incorporated in 1963. The first annual photography conference was held in 1946. NECCC is a charitable, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Gifts and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law, and will be acknowledged both individually and in the NECCC Bulletin.

## **General Operating Fund**

The General Operating Fund is an opportunity to offer direct support to NECCC activities. Donations to this fund will be used for the operating expenses of the Council and any needed equipment purchases. A storage facility is rented to house all the equipment NECCC owns during the year, and a rental truck is used to bring the equipment to and from wherever it is needed.

## **Memorial Fund**

Each year the Council awards three substantial scholarship grants to deserving students enrolled in a photographic curriculum in an *accredited institute of higher learning* so that they may further their education in the field of photography and imaging. These students are honored and presented with their scholarships at the annual Representatives meeting of the Council, normally in July of each year.

## **Gift Giving**

A donation or gift to NECCC helps further the goals of NECCC: to provide scholarship grants to students; to support New England camera clubs through various programs that are offered; and to educate photographers at all levels of skill during our annual photography conference. Everyone who works on the board, on the conference, or on any of the many committees, does so as an unpaid volunteer. As a charitable, tax-exempt organization recognized by the IRS, NECCC appreciates your support - a donation to the New England Camera Club Council is a win-win situation.

If you wish you can go to the website at <<u>www.NECCC.org></u> for an online donation form under "charitable giving" and then send it and your donation (made out to NECCC) to:

For donations to the General Operating Fund, please mail to:

NECCC Operating Fund Susan Mosser, HonPSA, HonNEC, 173 Central St. North Reading, MA 01864-1701 s.jmosser@comcast.net 978 664 2620

## For donations to the Memorial Fund, please mail to:

NECCC Memorial Fund Karen Geaghan, MNEC 15 Addison Rd. Wilbraham, MA. 01095 karen@karengeaghanphotos.com 413 537-3001

## General Fund Donations-Susan Mosser, HonPSA, HonNEC Chairman

Donations to the **NECCC GENERAL OPERATING FUND** help defray the operating expenses of the Council, including the cost of services provided to member clubs.

There were no donations received for this quarter

## Memorial Fund - Karen Geagan, MNEC Chairman

A donation to the **NECCC MEMORIAL FUND** in the memory of a beloved family member or friend who enjoyed the craft and art of photography is a fitting tribute to that person in that your gift will help to perpetuate their love of photography in a young student who is undertaking a photographic curriculum.

• When making a memorial donation, please include the name and address of the person's family so that a notification of the gift can be sent to them.

Therefore, we gratefully acknowledge the following gifts.

In Memory of: Harold Ahern, FPSA, PPSA, HonNEC Debra Avery

**General Donation:** 

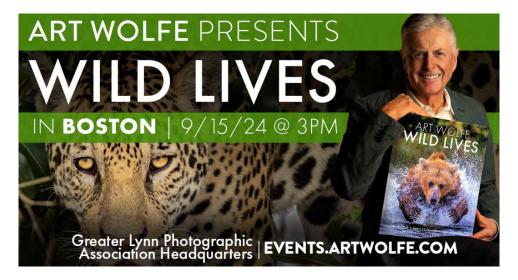
Simsbury Camera Club



"When words become unclear, I shall focus with photographs. When images become inadequate, I shall be content with silence."

Ansel Adams

Art Wolfe Comes to Boston on a Book Tour with New Presentation Sunday September 15th 3:00PM



Art Wolfe's Boston Presentation date for his book tour has changed from May to Sunday Sept. 15 - 3pm at the Greater Lynn Photographic Assoc. Headquarters. Art has rented the Greater Lynn Hall for the Boston stop on his book tour. NEW: He has also lowered the cost of the tickets to attend. The new very low cost is \$20 per person and the night is open to the general public, you do not have to be a camera club member to attend, however the seating is limited to 100 attendees.

Join renowned photographer Art Wolfe for an exclusive evening presentation! He will unveil the extraordinary stories, share intriguing knowledge about conservation, and discuss Art's breathtaking images from his latest masterpiece, "Wild Lives."

In this immersive experience, Art will weave tales about the marvelous encounters he has had photographing wildlife across the globe. His lens becomes a portal into the intricate dance of nature's creatures, revealing the essence of their existence in ways that only a master storyteller can convey. **"Wild Lives**" is more than a book; it's a testament to the interconnectedness of all living things. Each page of the book is a visual symphony, a celebration of life's diversity, and an exploration of the patterns that bind us to the wild.

This live presentation is a rare opportunity to hear behind the scenes accounts of interactions with truly wild creatures, to feel the heartbeat of the wilderness, and to be inspired by the delicate balance that sustains our shared ecosystem. In this immersive experience, Art will weave tales about the marvelous encounters he has had photographing wildlife across the globe. His lens becomes a portal into the intricate dance of nature's creatures, revealing the essence of their existence in ways that only a master storyteller can convey.

Art will be selling and autographing his new book "*Wild Lives*" at the presentation-The book cost for this 352-page autographed coffee table book is \$95. He will accept cash, checks or credit cards. "*Wild Lives*" is a celebration of the extraordinary diversity of species that inhabit the planet. Some are common, some rare, and many are conservation success stories, species that have been brought back from the edge of extinction.

If you would like to attend you must go to Arts website (link below) and pay and sign up there. This is being handled by Art's office so no tickets will be available at the door. For those CT clubs that are a long distance from Lynn, his next stop on the tour is New York through B&H. https://events.artwolfe.com/event/wild-lives-presentation-boston-ma/

**GLPA Address for Attending the presentation:** Building is handicapped access-parking in rear of the building or next door in the church lot 564 Boston Street, Lynn, MA 01905. The building has a 24/7 air purifying system and uses ceiling UVC lights for disinfecting after each use of the club.

Please tell your friends about this wonderful opportunity to see one of the best speakers and photographer in the world. Any questions: email Susan Mosser **s.jmosser@comcast.net** 

## **Calling for Announcements**

## Photo Events; Special Awards, Club Special Functions, Photo Exhibits

The NECCC maintains a Facebook page for posting announcements pertaining not only to NECCC events but also to club events, workshops, free programming, etc. Get your clubs information out to the public. Someone in your club win a large award from a non-NECCC club function get it announced to the other NECCC clubs. All member clubs are welcome to submit their announcements for consideration for posting on the NECCC Facebook page.

Please feel free to submit your event, and all pertinent details, to **mboucher.neccc@gmail.com** 



## Special NECCC July 13, 2024 Event Information



We would like to remind everyone of this fantastic opportunity to hear two very well-known and highly in demand speakers with two new presentations for a very low cost. If you haven't registered yet-please join us for this informative day of learning, featuring speakers Jim Zuckerman with "Capturing Outstanding Images" and Seth Resnick with his presentation "Unleashing Creativity: Mastering the Art of Visual Storytelling".

**Jim** will present his unique approach to capturing outstanding nature images. He will cover birds in flight photography, using unusual perspectives for wildlife and landscapes, focus stacking, camera settings, dealing with severe cold in winter, and more.



©Jim Zuckerman

**Seth** will delve into the heart of creativity and visual storytelling in an engaging and transformative lecture. Prepare to be inspired as Seth challenges conventional thinking, empowering you to revolutionize your creative process and unlock new artistic perspectives.



©Seth Resnick

We would also ask that everyone with a social media page please post the Blue Info Box at the top of previous page and perhaps a short paragraph to go with it. Please make it shareable and help us to get the word out throughout the USA and worldwide. Please post to your page or your club page. The NECCC event committee thanks you in advance for your help with this.

You do not need to be a member of a camera club, photography group, etc. to attend.

Door prizes will be a book from each speaker. Seth's will be an autographed hard cover coffee table book and Jim's will be best-selling eBook. Door Prizes provided by NECCC.

Registration is now open! Cost: Register by May 15: \$25, Register between May 16 – July 12: \$30, Register after July 12: \$40. Registration being handled by NECCC directly with payment by PayPal. You must preregister to attend and receive the zoom link.

Go to Direct link: <u><NECCC Photo Conference – July 13 2024 Special Online Event></u> for registration link, schedule, further info, images and any updates. You can also go to the "July 2024 Event" tab on our website at neccc.org

Susan Mosser, HonPSA, HonNEC Event Coordinator <u>s.jmosser@comcast.net</u>

## **NECCC 2024 Scholarship Award Recipients**

We are excited to have awarded scholarships to three returning students two of whom are graduating this year. **Adam Bowditch**, sponsored by the Flagpole Photographers Camera Club from Sacred Heart University and **Danielle Minicucci**, sponsored by the Greater Bridgeport Camera Club from Southern Connecticut State University. We wish them great success on their future career paths. **Grace Yoder**, sponsored by the Simsbury Camera Club will continue in her third year at University of Hartford. All three of these young scholars have proven themselves to have strong work ethics and professionalism.

Continuing in their footsteps is our fourth and first time scholarship award winner, **Rachel Lakes**, who is sponsored by the Portland Camera Club. She is attending Endicott College with an expected graduation date of 2027. She too shows great promise as a strong candidate. We hope she continues on her career path and continues to apply for an NECCC scholarship award.

## **Respectfully Submitted Scholarship Committee**

Antoinette Gombeda, APSA, HonNEC William Barnett, FPSA, HonNEC Mary Campagnolo, APSA, HonNEC Rick Cloran, HonFPSA, HonNEC David Yankee, HonNEC

"To me, photography is an art of observation. It's about finding something interesting in an ordinary place... I've found it has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them." - Elliott Erwitt

## Reminder- NECCC Representatives Annual Luncheon Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00AM UMass Amherst Campus Center

All NECCC Officers, reps, club presidents, honorees, invited guests and award winners-Please do not forget to answer NECCC Hospitality VP Meredith Harris, HonNEC as to whether you will be attending the Annual Reps Meeting luncheon on Saturday June 15, 2024 at UMASS, Amherst, as we will need to get accurate counts in for the meal.

I do hope you are all planning on joining us for the get together and election of officers as well as many awards and honors to be given out. Please do not think of it as a long drive but more of a fun get together to mingle, visit, have a good meal and then after all the festivities move on to another room for a great forty-minute special showcase presentation *"Salute to New England Photographers: The Sequel"* by Barbara Rozavsky, HonNEC.



©Paul Smith, MNEC





©Karl Zuzarte, MNEC

As with the original "Salute" presented at the 75th NECCC Conference, this program highlights stunning images by your fellow photographers from past conference competition entries and NECCC interclub images, but the program and images are all new. The presentation is pure entertainment in a showcase of images set to music by one of the top showcase presenters in New England. This will be a great finish to a fun afternoon.

Please join us. You can answer Meredith at <u>maharris22@sbcglobal.net</u> <u>Meredith requests: Please respond even if you are not planning to attend</u>.

Susan Mosser, HonPSA, HonNEC Steering Committee Chair

"When words become unclear, I shall focus with photographs. When images become inadequate, I shall be content with silence." -Ansel Adams

## **Keeping Clubs Active**

The strength and resiliency of the Keeping Clubs Active (KCA) program is the strong active participation of the representatives and presidents of NECCC member clubs. KCA started with the advent of Covid which threw everyone for a loop. By meeting the third Thursday of the month we were able to support each other and share experiences. These experiences provided a springboard for discussion in clubs and allowed for a modification to fit individual needs.

