

# Show Critique Al Stola

Al will be conducting the critique of the show. Here is a little history about him that he wrote.....

I am a Berwick native, and graduated from H.S. there in 1973. I completed a B.S. in Art Education from Kutztown State College in 1977, came back home and substituted in the Berwick Area for one year. During that time, I took my first photo class, an evening continuing education adult course, at the Columbia-Montour Vo-tech school during the spring of 1978.

The Bloomsburg Morning Press/Berwick Enterprise hired me as a full-time photographer in 1978. For the next three years I worked with photographers Marlin Wagner and Bill Hughes. Marlin was the head of the department and was an exceptional mentor. He refused to schedule any "grin and grip" photos, we would instead try to illustrate the event or at the least have the subjects in a more informal, conversational mode. When possible we shot our pictures using natural light. We pushed 400 speed film to 1600 for all our B&W work. We were one of the first papers to use color photos on a daily basis.

I left the paper to pursue a teaching career. I filled long-term substitute art positions in Muncy, East Lycoming, and Montgomery school districts. My wife, Lynn, and I also taught in the Bath, Maine area in 1982-83. In 1986 I became the elementary Art teacher in the Sullivan County School District and remained there until 1992. In the fall of 1992 I began my present position as high school Art teacher in the Montgomery Area School District. I've taught general art courses, photography, video production, ceramics, as well as, 7th and 8th grade Art.

Along the way I also worked in sales, starting one Christmas season in Hess' camera department at the mall, several years at Wall to Wall Sound and Video selling stereos, camcorders, and VCRs. Currently, you can find me at Hoyer's Photo on an irregular basis, most often on Saturdays of the Christmas season.

I received a Masters of Science in Instructional Technology degree at Bloomsburg University in 1989. The program was in its infancy then and was headed by Dr. Hank Bailey. The computer bug bit me hard during that period and I've dabbled with many new technologies, especially in the arts areas.

I shoot a lot of photos. I'll do an occasional wedding or senior portrait, but most of my work is done to satisfy my creative urges. Nearly all of my work is done using Nikon equipment. I will scan my negatives and photos, but still have not bought a digital camera. However, I probably will soon. Hey, Lynn, what would you think about upgrading.....

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A diagram consisting of a horizontal double-headed arrow at the top. Below it, on the left, is a rectangular box with the text "Review Series Films". To the right of this box is a vertical double-headed arrow. To the right of the vertical arrow is the text "Monthly Theme Contest May Trains".

## Brent's Babble

Our Ninth Annual Show is up and the opening was a big success, we had about 150 people attend. The food was great. It was "First Friday", opening night for the arts in Williamsport, so there were about five other openings going on in town. We were told we had the best food. We did spend more money than usual, but it was a good opening. Thanks to everyone for pitching in to make it happen.

If you weren't there you should definitely take the time to see it and also check out Elizabeth Burkhardt's photos from Ground Zero. Elizabeth has some very moving black and white photos and it was nice to share the opening with her.

Remember that we moved the next meeting up a week because of Memorial Day. Our meeting is Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> and it will be a critique of the show. Al Stola, one of our members and an art teacher in Montgomery, is going to help us out by taking charge of the critique. Thanks, Al.

Thanks also go to another of our members, Wayne Palmer, for being our speaker last month. Wayne's talk on digital imaging was great but we ran out of time quickly, so he is planning on giving us part two in June. Thanks again, Wayne.

It's throw away camera time. Have you gotten yours yet? The rules are in this newsletter. The photos must be ready to hang at our June meeting.

Anyone interested in displaying in the Ways Garden Art Show? The show is two days this year, it coincides with the Arts Council's Festival of the Arts at Penn College. We can still get a space for one day or both days. It's June 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> - talk to me on Monday.

See ya Monday!

Keep Shooting!