This year we were able to bring clarification to the newly formed Individual Print Competition and Interclub Digital Competitions. A new program brings questions and having them answered was very helpful. Dennis Goulet shared the new speakers' listing and heard suggestions for future listings. There is a request to have Mike DiStefano join us at some point to share the judges' listing with us. World traveler, Rhonda Cullens, shared her insights on travel photography in February. A perfect time to use her tips for travel here and abroad. Silvana Della Camera expanded on the need for clubs to be visible through social media to attract new members. In April, Silvana led us in a review of the many types of social media available to us. One other way to increase club membership and maintain club membership is through special interest groups. She was joined by Ellen Kawadler who discussed starting a Luminosity group, Stan Tetrault and Jim Brody shared how to have a non-competitive artificial intelligence group, Jo Marinaccio shared the importance of having a members showcase which allows everyone to take part regardless of their photographic skill. The evening was capped off by Larry Lessard who discussed a hover craft (drone) special interest group.

Jim Brady led the discussion of altered reality by giving it a definition and sharing what is and isn't altered reality through a series of images. This was the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> NECCC miniseries. The follow-up will be a mock judging on Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>. Let's see how we do.

My special thanks go to NECCC President Shiv Verma who is the zoom master who sends out invitations and organizes the evening. Please visit the NECCC website for the minutes/recordings to all the Keeping Clubs Active meetings. I know I haven't given them the justice they deserve in my very brief notes.

Keeping Clubs Active will resume in August.

## Respectfully submitted,

## Antoinette Gombeda, APSA, HonNEC

"Beauty can be seen in all things, seeing and composing the beauty, is what separates the snapshot from the photograph." -Matt Hardy

## New England Camera Club Council 2024 NECCC Honors Recipients

NECCC has recognized these well-deserving individuals for their accomplishments and contributions to the photographic community with honors that will be bestowed on them at Annual Reps Meeting on June 15, 2024. NECCC hopes that their individual clubs will make an announcement to their membership and offer them congratulations as well. For 2024 we have five Master Member (MNEC) recipients.

**Submitted by the NECCC Honors Committee:** Rhonda Cullens, MNEC, Chair, Mary Boucher, MNEC, and Michael Goodman, MNEC

## 2024 Honorees

## Dianne Carey, Master Member (MNEC)



Dianne receives this honor in recognition for her long service to the Nashoba Valley Photo Club including serving as the treasurer, NECCC representative, and PSA representative; for continually supporting the club and its members through mentoring, leading field trips, participation in round table photo forums, service on the competition selection committee, work on multi-club competitions, banquet planning, and setup at regular club meetings; for lecturing on bird and wildlife photography as well as travel photography; for judging at New England area clubs; for being her club's Photographer of the Year several

times and being a frequent competitor and winner of competitions such as NECCC & PSA interclub, Glennie, NECCC conference, and other international competitions; for assisting presenters at the NECCC conference and for being a member of the Massachusetts Camera Naturalists.

## Sharon Colacino, Master Member (MNEC)



Sharon receives this honor for her active leadership and service on the boards of both the Gateway Camera and Seacoast Camera Clubs holding a variety of offices including President, Vice-president, Secretary, Competition Chair and NECCC Rep; for her active membership at Greater Lynn Photographic Association and the Massachusetts Camera Naturalists; for actively judging for other clubs around New England; for her infectious enthusiasm sharing her love for and knowledge of nature photography with others by leading outdoor field trips, mentoring, presenting programs, and exhibits; for teaching and

sharing her outstanding nature image skills; for her photographic accomplishments and awards especially in nature photography; and for continually talking to people about the value and benefits of being a camera club member.

#### Charlene Gaboriault, Master Member (MNEC)



Charlene receives this award for being an active member of five NECCC camera clubs; for her outstanding dedication to the photographic community; for her service as Webmaster for the Gateway Camera Club, the Stony Brook Camera Club and the Seacoast Camera Club; for her work migrating clubs websites to Visual Pursuits software; for assisting many NECCC clubs in improving their websites and competition software and serving as an important asset in assuring that competitions run smoothly; for her knowledge of and fluency in the Visual Pursuit software; for her active participation on club NECCC competition

committees; for her photographic honors, awards and achievements; for her membership in Greater Lynn Photographic Association and Massachusetts Camera Naturalists; for her willingness to assist with computer and/or camera related issues and her ability to always find a solution; and for her generosity in serving as the "1-800-Charlene Help" desk for technical needs.

## Sandy Schill, Master Member (MNEC)



Sandy receives this honor for the many leadership roles she has had at Flagpole Photographers Camera Club including serving as President, NECCC Rep, NECCC Competition Coordinator, and Judge Coordinator to name just a few; for presenting many programs to various camera clubs and organizations on bird, flower and portrait photography; for judging for many camera clubs offering thoughtful suggestions on how to improve photos; for serving on the board of the Connecticut Association of Photographers (CAP) and running their TOPS 100 in Connecticut competitions; for her many photo awards including

the 2023 NECCC Individual Print competition's Best in Show – Color and the CAP Best Nature Award and the Best Creative Award; and for always being willing to help others improve their photographic skills.

## Don Toothaker, Master Member (MNEC)



Don receives this honor for his many years of tirelessly promoting photography in many capacities; for being a frequent well received presenter at NECCC conferences and at camera clubs throughout New England; for regularly judging all manner of competitions for camera clubs, NECCC, and PSA offering excellent commentary and critiques that are easy to follow; for being an accomplished photographer and a top competitor at Merrimack Valley Camera Club, in NECCC and PSA interclub competitions, and in international competitions such as the Glennie Nature Salon; for teaching many workshops and leading

tours worldwide through his job as Photo Adventure Workshop and Tour Leader at Hunt's Photo and Video; for allowing countless photographers to benefit from his tireless teaching and mentoring; for his hard-working and generous nature being always willing to help others.

## Springtime by Deb Page

This article was recently posted on the PSRI website and originally published in the Massachusetts Camera Naturalists newsletter dated March 2024. MassCamNats is a by-invitation-only nature photography club.



Springtime. This is the time that you can learn and appreciate how wonderful nature is. As the seasons change, temperatures outside become warmer, and the daylight hours become longer. It is a time to awaken our senses and inspire us to venture outside and appreciate the growth, renewal and transformation of what nature has to offer.

Spring is a time of renewal for birds, animals, trees, plants, flowers, and other things in nature. Birds return from their winter migration and animals emerge from hibernation.

During this renewal period birds and animals instinctively exhibit behavior that can be developed by genetic and environmental influences. They begin with mating rituals, nest or den building and then nurturing, feeding, and protecting their young. There are species that share the responsibility, while another parent may be required to manage and conquer this on their own. It is an amazing time and a joy to observe.

I guess I could be known as a wanderer, because that is exactly what I do when I venture out. Sometimes there are exact destinations planned and other times it is time to explore different areas. Ninety percent of my travels remain in the New England area. I search for water in new areas by utilizing the car's GPS. Small ponds are best or marshes and breachways. Unbelievably, even puddles after a storm can lend itself to a new "bathtub" for some birds and wildlife. It all depends on the subject I am interested in seeing and photographing. There are many factors that come into play, as we all know. The time, tides, wind, sunshine, clouds, temperature, light, and more, such as a "sleeping subject" can really change how your day goes. The renewal period is really something worthwhile to observe and learn about. Become one with nature, meaning sit or get low and quietly wait. Observe their behavior and the dynamics of the scene. The subjects you see have a story of their own that prompts you to do further research and educate yourself as to what, why and how of your observations. Photographing various aspects of the renewal period provides me with the ability to revisit wonderful moments and share my experiences with others. The photographs included in this article hopefully evoke an emotion and tell a story of nurturing and how remarkable nature really is.



The parents of all species ensure the growth and development of their youth. It is essential that they forage for food, teach their young nest building, hunting, and protecting themselves to survive. The parents of all species invest many hours searching for enough food to sustain them.

Some species, like the pileated woodpecker, return to a nest and regurgitates the food they have just gathered. This not only nourishes their young, but also facilitates the bonding with them.

A fox mom may return from hunting to provide nourishment to the kits. The kits sense her return, they run to her and begin to nurse. Moments later, she is off to hunt again, and the kits retreat to a safe place.





A least tern mom keeps her babies warm and blocks wind and sand. Dad is out looking for fish and should return soon with nourishment.

A female wood duck has her "hands full" keeping her ten babies safe. This pond has a large number of noticeably big snapping turtles. Sad to say there were eleven babies earlier in the day.





Osprey chicks are hungry and there is a huge fish to satisfy them. They all want to eat, but mom knows whose turn it is. One parent feeds the chicks, and the other is out looking for more fish.

Tree swallows can hover while they feed their babies a dragonfly. The babies then retreat into the hole and the parent is off to find more food. They will soon know when the parent returns and will peek out with their mouths wide open.

So, now is the time to plan new adventures and hopefully be able to observe some wonderful moments in nature. Enjoy, and be safe.

© Deb Page

## **Report of NECCC Nominations Committee- April, 2024**

As per the NECCC Constitution and Bylaws: Please find below the nominations report for the 2024-2025 Photo Year

The elections will be held and voted on at the annual NECCC Representatives' meeting/luncheon on Saturday, June 15, 2024 at UMASS Amherst. All NECCC Club representatives are invited.

The NECCC Nominating Committee consisted of: Chairperson **William B. Barnett**, HonPSA, GMPSA, AFIAP, HonNEC assisted by **Barbara Rozavsky**, HonNEC and **Antoinette Gombeda**, APSA, HonNEC

There are no officers stepping down from the Council for the 2024-2025 year

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The Committee presents the following slate of officers chosen:

#### Officers:

President:	Shiv Verma, FPSA, HonNEC
Treasurer:	John McGrath, MNEC
Secretary:	Pamela Lintner, HonNEC
Chairman of the Board:	Antoinette Gombeda, APSA, HonNEC
Clerk:	Richard Cloran, HonFPSA, GMPSA, HonNEC

## Vice Presidents (23)

William B. Barnett, HonPSA, GMPSA, HonNEC, AFIAP Mary Boucher, MNEC Lisa Bushee, MNEC Lisa Cuchara, HonNEC Thomas Cuchara, HonNEC Rhonda Cullens, MNEC Silvana Della Camera, MNEC Michael Di Stefano, APSA, HonNEC Larry Dunn, MNEC Karen Geaghan, MNEC Christine Germain, HonNEC Michael Goodman, MNEC Cynthia Gosselin, HonNEC Raymond Guillette, HonNEC Meredith Harris, HonNEC Francis MacDonald, APSA, MNEC Dana Patch, MNEC Barbara Rozavsky, HonNEC Paul Smith, MNEC Terri Smith, MNEC Arthur Vaughan, HonNEC David Yankee, HonNEC

Eight Honorary Life Vice Presidents: these are lifetime appointments so are not included in the VP count:

Richard Cloran, HonFPSA, GMPSA, HonNEC Antoinette Gombeda, APSA, HonNEC

Dennis Goulet, HonNEC Susan Mosser, HonPSA, HonNEC Audrey Weigold, APSA, HonNEC Jacob Mosser III, HonPSA, EPSA, HonNEC Shiv Verma, FPSA, HonNEC Olive M. Weingart, APSA, HonNEC

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Barnett, HonPSA, GMPSA, AFIAP, HonNEC Barbara Rozavsky, HonNEC Antoinette Gombeda, APSA, HonNEC

Not voted in but here for information purposes

#### **NECCC Steering Committee**

Chairman: Susan Mosser, HonPSA, HonNEC Current President: Shiv Verma, FPSA, HonNEC Current Treasurers: Richard Cloran, HonFPSA, GMPSA, HonNEC John McGrath, MNEC Members at Large: William Barnett, HonPSA, GMPSA, AFIAP, HonNEC Antoinette Gombeda, APSA, HonNEC Cynthia Gosselin, HonNEC Dennis Goulet,HonNEC

> Your aim as a photographer is to get a picture of that person that means something. Portraits aren't fantasies; they need to tell a truth.

> > Tim Walker



## A Look Back at the Great North American Total Eclipse By Silvana Della Camera, MNEC

## **Great Expectations**

This eclipse was on my radar for decades. Although I have photographed many partial eclipses, I never had the opportunity to witness totality. Other total eclipses have occurred in North America, but the circumstance to experience them did not align with my schedule. This one was special. A total eclipse was now occurring in close proximity to my home. Watching this phenomenon was an experience like no other. It was truly magnificence in action.

I had many ideas to photograph this eclipse. I packed four cameras, each with a specific task in mind. One camera was to shoot a landscape timelapse, another camera was slated to use a long lens on a gimbal, another camera with another long lens was to be set on a <u>Benro Polaris</u> which would track the Sun, and lastly, a hydrogen-alpha infrared converted camera also fitted with a long lens on yet another gimbal. The gear was listed on a spreadsheet with its assignment with all the other necessary gizmos. As my friend quipped as we loaded his car, NASA gear was coming on board. Ha!

Given all the gear I was hauling and my plans for photography, the most important goal was to witness the eclipse with my eyes.



Α	В	C	D	E	F	G	н
Cameras	Lenses	Tripods	Heads	Filters	Powerbanks	Cables	Memory Cards
Z9	500 mm	Induro x 2	Polaris	Kendrick	lnos x 2	USB-C	325
D850	200-500 mm	Benro x 2	Manfrotto	Thousand Oaks	Violet one	Dummy batteries	256
D780	80-400 mm		Fotopro Gimbal	K&F 95 mm	Anker	Intervalometer for Z6	128
Z6	24-70 mm		Ball head	K&F 82 mm	Jackery		256
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## The Reality

So, what ended up happening? I used only two out of the four cameras and I made sure I took the time to witness the incredible sight with my own eyes.

Did I use any of the power banks or other assorted gear? Nope. From my spreadsheet, I only used two cameras, two lenses, two solar filters, a gimbal, the Benro Polaris, and two tripods. I much rather have too much gear and not need it than need it and not have it. Oddly, I don't have the same viewpoint when it comes to packing clothing. But that's another story.

I achieved my primary goals, albeit without all my cameras. The vision of the eclipse is etched into my memory. The photographs let me revisit the moment and feel the experience all over again.

I have thousands of frames from both cameras. The most successful captures came from my Nikon Z9 with a 200-500mm lens mounted on the Benro Polaris that tracked the Sun. Using the tracker helped me relax and enjoy the moment. I could see the Sun on the camera's LCD and it stayed steady in its center position thanks to the work of my trusty tracker. My other camera was on the gimbal. Over the span of the eclipse, I pretty much ended up ignoring the second camera because I was thrilled at what I was seeing on the Z9.

Once the tracker was configured, I set the camera to shoot every 20 seconds. I used the Thousand Oaks Solar glass filter on this camera as I like the yellow color of the Sun. My other camera, a Nikon D850, was fitted with a 500mm f/4 lens and a Kendrick Astro Solar mylar filter. This filter is excellent but it gives a whitish look to the Sun. This is easy to adjust in post. Add a warming photo filter adjustment layer to make it "sunnier".

Shooting every 20 seconds gave me options. Besides being an obvious timelapse, I can pull out frames at specific times to create a sequence. One of the sequences I have assembled as of this writing is comprised of frames every three minutes, over a span of 51 minutes. At one minute before totality, I removed the solar filter and bracketed 9 frames at full stop intervals. Ratcheting the base shutter speed for each bracket sequence gave me a large amount of frames that were well detailed and exposed. Setting alarms helped note the filter off and filter on times.



The Moon moving across the Sun heading towards totality. Note the sunspots.

i − Nikon Z9 O − Nikon 200-500mm & − ISO 100 O − f/5.6 🕑 − 1/250 second



The Sun is currently in a very active period giving us incredible prominences. The large bright pink prominence was clearly visible to the naked eye. The smaller prominences are visible in the telephoto image below.



The diamond ring was amazing to see! Note the hot pink prominences on the right side of the Sun.

i − Nikon Z9 O − Nikon 200-500mm & − ISO 100 O − f/5.6 ④ − 1/160 second



Totality. The mind bending view that has rocked humanity through the ages.



A sequence assembled from frames from the timelapse. 51 minutes of images, each frame 3 minutes apart.

Partials –  $\overline{\mathbf{m}}$  – Nikon Z9 **O** – Nikon 200-500mm  $\diamond$  – ISO 100 **O** – f/5.6  $\oplus$  – 1/250 second

Totality – 📷 – Nikon Z9 **O** – Nikon 200-500mm & – ISO 100 **O** – f/5.6 ⊕ – 1/20 second



## Warp Overdrive Commenced

I am a lifelong lover of observing the heavens. Experiencing this eclipse has electrified my already intense addiction to celestial events. Total eclipses occur roughly every 18 months. The challenge is the location. I have my sights set on the next total eclipse that will be visible in Greenland, Iceland and Spain in 2026. Note that the next total eclipse that will grace North America is in 2044. If you have never witnessed a total eclipse, I urge you to make the effort to see one. No words can describe the feeling of witnessing it with your own eyes.

Viewing a total solar eclipse seems to create a conduit to our ancestors from ages past. This awe is ancient and is a reminder of the incredible power of the universe and subsequently, the reality that humans are but ineffectual grains of dust.

Have you experienced a total solar eclipse? Let's hear it in the comments.

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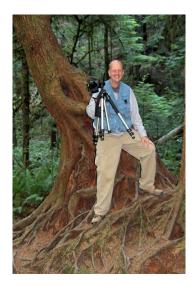
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## In Memoriam Dave Reynard, Assabet Valley Camera Club

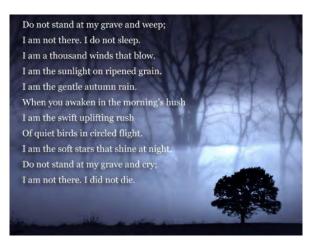


On Jan 2, 2024 Dave Reynard from Assabet Valley Camera club passed away after a long battle with cancer. He was one of the founding members of Assabet Valley Camera Club. Dave was in charge of the club's equipment in the slide years. He was also in charge of the records of monthly competitions and he created the end of the year awards.

He loved going on the club field trips to Boston for 4th of July, New Hampshire waterfalls and in the winter to shoot snow covered mountains, the states of Maine, Pennsylvania, and Washington. He especially loved the club trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the hot air balloon festival. Dave also enjoyed attending the Greater Lynn Photo. Assoc. (GLPA). Photo Ops days and made his own black light set ups and backgrounds for our club's use. He also enjoyed the GLPA model shoot sessions. One of his favorite people to photograph was his niece, Tena! He will be greatly missed by Assabet Valley and by the New England Photographic Community. His obituary may be seen here:

<<u>https://www.tighehamilton.com/obituaries/david-reynard</u>>

#### Robyn Saur Dear Friend & Club Member



## Dealing With High ISO Images By Rick Cloran, Hon**F**PSA, **HonNEC,** GMPSA



Many of us have come to rely on programs like Topaz Sharpen AI and Topaz Denoise AI for dealing with slight misses in sharpness and shooting at higher ISOs to secure the shutter speeds we need. Some may be using Topaz's Photo AI. It is a newer program, but from the testing I have done on images, it isn't as good as the older programs in many cases. I feel they have tried to do too many things in the program, putting in image resizing and up rez'ing rather than leaving it in Gigapixel and in putting in face recognition and other features which may make it a jack of all trades but master of none. I will give Topaz credit for a significant upgrade in Photo Ai's functionality and output in V2. Admittedly, this is a personal opinion.

While Topaz has not made a formal announcement, they have decided that Photo AI is the program of the future. As a result, they will no longer be updating either Sharpen AI or DeNoise AI. That can leave some of us in a bit of a quandary as our tools "age" out. There is a chance that Adobe may have provided a reasonable alternative for noise reduction. The new "enhance" feature called Denoise in Lightroom and Camera Raw (ACR) may be a viable option. It is very processor intensive, so if you have an older system or one without a good amount of dedicated graphics memory expect a potentially significant lag in getting a result, particularly with large starting files. Also, the DNG files that it returns are massive. I have seen files five times the size of the source file and heard of ones even larger.

Rather than trying to explain its functioning in an article, I am providing links to two YouTube videos. If what you see there seems to be promising, give this new feature a try and see how it handles some of the images you have used those older tools on in the past.

<Lightroom Denoise Secrets: Make ISO 12,800 Look Like ISO 400! (youtube.com)>

<AI Noise Reduction SHOWDOWN! UNBELIEVABLE RESULTS! | Are Topaz & DXO Still BEST? (youtube.com) >

## NECCC DIGITAL INTERCLUB END OF YEAR REPORT 2023-2024 SEASON

The highest scoring clubs for the 2023-24 season of the NECCC Digital Interclub Competitions were announced in the Spring Interclub report, the third and last competition of the season.

## The high scoring clubs were:

**Color A** Greater Lynn Photographic Association-MA

- Color B TIE: Quiet Corner Camera Club-CT- & Eastern Maine Camera Club-ME
- Nature A Greater Lynn Photographic Association-MA

Nature B Flagpole Photographers of Newtown Camera Club-CT

Monochrome Greater Lynn Photographic Association-MA

## Image of the Year

All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place images for the five classes and three competitions were send to our end of the year judge Gerald H. Emmerich, Jr., HonFPSA, GMPSA/B of Wisconsin. He selected the 5 images below as the **Image of the Year**- one per class and he then selected the **Photograph of the Year** out of those five images.

## Winning Image of the Year:

- **Color A** "Blue Hour at the Stata"- Lois Galluzzo, Gateway Camera Club (MA)
- **Color B** "Distant Storm at Horseshoe Canyon" Peter Chow, Coastal CC (CT)
- Nature A "*Rare Twin Giraffe Calves with Attentive Mothe"* Darcy Robinson, Nashoba Valley Camera Club (MA)
- **Nature B** "*Wide-Eyed Pup*"- Maryann Flick, Coastal Camera Club (CT)
- **Monochrome** "*Dolomite Landscape*"-Mark Teitelbaum, Charter Oak CC (CT)

## Daniel Charbonnet Memorial Photograph of the Year Award

In honor, and in memory, of Daniel Charbonnet, past President of NECCC, a memorial award for the Digital Interclub Image of the Year has been established. This award chooses the "best of the best" from the five winning Digital Interclub images. The winning image is:

#### **Daniel Charbonnet Memorial Photograph of the Year** "Distant Storm at Horseshoe Canyon" by **Peter Chow**, Coastal Camera Club (CT)

Congratulations to the clubs and individual winners. The winning images are posted on the NECCC website. Thanks to everyone on another great and successful season. All club and individual awards will be presented at the NECCC Reps luncheon at UMASS Amherst on Saturday June 15th.

Pam Lintner, HonNEC, Cindy Gosselin, HonNEC & Susan Mosser, HonPSA, HonNEC NECCC Interclub Co-Chairs

## 2023-2024 NECCC END OF YEAR DIGITAL INTERCLUB Judged by Gerald H. Emmerich, Jr., HonFPSA, GMPSA/

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Daniel Charbonnet Memorial Photograph of the Year Peter Chow Distant Storm at Horseshoe Canyon Coastal Camera Club (CT)



Class A Color Category Image of the Year Lois Galluzzo Blue Hour at the Stata Gateway Camera Club (MA)



Class A Nature Category Image of the Year Darcy Robinson Rare Twin Giraffe Calves with Attentive Mother Nashoba Valley Camera Club (MA)

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Class B Color Category Image of the Year Peter Chow Distant Storm at Horseshoe Canyon Coastal Camera Club (CT))



Class B Nature Category Image of the Year Maryann Flick Wide-Eyed Pup Coastal Camera Club (CT)



Monochrome Category Image of the Year Mark Teitelbaum Dolomite Landscape Charter Oak Camera Club (CT)

## **Frequency Separation** By Rick Cloran, HonFPSA, HonNEC, GMPSA

## What Is Frequency Separation?

It may be easiest to think of frequency separation as a process in which the texture or detail in the image is separated from the color of the image. Those aspects which have no texture and therefore "low frequency" (color) are placed on one layer while those aspects with texture (detail) are placed on a separate layer. The greater the texture, the higher the "frequency".