*Brent*

### SVS MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT TREASURER ELIZABETH ANSTADT DOWNEY May 2002

<b>April Meeting - Balance in Account</b>	<b>\$1,197.11</b>
4/24/02 Deposits - 50/50 \$6.00; Memberships: Morehart, Gedroiz, Mc Nerney, Maruschek	\$100.00
4/25/02 Deposits - Memberships: Palmer (2) \$36.00; Dec Show patron PMI \$67.58; Show Entries \$76.50	\$180.08
5/3/02 Lisa Mc Nerney - Spring opening food	\$126.63
5/3/02 Joe Gatsche - Spring opening food	\$22.90
5/3/02 Maddi Dunlap - Spring opening food	\$44.44
5/3/02 Megan Bassett - Spring opening food and wine	\$148.61
5/3/02 Elizabeth Downey - Spring opening food	\$13.88
5/4/02 Wmspt-Lyc Arts Council 2002 Membership Renewal	\$50.00
5/13/02 Mail Boxes - April newsletter	\$29.83
<b>May Meeting - Balance in Account</b>	<b>\$1,153.09</b>



Susquehanna Valley Shutterbugs  
Meeting Minutes  
April 22, 2002

- Members present: 20
- Tip of the month: Thanks, Wayne, for informative tips on Metering. Excellent information.
- Treasurer's Report: Approved as printed.
- Program Report: Program for May: review of the May members' show.
- Show Committee: Disposable camera show for members only drop off will be the June 24 meeting. Show will be taken down July 22.
- Publicity: Article in the Sun Gazette April 18. Good job, Megan!
- Old Business: *Our Town 2010* photo assignments need to be completed by May 15.  
Assignments  
Elizabeth: Orlando, Creative necessities  
Derryl: Jersey Shore locations  
Brent: Genetti, Rizzo, 33 East  
Megan: Park Home, Herdic House, Fink's  
Wayne: Tabor Museum, Heavenly Pastaria, Cohick Paint  
Stephanie: Weightman Blg, YWCA rotunda
- New Business: Time to renew member in Lycoming County Arts Council. Cost: \$50. Motion by Derryl M, seconded by Joe G. to rejoin.  
  
Nominating Committee presented slate of officers.  
President: Brent Shirk  
Vice President: Ed Frey  
Treasurer: Elizabeth Downey  
Secretary: Matty Dunlap  
Assistant for the newsletter: Joe Gatsche  
Officers voted in. Congratulations!
- Monthly Theme: Congratulations to April winner (comfort) Anna Metzger and March winner (blurry) Kathy Otzel.  
May's monthly theme contest will be Trains.
- Newsletter: Thanks to members for submissions.  
Send any articles to Wayne a.s.a.p.!
- Refreshments: Matty Dunlap volunteered to supply refreshments for the May meeting.
- 50/50: Congratulations to Chuck Probst for winning the 50/50 contest.

Respectfully submitted, *Kathy Otzel*, secretary

A few tips on single use cameras...

Read the information about the camera on the box.

These cameras have one set shutter speed and one set aperture.

Using a camera with a higher speed film will not necessarily give you better results in low light. These cameras give the best results with bright light. The manufacturer's count on the film's latitude to give a usable print when the light is less than optimum.

Minimum focusing distance is usually about an arm's length.

Once you have used the flash on some models, it automatically continues to use the flash. Cover the flash if you don't want it to effect your picture.

Remember the viewfinder is only giving you an approximate view of the picture. Parallax is an issue just like a regular point and shoot camera.

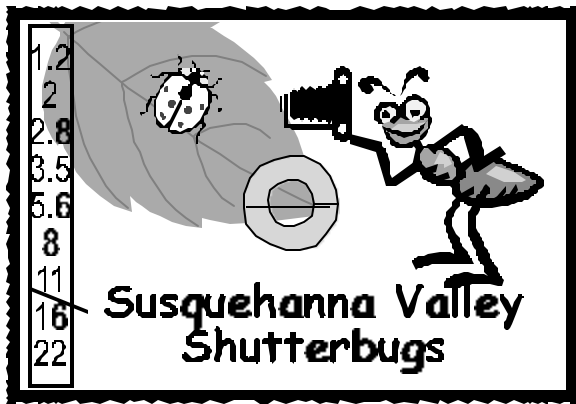
If you don't anticipate taking flash pictures save the money and buy a camera that doesn't have one.

Have fun! That's what this show is about!!!!!!

**About The SVS Newsletter**

The Susquehanna Valley Shutterbugs Newsletter is published monthly. The club meets monthly at the Lycoming County Historical Museum on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. The address of the museum and the club is: SVS, c/o Lycoming County Historical Society, 858 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701. The newsletter is created by Wayne Palmer (321-9660) and assisted by Stephanie Carey, Brent Shirk, and Lou Hunsinger. Submissions for the newsletter are welcome and must be submitted by the 10th of each month. Past issues and articles of interest and other club information can be found on the Web at:

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