## Why Use Frequency Separation?

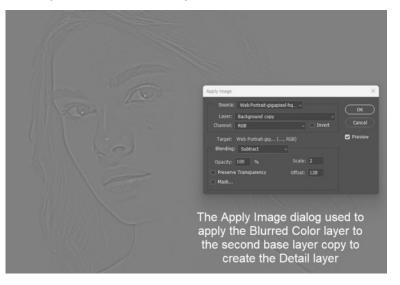
The classic purpose for frequency separations is portrait editing. By separating the color from the detail in a portrait, the problems associated with the structure of a persons face such as blemishes, skin imperfections, etc. can be dealt with separately from the issues associated with the color and tone of the person's complexion, such as hot spots, uneven coloration, etc. One can readily imagine that the ability to do this could be useful for handling similar problems in images other than portraits. In reality, the uses for frequency separation extend even further to how strongly the detail in an image is perceived.

## How Do You Make a Frequency Separation?

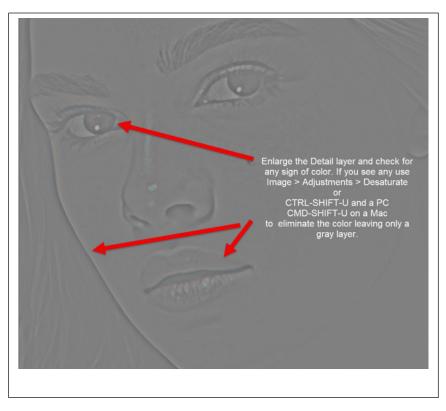
The most common manner of creating a frequency separation is to create two copies of the layer which is to be separated. On the first copy you apply a Gaussian Blur. The radius used will vary from image to image. In the purest sense, you watch the preview and increase the radius until no discernable detail is seen before applying the blur. In a more practical sense, you increase the radius until the aspects of the details you feel the need to isolate

are no longer seen before applying the blur.

With the blurred (color) layer in place, you then go to the second copy layer and use Image > Apply Image. Select the blurred layer as the reference layer and set the Blend Mode to Subtract, set Scale to 2, and set Offset to 128 then click OK to apply the effect. This will result in a gray layer which contains all



of the detail not in the color layer. Enlarge the layer and inspect it for any sign of color. If you see some, go to Image > Adjustments > Desaturate to remove it. Next set the Blend Mode for the layer to Linear Light. It is generally helpful to label the blur layer as "Color" and the Linear Light layer as "Detail". It can also be helpful to Group the two layers. You should be able to turn the Group on and off and see no change in the underlying base layer which was the source for the two layers used in the separation.



## I Don't See the Apply Image Command

Unfortunately, Apply Image is a Photoshop command. While there may be a plug-in that works within Lightroom to give you the effect of a frequency separation, I am not familiar with any way to achieve the results directly within the Lightroom Develop module.

Photoshop Elements also does not have the Apply image command. However, there is a work around for Elements and any other editor that uses layers and has Blend Modes. In Elements, start by making three copies of the base layer. Apply the Gaussian Blur to the first (lowest) copy layer as you would normally do. Next apply the same blur to the second copy layer. Drag this layer above the upper copy layer. Now go to Image > Adjustments > Invert (or press CTRL-I on a PC or CMD-I on a Mac) and invert the upper blurred layer. Drop the opacity of the layer to 50% and you will notice that it seems to turn gray. Select both the inverted layer and the third copy layer below it and press CTRL-E (CMD-E on a Mac) to merge the two layers together. Change the blend mode of the resulting layer to Linear Light.

You have now created your Detail layer to go along with the first blurred (Color) layer. Enlarge the new Detail layer and check for any traces of color. If you see any, desaturate that layer as was described above. Here again, I recommend grouping the two layers together. Turn the group on and off and you should see no apparent change when compared to the source base layer. You are ready to start editing your frequency separation.

## Working on a Frequency Separation

There are many ways of using a frequency separation to refine your image. Many of the sources you might find on YouTube will suggest adding a blank layer above both the Color layer and the Detail layer. You then use the tools you select to make the changes on the blank layer rather than the actual Color or Detail layers. The thought here is that if you do make a mistake or decide to take a different approach, it is easier to fix or even delete and replace the blank layer than having to try to undo something you did to the actual Color or Detail layers. As far as the tools you use are concerned, just be sure they are set to Current Layer and Below so that they are sampling from the correct source.

I tend to work a little more simply since the new Remove Tool was added to Photoshop. I turn off the original base layer(s) and the Color layer and use the Remove tool to make the adjustments I want to the Detail layer. If I were using the Clone Stamp, I would likely do that work on a blank layer above the Detail layer. Once the Detail layer is the way I want it, I turn on the Color layer and turn off the Detail layer. Depending on what I want to fix, I will use the Lasso tool to make a selection and then apply a Gaussian Blur to blend the area. I will set the tool to use between a 5 to 10 pixel feather to smooth the edges of the area, but it may still require several selections and blurs to get things looking the way I want. Other tools that are effective are the Patch tool, and the regular Healing Brush tool as you dictate where it samples from when applying the healing.

Try different techniques and tools and find what works the best for the way you approach editing your images.

## Other Uses For Frequency Separations

As was noted earlier, frequency separations can be used to modify more than portraits. You can use the same basic editing techniques to take away glare spots on shiny surfaces, fix irregular patches in a surface without impacting the area's color, and many more. While this technique is not one of the allowed approaches for reality divisions / sections that are run under the PSA rules for such sections (i.e., Nature, Photo-Travel, or Photojournalism), you can apply them so long as you then restrict use of the resulting image to the General or Color section of the competition.

One additional use for a frequency separation is to amplify the apparent detail in an image or area. The Linear Light Blend mode used on the Detail layer is one of the strongest of its particular group. It has the effect of enhancing the local contrast of all of the detail captured in that layer. With the Color layer at full opacity, that influence Is held in check and the image appears normal. However, if you reduce the opacity of the Color layer, the local contrast provided via the Detail layer will come though making all of the detail seem stronger. My recommendation if you want to use that technique on an image where you have also used a frequency separation to clean things up, is to create a new composite layer at the top of your layer stack and run a new frequency separation on it. Group the two layers as before and then reduce the opacity of the new Color layer to achieve the effect you are looking for. By doing this, you can also add a mask to the group and then control where the contrast enhancement is seen.

Try using frequency separations in your editing. They may just open up a new way to resolve those often pesky problems that keep an image from being all that it can be.



## **Spring 2024 Individual Print Competition**

The second **NECCC Individual Print Competition** was held at the Greater Lynn Photographic Association on Saturday April 4, 2024. It was very successful and took about three hours to judge. There was a good attendance at the judging of about 30 people- some who had entered and others who came just to see the judging and listen to the commentary. Present were members of clubs from Portland CC, Maine; Stony Brook CC, MA; Nashoba PC, MA; Photographic Soc of RI; Merrimack Valley CC, MA and members of Greater Lynn. The prints were judged by the judges on a regulation light box, but they were also projected on the 12-foot screen behind the judges at the same time so the audience was able to view them and hear the commentary. The commentary was done by the judges alternating in a row, so that each judge commented on every 3rd print in the judging process.

There were 93 prints, 49 in Color and 44 in Monochrome, submitted from members of nine NECCC Clubs. This is a decrease by 14 prints from the fall competition and 3 clubs. Judging and commentary was done by **Mike Goodman, MNEC** of the Seacoast Camera Club, NH, **Steve Sulewski** of the Boston Camera Club, MA and **Art Vaughan, HonNEC** of Merrimack Valley Camera Club, MA. The scoring was from 6-15 points per print with each judge scoring 2-5 per print. Mono seem to score lower than Color with an average score of 10-11. NECCC gave out a Best of Show, two Category Awards and three Judges Choice Awards in each section along with Honor Awards to the top 10% in each category. The winning print images can be seen here and are posted on the NECCC website as well as a gallery of the print images.

Congratulations to ALL the participants who received awards and a special congratulations again to Flagpole Photographers of Newtown, CT – who's members took six of the twelve available medals awarded. Medal winners were:

Color Prints- Best of Show was awarded to **Tara Marshall** for her print "Dolomites Inversion". **Robyn Abrams'** print "*No Day Shall Erase Your Memory*" received the Daniel Charbonnet Memorial Award for Best Photo Travel. **Chane Cullens, HonNEC** received the John Fuller Memorial Award for Best Nature with his print "Lovers, Feeding in the Rain". The Judge's Choice Awards went to **Sandy Schill** selected by Judge **Art Vaughn, HonNEC**, for her print "*Penny*"; **Richard Tyrseck's** print "San Juan Mountains" was selected by Judge **Steve Sulewski** and **Karl Zuzarte, MNEC** print "*Take Off at Sunrise*" was selected by Judge **Mike Goodman, MNEC**. Monochrome Medal winners were: Best of Show was awarded to **Lesley Mattuchio** for her print "*Traffic Jam at the River*". The J. Owen Santer Memorial Award for Best City/Land/Seascape was awarded to **Bob Pelland** for "*The Chicago River*". **Daniel Carey, MNEC** was awarded the Harold Ahern Memorial Award for Best Nature with his print "*Great Egret in Breeding Plumage*". The Judge's Choice Awards went to **Rhonda Cullen, MNEC** from judge **Art Vaughn, HonNEC** for her print "*A Special Bond Between Best Friends*", **Karen Comppen** from judge **Steve Sulewski** for her print "*A Mother's Hug*" and **Robyn Abrams** from judge **Mike Goodman, MNEC** for her print "*The Last Time in Your Light*".

A number of Greater Lynn members volunteered to help and without their support this competition would not have been able to take place and would not have been a success. Thanks to Bob Pelland, Karen Hosking, Catherine Doherty, Mark Bargen, Jim Gallagher, Walter Losee, Patrick Brosnan, MNEC and Susan Mosser HonFPSA, HonNEC for their help. NECCC would also like to sincerely thank **Larry Dunn, MNEC** and **Dana Patch, MNEC**, the two co-chairmen of this project for all the work they did in making it happen.

The NECCC BOD has voted to continue with this competition in our efforts to promote printmaking and encourage other NECCC club members to become involved by expanding their photography with printmaking. The next NECCC Individual Print Competition will be held at the Greater Lynn Photographic Association in the fall of 2024. A date has not been set yet, but

please talk up the competition at your clubs and get your members excited to print their work and enter the competition, then have a field trip, come to the judging and perhaps enjoy a meal after with your friends and discuss the day and the process of printing.

Susan Mosser, HonPSA, HonNEC NECCC Steering Committee Chairman

#### NECCC Individual Print Competition - April 6, 2024 - COLOR AWARDS

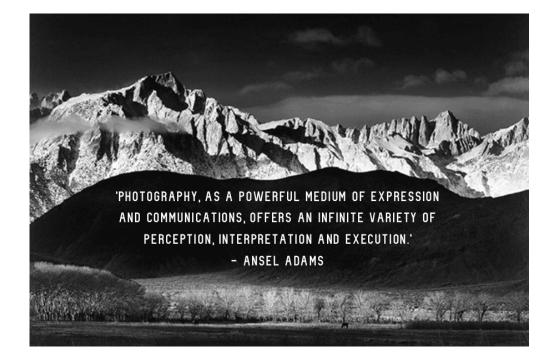
NAME		PRINT TITLE	AWARD
Tara Marshall	Photographic Soc. of Rhode Island	Dolomites Inversion	Best of Show - Color
Robyn Abrams	Flagpole Photographers of Newtown- CT	No Day Shall Erase Your Memory	Best Photo Travel - Daniel Charbonnet Memorial Award
Chane Cullens, HonNEC	Flagpole Photographers of Newtown- CT	Lovers, Feeding in the Rain	Best Nature - John Fuller Memorial Award
Sandy Schill	Flagpole Photographers of Newtown- CT	Penny	Judges' Choice - Art Vaughn HonNEC
Richard Tyrseck	Flagpole Photographers of Newtown- CT	San Juan Mountains	Judges' Choice - Steve Sulewski
Karl Zuzarte, MNEC	Photographic Soc. of RI	Take Off at Sunrise	Judges' Choice - Mike Goodman MNEC
Katie Slawitschek	Flagpole Photographers of Newtown- CT	Family Meeting	Honor Award
Lesley Mattuchio	Greater Lynn Photographic Assoc.	Feeding Chick American Oystercatchers	Honor Award
Kevin Tang	Greater Lynn Photographic Assoc.	Gotham	Honor Award
Kathy Murphy	Greater Lynn Photographic Assoc.	Polar Bear Leap	Honor Award
Michelle Babyak	Flagpole Photographers of Newtown- CT	Puffin Portrait	Honor Award
Karen Comppen	Greater Lynn Photographic Assoc.	Common Tern Flying off with Egg Shell	Honor Award

#### NECCC Individual Print Competition - April 6, 2024 - MONOCHROME AWARDS

NAME		PRINT TITLE	AWARD
Lesley Mattuchio	Greater Lynn PA	Traffic Jam at the River	Best of Show - Monochrome
Bob Pelland	Greater Lynn PA.	The Chicago River	Best City/Land/Seascape – J. Owen Santer Memorial Award
Daniel Carey, MNEC	Nashoba Valley Photo Club MA	- Great Egret in Breeding Plumage	Best Nature - Harold Ahern Memorial Award
Rhonda Cullens, MNEC	Flagpole Photographers of Newtown	A Special Bond Between Best Friends	Judges' Choice - Art Vaughn HonNEC
Karen Comppen	Greater Lynn	A Mothers Hug	Judges' Choice - Steve Sulewski
Robyn Abrams	Flagpole Photographers of Newtown- CT	The Last Time In Your Light	Judges' Choice - Mike Goodman MNEC
Larry Dunn, MNEC	Greater Lynn	Sails	Honor Award
Karen Fitzgerald	Stony Brook Camera Club- MA	The Running of the Camargue Horses	Honor Award
Jutta Curtin	Merrimack Valley CC-MA	ASPEN IN WINTER	Honor Award
Richard Tyrseck	Flagpole Photographers of Newtown- CT	Home On the Range	Honor Award
Katie Slawitschek	Flagpole Photographers of Newtown- CT	Calling Out	Honor Award

Camera Club	Number of ENTRANTS	Count of Color Prints	Count of Monochrome Prints	TOTAL PRINTS ENTERED
CT - Flagpole Photographers of Newtown	8	8	6	14
MA - Greater Lynn Photo Assoc	12	12	12	24
MA - Merrimack Valley CC	3	3	2	5
MA - Nashoba Valley PC	9	9	8	17
MA - Stony Brook CC	2	1	2	3
MA - Whaling City Camera Club	3	3	1	4
ME - Eastern Maine CC	1	1	1	2
ME - Portland Camera Club	11	10	9	19
RI - Photographic Society of RI	3	2	3	5
TOTALS: 9 Camera Clubs	52 Entrants	49 Color	44 Monochrome	93 Prints

## NECCC Individual Print Competition - April 6, 2024 Club Stats



## **NECCC Individual Print Competition AWARDS – Spring, 2024**



Best of Show - Color **Tara Marshall** Dolomites Inversion RI - Photographic Society of RI



Best Photo Travel – Daniel Charbonnet Memorial Award **Robyn Abrams** *No Day Shall Erase Your Memory* CT - Flagpole Photographers of Newtown



Best Nature – John Fuller Memorial Award Chane Cullens, HonNEC Lovers, Feeding in the Rain CT - Flagpole Photographers of Newtown

## **NECCC Individual Print Competition AWARDS – Spring, 2024**



Judges' Choice - Art Vaughan HonNEC Sandy Schill Penny CT - Flagpole Photographers of Newtown



Judges' Choice - Steve Sulewski Richard Tyrseck San Juan Mountains CT - Flagpole Photographers of Newtown



Judges' Choice - Mike Goodman MNEC Karl Zuzarte, MNEC Take Off at Sunrise RI - Photographic Society of RI



Honor Award **Katie Slawitschek**  *Family Meeting* CT - Flagpole Photographers of Newtown



Honor Award Lesley Mattuchio Feeding Chick American Oystercatchers MA - Greater Lynn Photo Assoc



Honor Award **Kevin Tang** *Gotham* MA - Greater Lynn Photo Assoc



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Honor Award **Kathy Murphy** *Polar Bear Leap* MA - Greater Lynn Photo Assoc



Honor Award **Michelle Babyak**  *Puffin Portrait* CT - Flagpole Photographers of Newtown



Honor Award Karen Comppen Common Tern Flying Off with Egg Shell MA - Greater Lynn Photo Assoc



Best of Show - Monochrome Lesley Mattuchio Traffic Jam at the River MA - Greater Lynn Photo Assoc



Bob Pelland

Best Landscape/Seascape – J. Owen Santer Memorial Award **Bob Pelland** *The Chicago River* MA - Greater Lynn Photo Assoc



Best Nature – Harold Ahern Memorial Award **Daniel Carey, MNEC** Great Egret in Breeding Plumage MA - Nashoba Valley PC

## **NECCC Individual Print Competition AWARDS – Spring, 2024**





Judges' Choice - Art Vaughan HonNEC Rhonda Cullens, MNEC A Special Bond Between Best Friends CT - Flagpole Photographers of Newtown

Judges' Choice - Steve Sulewski Karen Comppen A Mothers Hug MA - Greater Lynn Photo Assoc



Judges' Choice - Mike Goodman MNEC Robyn Abrams The Last Time In Your Light CT - Flagpole Photographers of Newtown

## **NECCC Individual Print Competition AWARDS – Spring, 2024**



Honor Award Larry Dunn, MNEC Sails MA - Greater Lynn Photo Assoc



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Honor Award **Karen Fitzgerald** *The Running of the Camargue Horses* MA - Stony Brook CC

Honor Award Jutta Curtin Aspen in Winter MA - Merrimack Valley CC

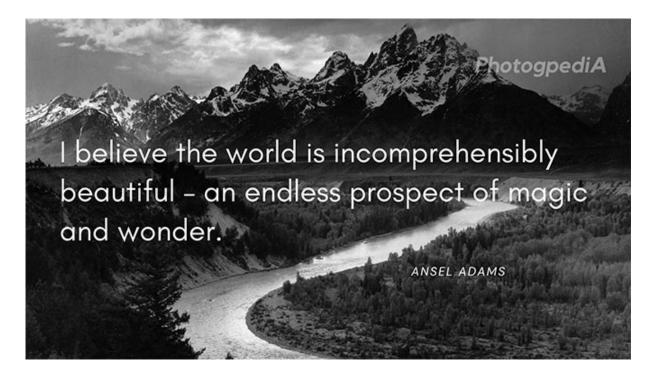


Honor Award **Richard Tyrseck** Home On The Range CT - Flagpole Photographers of Newtown



Honor Award **Katie Slawitschek**  *Calling Out* CT - Flagpole Photographers of Newtown

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All competitions for the 2023-24 Interclub Year were hosted by the Greater Lynn Photographic Association and they will continue to host the NECCC Interclub for the 2024-25 competitions.

**The Winter 2024 Digital Interclub competition,** was held on Saturday, February 10, 2024. Forty clubs participated in the Color section (26 from Class A and 14 from Class B), forty clubs participated in the Nature section (20 from Class A and 20 from Class B), and 36 clubs participated in the newly formed Monochrome section. A total of 454 images were judged in about three and half hours. The zoom session was not recorded for this judging. Winter judges were **Silvana Della Camera**, MNEC of Stony Brook Camera Club, MA **Mike Goodman**, MNEC of Seacoast Camera Club, NH and **Dennis Goulet**, HonNEC of Photographic Soc. of Rhode Island. All are B&W print makers and photographers and two belong to Mass Camera Naturalists (CamNats) an invitation only Nature club, and all are members of the NECCC BOD.

**The Spring 2024 Digital Interclub competition**, was held on Saturday, April 27, 2024. Thirty-nine clubs participated in the Color section (26 from Class A and 13 from Class B), thirty-nine clubs participated in the Nature section (20 from Class A and 19 from Class B), and thirty- seven clubs participated in the Monochrome section .A total of 457 images were judged in a little under three hours. We were unable to zoom out this spring judging, as the person who normally does it for us with his own equipment and multiple microphones was on vacation, but we did record it and the recording has been posted on the NECCC website. do hope to be able to zoom out the judging's for next year. Spring judges were **Mary Boucher**, MNEC of Merrimack Valley Camera Club, MA; **Paul Smith**, MNEC of Gateway Camera Club, MA and **Karl Zuzarte**, MNEC of Photographic Soc. of Rhode Island. All are B&W print makers, very knowledgeable on all subject photographers and have judged throughout New England in International Exhibitions, interclub, and regular club competitions.

**2024-25 Digital Competition:** Next year's Interclub will continue with the same rules and regulations set up for this year. They will again be hosted by Greater Lynn and judged live in person at the Greater Lynn Headquarters. We will continue doing three competitions-fall; winter and spring. Your chairman for 2024-25 will continue to be NECCC BOD members Pam Lintner, HonNEC and Susan Mosser, HonPSA, HonNEC. We will however be expanding our judge's pool selection to include judges from CT along with MA, NH and RI. We have also divided the Mono section into two Classes A & B and this has been done by the year-end total scores for each club. The top scoring clubs will be in Class A and the lower scoring Clubs will be in Class B. All clubs were notified in the Spring report card of this change.

Class B clubs that must move up to Class A in Color for 2024-25:

- 1. Eastern Maine-ME-Tied First-135 points
- 2. Quiet Corner-CT-Tied First -135 points

Class B Club that must move up to Class A in Nature for 2024-25:

1. Flagpole-CT First Place- 141 points

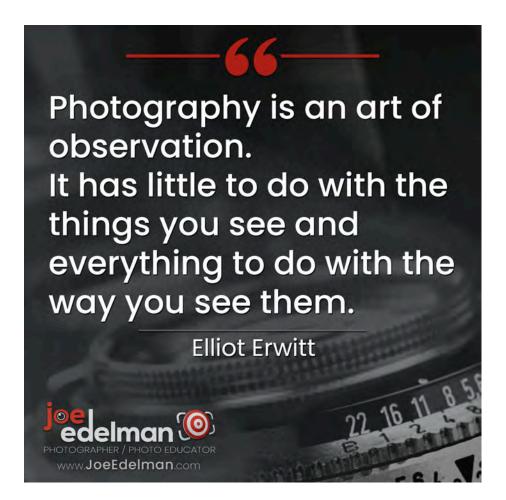
We are also implementing a new choice to those Class A clubs who have been in Class A for a few years and are listed with year-end totals as one of the five lowest clubs who have competed with a full entry of 4 images per each of the three competitions for the year (total 12 images). They can now move back down to Class B if they wish, however they must stay in Class B for 2 years before being able to move back up to Class A. They would need to notify us prior by October 15, 2024 that they are moving down a class.

The dates for next year's competitions have not been selected yet but will again be in the fall (November), winter (moving to January) and spring (April). Dates will be announced at the NECCC Reps luncheon on June 15, 2024 and a notice will be sent to all the clubs. If your club's interclub director will change next year, please send me, Susan Mosser, the new name and contact information at <u>s.jmosser@comcast.net</u> so we are sure the correct person gets the information needed to compete.

The NECCC BOD and especially Pam and I, would personally like to thank Cindy Gosselin, HonNEC very much for all her work on interclub throughout this year and in past years. She guided Pam and I on what needed to be done and continued to do the club tabulations and ribbons for this year's competition. She is stepping down from her duties as Interclub Co-Chair after over 15 years of working as Co-Chair with Bill Barnett, FPSA, HonNEC and then this year working with Pam and I.

## 2023-24 Competition Co-Chairman

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### NEW ENGLAND CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL DIGITAL INTERCLUB COMPETITION – WINTER 2024 FEBRUARY 10, 2024

### Class A – Color

Class	Club		LastName	First Name	Title	Score	Award
А	MA Nashoba	С	Brown	David	City Lights	13	HA
А	MA Gateway	С	Gaboriault	Charlene	Sunrise on Diamond Beach	13	HA
А	MA Cape Cod Viewfinders	С	Swartzlander	Sue	Broad Billed Hummingbird	13	HA
А	MA Greater Lynn	С	Taggart	Nina	Back Bay Mirrored	13	HA
А	MA Nashoba	С	Carey	Dianne	Bashful Flamingo	13	HA
А	MA Springfield	С	Kruzel Joe Mushroom A Glow		Mushroom A Glow	13	HA
А	NH Seacoast	С	Giffroy	Renee City Park		13	HA
А	MA Assabet Valley	С	Gill	John	Hydrangea Bloom #2	13	HA
А	MA Gateway	С	Smith, MNEC	Paul	Sunset Bass Harbor Light	14	HA
А	MA Nashoba	С	Кау	James	Leaf in Guttation	14	HA
Α	MA Greater Lynn	С	Brady, MNEC	Jim	That's Gonna Hurt	14	3 <sup>RD</sup>
Α	NH Seacoast	С	Tutinas	Lisa	Downeast Milky Way	14	2 <sup>ND</sup>
Α	MA Greater Lynn	С	Jordan, MNEC	Ken	Stokksnes Black Sand Dunes	14	1 <sup>ST</sup>

### NEW ENGLAND CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL DIGITAL INTERCLUB COMPETITION – WINTER 2024 FEBRUARY 10, 2024

### Class B – Color

Class	Club		LastName	First Name	Title	Score	Award
В	MA Whaling City	(	C Joseph	Marjorie	Officer's Quarters	12	HA
В	CT Conn. Valley	(	C Davis	Harcourt	Goat Island Lighthouse and Bridge	ouse and 12	
В	MA Fall River	(	C Xavier	Paula	A Perfect Dahlia	12	HA
В	CT Litchfield Hills	(	C Tullock	Fred	Birch in the Wind	12	HA
В	CT Litchfield Hills	(	C Krampitz	Michael	Portrait of a Hawk	13	HA
В	MA Whaling City	(	C Castenson	Richard	Reproduction	13	3 <sup>RD</sup>
В	NH Lakes Region	(	C Steinberg	Gal	Lake Winnipesaukee Aurora	14	2 <sup>ND</sup>
В	CT Coastal	(	C Chow	Peter	Distant Storm at Horseshoe Canyon	15	1 <sup>st</sup>
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Class	Club		LastName	First Name	Title	Score	Award
А	CT New Haven	N	Peterson, MNEC	Paul	Spider on Web	13	HA
А	MA Gateway	Ν	Schnell	Jean	Terns Caught in the Act	13	HA

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А	CT New Haven	Ν	Peterson, MNEC	Paul	Spider on Web	13	HA
А	MA Gateway	Ν	Schnell	Jean	Terns Caught in the Act	13	HA
А	MA Greater Lynn	Ν	McManus	Tina	A Chipmunk for Baby	13	HA
А	MA Greater Lynn	Ν	Driscoll, MNEC	Brenda	Southern Ground Hornbill with	14	HA
					Hare		
А	MA Boston	Ν	Наq	Nadia	Piggyback Ride for Baby Wally	14	HA
А	RI PSRI	Ν	Kerrigan	Noreen	Coastal Brown Bear Family	14	HA
А	MA Merrimack	Ν	Bauer	Beth	Sunbeams on a Pacific Great	14	HA
					White Shark		
А	RI PSRI	Ν	Dorr	Susie	Grub Hub	14	HA
А	MA Stony Brook	Ν	Sowle	Hali	Just Hanging Around	15	3 <sup>RD</sup>
А	MA Nashoba	Ν	Robinson	Darcy	Rare Twin Giraffe Calves with	15	2 <sup>ND</sup>
					Attentive Mother		
А	MA Greater Lynn	Ν	Murphy	Kathy	Polar Bear Jump 2	15	1 <sup>ST</sup>

### NEW ENGLAND CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL DIGITAL INTERCLUB COMPETITION – WINTER 2024 FEBRUARY 10, 2024

### Class B – Nature

Class	Club		LastName	First Name	Title	Score	Award
В	NH North Country	Ν	Moody	Tricia	Angry Hummingbird	12	HA
В	MA Whaling City	Ν	Flynn	Kevin	Early Risers	12	HA
В	MA Fall River	Ν	Andrews	Richard	On The Blossom	12	HA
В	MA Upper Cape	Ν	Van Inwegen	Richard	Swan On Ice	12	HA
В	CT Coastal	Ν	Flick	Maryann	Fragile Forktails Mating	12	HA
В	CT Flagpole	Ν	Slawitschek	Katie	A Mouthful	13	HA
В	CT Flagpole	Ν	Babyak	Michelle	Coming in for a Landing	13	HA
В	MA Whaling City	Ν	Joseph	Marjorie	Squirrel for Lunch	13	HA
В	ME Eastern Maine	Ν	Payne	Elizabeth	Beguiling Puffin	13	HA
В	CT Coastal	Ν	Janke	Mark	Young Male Masai Giraffes	13	3 <sup>RD</sup>
В	NH Lakes Region	Ν	Justason	Wayne	Snowy Fox in Yellowstone	14	2 <sup>ND</sup>
В	NH North Country	Ν	Hoffman	John	Ursus Maritimus	14	1 <sup>st</sup>

### NEW ENGLAND CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL DIGITAL INTERCLUB COMPETITION – WINTER 2024 FEBRUARY 10, 2024

### Monochrome

Class	Club		LastName	First	Title	Score	Award
				Name			
Μ	MA Nashoba	Μ	Carey, MNEC	Daniel	Lone Tree	13	HA
М	MA Stony Brook	Μ	Fahey	Paula	Dragonfly	13	HA
М	RI PSRI	М	Zuzarte, MNEC	Karl	Hola Amigos	13	HA
М	MA Nashoba	Μ	Brown	David	All Aboard	13	HA
М	MA Stony Brook	Μ	Litchfield	Allan	What Lies Beyond	13	HA
М	MA Whaling City	Μ	Mahaney	James	Eyes to the Soul	13	HA
М	MA Merrimack	Μ	Manzi	David	The Wave	13	HA
М	MA Boston	Μ	Borden	Philip	Street Chess Player	13	HA
М	MA Gateway	Μ	Smith, MNEC	Paul	Fabric Magic	13	HA
М	MA Hockomock	Μ	Holt	Phil	Jaylen	13	HA
М	MA NE Shutterbugs	Μ	Argo	Denis	Focus	13	HA
М	RI PSRI	Μ	Rizvi	Syed	Dazzle of Zebras	13	HA
М	MA Merrimack	Μ	Lowe, MNEC	John	Phillips Berlina	14	HA
М	NH Seacoast	Μ	Colacino	Sharon	Diamond Beach	14	HA
М	CT New Haven	Μ	Peterson, MNEC	Paul	My Best Side	14	HA
М	CT Charter Oak	Μ	Teitelbaum	Mark	Dolomite Landscape	14	3 <sup>RD</sup>
М	MA Greater Lynn	Μ	Forward	Frank	Tobacco Man	14	2 <sup>ND</sup>
Μ	CT Milford	М	Collen, MNEC	Matt	Strike a Pose	14	1 <sup>st</sup>

### NEW ENGLAND CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL DIGITAL INTERCLUB COMPEETITION SPRING APRIL 27, 2024

### CLASS A – Color

Camera Club	Maker Last	Maker First	Title	Score	Award
MA Cape Cod Art Center	Doo	Mary	Sunflowers Talking	11	HA
MA Springfield	Harper	Richard	Celebration	11	HA
MA Seven Hills	Doherty	Jody	Splash	11	HA
CT New Haven	Saldana, MNEC	Denise	Dragon Eyes #2	11	HA
MA GLPA	Brady, MNEC	Jim	Reaching For the Horn	11	HA
CT New Haven	Peterson, MNEC	Paul	Knapweed Flowers	12	HA
MA Assabet Valley	Abrahamsen	Sue	Black Skimmer Skimming	12	HA
CT Candlewood	Tyrseck	Rick	Grand Teton Sunrise	12	HA
NH Seacoast	Comly	Dan	Exploring a Marigold	12	HA
RI PSRI	Berthiaume	Noreen	Jellyfish Dance	12	HA
MA GLPA	Taggart	Nina	Charles River Reflections	13	3rd
MA Cape Cod Viewfinders	Director	Stephen	Icelandic Dream	13	2nd
MA GLPA	Forward	Frank	Beach Aurora	14	1st

### NEW ENGLAND CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL DIGITAL INTERCLUB COMPEETITION SPRING APRIL 27, 2024

### CLASS B – Color

Camera Club	Maker Last	Maker First	Title	Score	Award	
NH Lakes Region	Steinberg	Gal	Haystack Rock & Milky Way	12	HA	
MA Whaling City	A Whaling City Joseph Marjorie		Mom and Kits	12	HA	
MA NE Shutterbugs Carney Sandy		Sandy	Kestel Catching a Bug for Lunch	12	HA	
CT Quiet Corner	Hyatt	Drew	Malibu Sunset	12	HA	
NH North Country	Hohenboken	Jen	Time for Reflection	12	HA	
CT Quiet Corner	Kolk	Laura	Ice Cave at Dawn	12	3rd	
ME Eastern Maine	Hartt	Mary	Canoe Trip	13	2nd	
ME Eastern Maine	Armstrong	Tom	Golden Sunset Bee	13	1st	
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### NEW ENGLAND CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL DIGITAL INTERCLUB COMPEETITION SPRING APRIL 27, 2024

#### CLASS A - Nature

Camera Club	Maker Last	Maker First	Title	Score	Award
CT New Haven	Grenier	Carlotta	Eight in a Row	13	HA
MA Merrimack	Marcoux	William	Nest Building	13	HA
MA Nashoba	Кау	James	nes Bobcat Teaches Kit to Hunt		HA
MA Assabet Valley	Gill	John	Anhinga with Fish	13	HA
CT Oxford Greens	Liang	Alice	Perfect Time for Berries	13	HA
MA Springfield	McNierney	Gwen	Looking Out at the World	13	HA
MA Boston	Schiller	Ilya	Large and Happy Family	13	HA
MA Stony Brook	Fitzgerald	Karen	Coastal Brown Bear Coy Cub Play	13	HA
MA Cape Cod Viewfinders	Director	Stephen	Whitetip Sharks Mating Ritual	13	HA
MA GLPA	Forward	Frank	Fighting Foxes	14	HA
MA Stony Brook	DiBattista	Jean	Green Heron Eating Frog	14	3rd
MA GLPA	Murphy	Kathy	Polar Bear Mom with Cubs of The Year	14	2nd
MA GLPA	Goodman, MNEC	Michael	Pelican With Fish	14	1st

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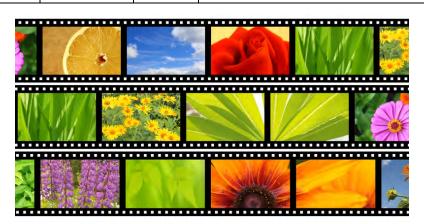
### CLASS B – Nature

Camera Club	Maker Last	Maker First	Title	Score	Award
CT Flagpole	Slawitschek	Katie	Walking on Water	12	HA
NH Lakes Region Robusto Dan		Dan	Wait Your Turn	12	HA
NH Lakes Region	McQuade	Mike	Crossing Paths	12	HA
NH North Country Burgess Joe Wintering Elk.		Wintering Elk Jackson Hole	12	HA	
CT Litchfield Hills Krampitz Micha		Michael	Winter Snack	12	HA
CT Coastal	Flick	Maryann	Wood Frogs Breeding	12	HA
CT Litchfield Hills	Meisel	Carl	What a Catch	13	HA
CT Flagpole	Cullens, MNEC	Rhonda	Puffin Coming in for Landing	13	HA
ME Eastern Maine	Woodworth	Diane	Rough Day	13	HA
MA Whaling City	Rosperich	Christine	Lion Cub Feasting	13	3rd
NH North Country	Mahanor	Terri	Feeding Time	13	2nd
MA Cape Cod Art Center	Doo	Mary	Lions Feasting on Zebra	14	1st
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### NEW ENGLAND CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL DIGITAL INTERCLUB COMPEETITION SPRING APRIL 27, 2024

#### Monochrome

Camera Club	Maker Last	Maker First	Title	Score	Award
CT New House		Denise		12	
CT New Haven			Old Pilings	12	HA
NH Seacoast	Baldasaro	Tony	The Climber	12	HA
RI PSRI	Rizvi	Syed Street Kid #1		12	HA
MA GLPA	Forward	Frank	Cuban Bus Rider	12	HA
CT Charter Oak	Griswold	Tom	Idle Lathe	12	HA
MA Whaling City	Castenson	Richard	Are We Alone Now	12	HA
CT Flagpole	Abrams	Robyn The Last Time in Your Light		12	HA
MA Cape Cod Viewfinders	Walczak	James	Vistahorn	12	HA
MA GLPA	Driscoll, MNEC	Brenda	I'm Listening Dad	13	HA
MA Gateway	Keifer	Cathy	Frog on Acorns	13	HA
MA Hockomock	Weinstein	Jeff	Mans Best Friend	13	HA
NH Seacoast	Siler	Matt	Boulder Beach	13	HA
CT Oxford Greens	Fleischman	Chuck	Old Number 40	13	HA
MA Cape Cod Art Center	Doo	Mary	Backlit Ostrich #2	13	HA
CT Greater Bridgeport	Smith, MNEC	Terri	Camel Walk	13	HA
ME Eastern Maine	Woodworth	Diane	Conflict	13	HA
MA Boston	Conlin	Kelly	Every Step Counts	13	3rd
CT New Haven	Grenier	Carlotta	Stallions Running through Snow	13	2nd
MA GLPA	Jordan, MNEC	Ken	North Reading Oak	14	1st



## NECCC Monochrome Spring Fall- Winter-Spring & End of Year Placement 2023-24

	Fall 2	2023	Winter	<mark>2</mark> 024	Spring	2024	Grand	Final End of Year Placement
Club	Score	Place	Score	Place	Score	Place	Total	
MA Greater Lynn	50	1st	49	1st	51	1st	150	1st
CT Flagpole	50	1st	48	2nd	45		143	2nd
MA Boston	47	2nd	48	2nd	45		140	3rd
MA Stony Brook	47	2nd	49	1st	43		139	
NH Seacoast	46	3rd	46		47	2nd	139	
CT New Haven	44		47	3rd	47	2nd	138	
MA Gateway	47	2nd	44		47	2nd	138	
CT Greater Bridgeport	47	2nd	42		46	3rd	135	
CT Simsbury	47	2nd	47	3rd	41		135	
RI Photo Society of RI	47	2nd	46		42		135	
MA Nashoba	45		48	2nd	41		134	
MA Merrimack	45		47	3rd	41		133	
MA Cape Cod Viewfinders	47	2nd	40		44		131	
MA Whaling City	44		44		43		131	
CT Charter Oak	42		44		44		130	
MA Springfield	43		43		44		130	
CT Wallingford	44		40		42		126	
MA Assabet Valley	43		42		41		126	
MA Fall River	41		42		43		126	
CT Milford	41		45		39		125	
MA Hockomock	38		42		45		125	
MA Upper Cape	42		40		42		124	
CT Coastal	40		43		40		123	
CT Quiet Corner	41		41		41		123	
MA Cape Cod Art Center	42		39		42		123	
MA Seven Hills	41		42		40		123	
NH North Country	40		40		42		122	
ME Eastern Maine	40		40		41		121	
CT Candlewood	40		38		42		120	
NH Lakes Region	42		36		42		120	
NH Manchester	40		37		43		120	
MA NE Shutterbugs	41		40		38		119	
NH Photographers Forum	39		39		39		117	
CT Litchfield Hills	40		37		39		116	
CT Oxford Greens	37		37		41		115	
CT Conn Valley	42		29	*	29	*	100	
NH NE Garden Club	19	*	11	*	30	*	60	
CT North Haven	45				30		45	
MA Berkshire	19	*					19	



Thank you to all our soldiers who given of themselves for our freedom!

	Fall 2	2023	Winter	2024	Spring 2024		Grand	Final End of Year
Club	Score	Place	Score	Place	Score	Place	Total	Placement
MA Greater Lynn	48	2nd	53	1st	48	1st	149	1st
MA Gateway	49	1st	51	3rd	43	3rd	143	2nd
MA Cape Cod Viewfinders	47	3rd	48		43	3rd	138	3rd
NH Seacoast	47	3rd	50		41		138	3rd
MA Merrimack	48	2nd	47		42		137	
MA Nashoba	45		52	2nd	40		137	
MA Assabet Valley	44		50		42		136	
CT Flagpole	46		47		41		134	
RI Photo Society of RI	44		44		44	2nd	132	
CT New Haven	42		45		43	3rd	130	
MA Cape Cod Art Center	40		48		41		129	
CT Simsbury	43		46		39		128	
CT Candlewood	44		42		41		127	
MA Hockomock	41		47		39		127	
MA Springfield	46		42		39		127	
NH Manchester	44		45		38		127	
CT Charter Oak	41		47		38		126	
MA Boston	42		45		39		126	
MA Seven Hills	38		46		42		126	
MA Central NE	43		43		39		125	
MA Stony Brook	43		43		38		124	
MA Upper Cape	43		43		38		124	
CT Housatonic	42		41		40		123	
CT Oxford Greens	42		42		39		123	
CT Greater Bridgeport	41		44		36		121	
NH Photographers Forum	39		41		37		117	
CT North Haven	44						44	

# NECCC Class A Color- Fall- Winter-Spring & End of Year Placement 2023-24

## NECCC Class A Nature Fall- Winter-Spring & End of Year Placement 2023-24

Club	Fall 2023		Winter 2024		Spring 2024		Grand	Final End of Year Placement
	Score	Place	Score	Place	Score	Place	Total	
MA Greater Lynn	49	3rd	54	1st	54	1st	157	1st
MA Nashoba	53	1st	50	3rd	48	3rd	151	2nd
MA Stony Brook	50	2nd	51	2nd	49	2nd	150	3rd
MA Gateway	50	2nd	50	3rd	46		146	
MA Central NE	47		48		47		142	
RI Photo Society of RI	43		51	2nd	46		140	
MA Assabet Valley	49	3rd	46		44		139	
MA Cape Cod Viewfinders	47		45		47		139	
MA Merrimack	43		50	3rd	45		138	
MA Springfield	44		46		44		134	
NH Seacoast	46		43		45		134	
CT Simsbury	48		42		43		133	
NH Manchester	44		44		45		133	
CT New Haven	42		45		44		131	
MA Boston	44		44		43		131	
MA Hockomock	46		40		44		130	
CT Charter Oak	46		41		39		126	
CT Greater Bridgeport	46		40		40		126	
CT Oxford Greens	45		36		42		123	
CT Housatonic	40		41		38		119	
CT North Haven	44						44	

# NECCC Class B Color Fall- Winter-Spring & End of Year Placement 2023-24

Club	Fall 2023		Winter 2024		Spring 2024		Grand	Final End of Year Placement
	Score	Place	Score	Place	Score	Place	Total	
CT Quiet Corner	47	2nd	43		45	1st	135	1st
ME Eastern Maine	47	2nd	43		45	1st	135	1st
CT Coastal	43		49	1st	40		132	2nd
CT Litchfield Hills	48	1st	43		41		132	2nd
NH North Country	46	3rd	42		43	2nd	131	3rd
MA Whaling City	46	3rd	45	2nd	39		130	
NH Lakes Region	41		44	3rd	43	2nd	128	
MA Fall River	46	3rd	43		38		127	
CT Milford	42		42		42	3rd	126	
CT Wallingford	40		44	3rd	42	3rd	126	
MA NE Shutterbugs	40		44	3rd	40		124	
NH NE Garden Club	44		39		37		120	
CT Conn Valley	44		32	*	29	*	105	
MA Berkshire	27	*	19	*			46	
		* Less that	an total num	ber of image	es submitted			

# NECCC Class B Nature Fall- Winter-Spring & End of Year Placement 2023-24

	Fall 2023		Winter 2024		Spring 2024		Grand	Final End of Year Placement
Club	Score	Place	Score	Place	Score	Place	Total	
CT Flagpole	46	2nd	48	1st	47	1st	141	1st
MA Cape Cod Art Center	46	2nd	46	3rd	46	2nd	138	2nd
CT Coastal	46	2nd	47	2nd	44		137	3rd
ME Eastern Maine	46	2nd	44		45	3rd	135	
NH North Country	42		47	2nd	46	2nd	135	
MA Whaling City	44		46	3rd	44		134	
CT Quiet Corner	47	1st	42		41		130	
CT Candlewood	45	3rd	43		41		129	
CT Litchfield Hills	40		43		46	2nd	129	
NH Lakes Region	41		45		43		129	
MA NE Shutterbugs	41		45		42		128	
CT Milford	44		42		41		127	
MA FallRiver	44		42		40		126	
MA Upper Cape	44		42		39		125	
MA Seven Hills	41		37		44		122	
CT Wallingford	39		39		42		120	
NH Photographers Forum	39		39		37		115	
CT Conn Valley	41		31	*	40		112	
NH NE Garden Club	36		38		38		112	
MA Berkshire	30	*	19	*			49	
	* Less	than total nu	umber of ima	iges submitt	ed			



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Third Place Jim Brady, MNEC *That's Gonna Hurt* Greater Lynn Photographic Assn (MA)



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Honor Award Charlene Gaboriault Sunrise on Diamond Beach Gateway Camera Club (MA)



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Honor Award Nina Taggart Back Bay Mirrored Greater Lynn Photographic Assn (MA)



Honor Award Dianne Carey Bashful Flamingo Nashoba Valley Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award Joe Druzel Mushroom A Glow Springfield Photographic Society (MA)



Honor Award **Renee Giffroy**  *City Park* Seacoast Camera Club (NH)



Honor Award John Gill Hydrangea Bloom #2 Assabet Valley Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award Paul Smith, MNEC Sunset Bass Harbor Light Gateway Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award **Kay James** Leaf in Guttation Nashoba Valley Camera Club (MA)







First Place **Peter Chow** Distant Storm at Horseshoe Canyon Coastal Camera Club (CT)

Second Place Gal Steinberg Lake Winnipesaukee Aurora Lakes Region Camera Club (NH)



Third Place **Richard Castenson** *Reproduction* Whaling City Camera Club (MA)



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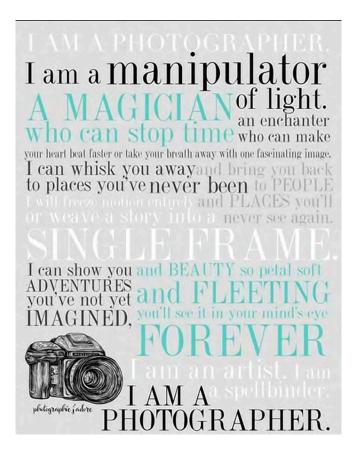


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Honor Award **Fred Tullock**  *Birch in the Wind* Litchfield Hills Camera Club (CT)



Honor Award **Michael Krampitz**  *Portrait of a Hawk* Litchfield Hills Camera Club (CT)





First Place **Kathy Murphy** *Polar Bear Jump 2* Greater Lynn Photographic Assn (MA)



Second Place Darcy Robinson Rare Twin Giraffe Calves with Attentive Mother Nashoba Valley Camera Club (MA)



Third Place Hali Sowle Just Hanging Around Stony Brook Camera Club (MA)



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Honor Award Brenda Driscoll, MNEC Southern Ground Hornbill with Hare Greater Lynn Photographic Assn (MA)



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Honor Award Beth Bauer Sunbeams on a Pacific Great White Shark Merrimack Valley Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award Susie Dorr Grub Hub Photographic Society of Rhode Island (RI)



First Place John Hoffman Ursus Maritimus North Country Camera Club (NH)



Second Place Wayne Justason Snowy Fox in Yellowstone Lakes Region Camera Club (NH)



Third Place **Mark Janke** Young Male Masai Giraffes Coastal Camera Club (CT)



Honor Award **Tricia Moody** Angry Hummingbird North Country Camera Club (NH)



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Honor Award **Richard Andrews** On the Blossom Fall River Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award **Richard Van Inwegen**  *Swan on I ce* Upper Cape Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award Maryann Flick Fragile Forktails Mating Coastal Camera Club (CT)



Honor Award **Katie Slawitschek**  *A Mouthful* Flagpole Camera Club (CT)



Honor Award **Michelle Babyak** *Coming in for a Landing* Flagpole Camera Club (CT)



Honor Award **Marjorie Joseph** Squirrel for Lunch Whaling City Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award Elizabeth Payne Beguiling Puffin Eastern Maine Camera Club (ME)

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First Place Matt Collen, MNEC Strike a Pose Milford Camera Club (CT)

Second Place **Frank Forward**  *Tobacco Man* Greater Lynn Photographic Assn (MA)

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Third Place Mark Teitelbaum Dolomite Landscape Charter Oak Camera Club (CT)



Honor Award Daniel Carey, MNEC Lone Tree Nashoba Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award **Paula Fahey** Dragonfly Stony Brook Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award Karl Zuzarte, MNEC Hola Amigos Photographic Society of Rhode Island (RI)



Honor Award **David Brown** *All Aboard* Nashoba Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award Allan Litchfield What Lies Beyond Stony Brook Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award James Mahaney Eyes to the Soul Whaling City Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award **David Manzi** *The Wave* Merrimack Valley Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award Philip Borden Street Chess Player Boston Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award **Paul Smith, MNEC**  *Fabric Magic* Gateway Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award Phil Holt Jaylen Hockomock Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award **Denis Argo** *Focus* New England Shutterbugs (MA)



Honor Award Syed Rizvi Dazzle of Zebras Photographic Society of Rhode Island (RI)



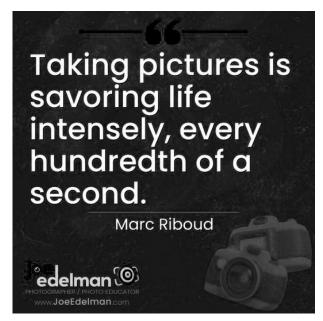
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Honor Award Sharon Colacino Diamond Beach Seacoast Camera Club (NH)



Honor Award **Paul Peterson, MNEC**  *My Best Side* New Haven Camera Club (CT)





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Second Place Stephen Director I celandic Dream Cape Cod Viewfinders (MA)



Third Place **Nina Taggart** *Charles River Reflections* Greater Lynn Photographic Assn (MA)



Honor Award Noreen Berthiaume Jellyfish Dance Photographic Society of Rhode Island (RI)



Honor Award Dan Comly Exploring a Marigold Seacoast Camera Club (NH)



Honor Award **Rick Tyrseck** *Grand Teton Sunrise* Candlewood Camera Club (CT)



Honor Award **Sue Abrahamsen** Black Skimmer Skimming Assabet Valley Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award **Paul Peterson, MNEC**  *Knapweed Flowers* New Haven Camera Club (CT)



Honor Award Jim Brady, MNEC Reaching for the Horn Greater Lynn Photographic Assn (MA)



Honor Award Denise Saldana, MNEC Dragon Eyes 2 New Haven Camera Club (CT)



Honor Award Jody Doherty Splash Seven Hills Camera Club (MA)

Honor Award **Richard Harper** *Celebration* Springfield Photographic Society (MA)



Honor Award Mary Doo Sunflowers Talking Cape Cod Art Center (MA)



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Second Place Mary Hartt Canoe Trip Eastern Maine Camera Club (ME)



Third Place Laura Kolk I ce Cave at Dawn Quiet Corner Camera Club (CT)



Honor Award Jean Hohenboken Time for Reflection North Country Camera Club (NH)



Honor Award Drew Hyatt Malibu Sunset Quiet Corner Camera Club (CT)



Honor Award Sandy Carney Kestrel Catching a Bug for Lunch NE Shutterbugs Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award **Marjorie Joseph**  *Mom and Kits* Whaling City Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award Gal Steinberg Haystack Rock & Milky Way Lakes Region Camera Club (NH)



First Place **Michael Goodman, MNEC**  *Pelican with Fish* Greater Lynn Photographic Assn (MA)



Second Place **Kathy Murphy** Polar Bear Mom with Cubs of the Year Greater Lynn Photographic Assn (MA)



Third Place Jean DiBattista Green Heron Eating Frog Stony Brook Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award **Frank Forward**  *Fighting Foxes* Greater Lynn Photographic Assn (MA)



Honor Award Stephen Director Whitetip Sharks Mating Ritual Cape Cod Viewfinders (MA)



Honor Award Karen Fitzgerald Coastal Brown Bear Coy Cub Play Stony Brook Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award Ilya Schiller Large and Happy Family Boston Camera Club (MA)



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Honor Award Alice Liang Perfect Time for Berries Camera Club of Oxford Greens (CT)



Honor Award John Gill Anhinga with Fish Assabet Valley Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award James Kay Bobcat Teaches Kit to Hunt Nashoba Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award William Marcoux Nest Building Merrimack Valley Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award Carlotta Grenier Eight in a Row New Haven Camera Club (CT)



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First Place Mary Doo Lions Feasting on Zebra Cape Cod Arts Center (MA)



Second Place **Terri Mahanor**  *Feeding Time* North Country Camera Club (NH)



Third Place Christine Rosperich Lion Cub Feasting Whaling City Camera Club (MA)



Honor Award **Diane Woodworth** *Rough Day* Eastern Maine Camera Club (ME)



Honor Award **Rhonda Cullens, MNEC** *Puffin Coming in for Landing* Flagpole Camera Club (CT)



Honor Award Carl Meisel What a Catch Litchfield Hills Camera Club (CT)



Honor Award Maryann Flick Wood Frogs Breeding Coastal Camera Club (CT)



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Honor Award Joe Burgess Wintering Elk Jackson Hole North Country Camera Club (NH)



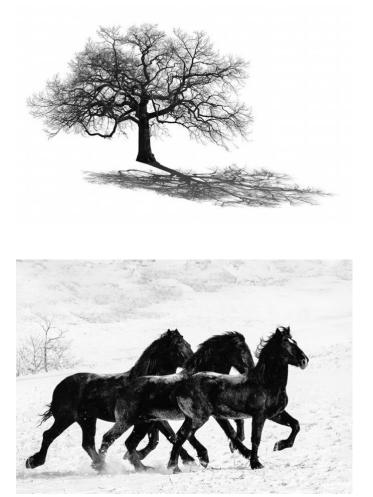
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Honor Award Dan Robusto Wait Your Turn Lakes Region Camera Club (NH)



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First Place Ken Jordan, MNEC North Reading Oak Greater Lynn Photographic Assn (MA)

Second Place Carlotta Grenier Stallions Running Through Snow New Haven Camera Club (CT)



Third Place **Kelly Conlin** *Every Step Counts* Boston Camera Club (MA)



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Honor Award Mary Doo Backlit Ostrich 2 Cape Cod Arts Center (MA)



Honor Award Chuck Fleischman Old Number 40 Camera Club of Oxford Greens (CT)



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Honor Award **Richard Castenson** *Are We Alone Now* Whaling City Camera Club (MA)



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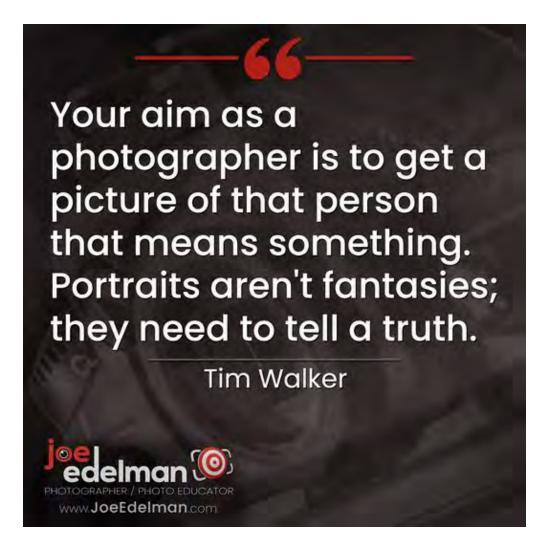
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Honor Award **Tony Baldasaro**  *The Climber* Seacoast Camera Club (NH)

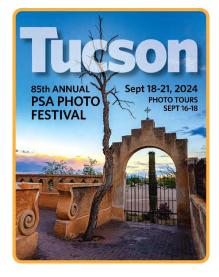


Honor Award Denise Saldana, MNEC Old Pilings New Haven Camera Club (CT)



# **Photographic Society of America**

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The Photographic Society of America offers an exciting lineup of photo tours, special free 3-hour model workshop which will take you through the four elements of Earth, Wind, Fire and Water, programs, presenters, and vendors at their 85th Annual International Photo Festival. Their new format of a shorter time period of 4 days with many more speakers, events and workshops and many less meetings continues to be a welcome change. This year's Festival will take place in Tucson, Arizonia. The dates are Wednesday September 18, through Saturday, September 21, 2024 which is one week earlier than usual. The Photo Tours however will start on Monday and go through Thursday.

As usual they have excellent pre conference tours as well as top of the line speakers. Wednesday starts more intense programming with many sponsored speakers and hands-on workshops.

The day time speakers include **Darrell Goulin** and **Lisa Langell** with an incredible line-up of evening keynote speakers: **Sam Abell, David Akoubian and Vince Versace.** 

You can find more detailed information on the conference, listing all speaker bios and program descriptions as well as a schedule, an online registration form and hotel information at the direct link: <u>photo-festival (psa-photo.org)</u> Online registration has been open for over a month for the conference and hotel and closes August 30.

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