

Nature Photography: A Sampler

Presented by Jerry Zeidler

A narration and slide show of images of nature taken by Jerry Zeidler will be presented at the February meeting of the Shutterbugs on Monday, February 24 at the Thomas T. Taber Museum of the Lycoming County Historical Society. The monthly meeting begins at 7 p.m. with Jerry's presentation scheduled to start at 8 p.m.

During his many years in the woods and fields of Pennsylvania, Jerry has used his camera to record birds, reptiles, abstracts, trees, landscapes, wildflowers and other views of nature. He will share his knowledge and experiences as a visual walk through the woodlands of Pennsylvania. He will also discuss, in non-technical terms, the methods he has successfully employed in gathering his extensive collection of photographs. Jerry will share some simple but less obvious tricks of the trade that make taking pictures of nature easier than most would imagine. The program will last approximately 45 minutes with ample time for questions.

Jerry has an extensive background during which he has refined his vision and knowledge of nature.

Retired after 30 years from the Pennsylvania Game Commission where he was a supervisor of law enforcement as well as a supervisor of information and education in the region, Jerry has made many presentations and organized various nature oriented programs, exhibits, and classes.

Jerry has been a serious amateur photographer for 15 years and was a founding member and first president of the Susquehanna Valley Shutterbugs. He was president of the Lycoming Audubon Society and board member for 10 years.

Many people are familiar with both his photography and knowledge of nature through his work with the Williamsport Sun-Gazette where his "Images of Nature" have appeared for the past eight years and his "Birding" column for the past five years.

Brent's Babble

Special Thanks to Ralph Wilson for putting together our January meeting program. Ralph, with the help of Bruce Dart and Wayne Palmer, did a program on some basics of photography and camera operation.

Jerry Zeidler will be our speaker this month. Jerry will be presenting a program on nature photography, showing slides and speaking on techniques for getting great nature photos. Jerry is an excellent photographer and a very knowledgeable speaker. He was our first president, a founding member, and we are very lucky to have him in our group.

Our winter show was a big success, everything went very well, in fact it went great. There is only one problem. A number of people forgot that the show had to end. PLEASE, we do not want to store your work forever. The unclaimed entries are at Palmer Multimedia Imaging 321-9660. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THIS ASAP.
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BRENT'S BABBLE (from page 1)

Our next show opens May 30th. The drop off for work will be our May 19th meeting. The May meeting is being moved up a week because of Memorial Day. This is our annual member's only show. All members may show three photos.

Speaking of shows, we have a new show committee chairperson. Lisa Mody McNerney has volunteered to take over the committee. Thank you Lisa, I'm sure you will do a great job.

Speaking of volunteers, Ralph Wilson is taking over the duties of monthly newsletter editor. Thank you much Ralph!

Speaking again of volunteers, its election time. We have to fill four positions. The club needs YOUR HELP!! Please contact Kathy Otzel, Brook Mann or Lisa Mody McNerney ASAP. We will be voting on new officers in March, but we need someone to vote for.

At the recent show committee meeting a lot of activities were discussed, other than shows. Ideas included a club picnic/photo shoot, hikes/photo shoot and photo trips to New York or Washington. What you think? What would you like to do? How can you help? Volunteer, get involved, it is your club. Help!

See you Monday
Keep Shooting

Brent

NEW MONTHLY CONTEST FORMAT

The New Year has brought a new concept to the Monthly Photo Contest at our regular meetings.

Rather than having the usual themes members are now encouraged to submit their best shot for the month.

The rules are fairly simple. The shot must have been taken within the past thirty days. You may shoot with your favorite film, slide or print, color or black and white, or digital. It is the responsibility of the photographer to present the image in a way that it may be viewed and voted on.

That sums it up. The hopes for the contest are that it inspires you to pick up your camera and shoot rather than dig through your files. Try something that you might not ordinarily do.

The calendar of events included in this newsletter may give you some ideas for photo opportunities. The weather and changing seasons in the Susquehanna Valley also provide subjects nearly everyday.

Events to be added to the calendar are welcome. Send your suggestions to Ralph Wilson, 136 Montgomery St. Montgomery, PA 17752 or e-mail to newsletter@rwphoto.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 27, 28 and Mar 1 - Mardi Gras in Williamsport's center city. Parade and crowning of the king is Saturday evening.

Mar 1 & 2 - Winter Festival at Ski Sawmill, Morris, PA. Big Air Competition & Triathlon Phone (570) 353-7521 for more info.

March 22 - Maple Syrup Open House, Time TBA Hills Creek State Park, Wellsboro, PA - How do you make that wonderfully sweet treat known as Maple Syrup? Come find out at our first Maple Syrup Open House. This event will be held at the new Sugar Shack located across from Picnic Area 2's large pavilion. Phone 570-724-4246 or e-mail hillscreeksp@state.pa.us

Mar 23 Pine Creek Rail Trail Bike Ride, - 8 AM If weather and snow melt conditions permit this 17 mile bike tour will begin at Ansonia and end at Blackwell. If the railgrade in the gorge is not ready for biking, we may be able to bike a section of the rail trail south of Blackwell. Rainedate March 30th. Transportation Fee: \$3.00. Meet at the parking lot of the bank in South Williamsport which is located on Southern Avenue between Market and Hastings Streets. The bank is located near the southern end of the Market Street Bridge Phone (570) 326-0133 for more info.

STEPHEN MARC EXHIBIT OPENS AT LYCOMING COLLEGE

. . . part of Lycoming College's celebration of Black History Month

Stephen Marc, artist-in-residence at Lycoming College from Feb. 14-21, is bringing an exhibition to the community and using the Williamsport area's history for another artistic project. The Arizona State University professor is using his time in Williamsport to explore and photograph sites of the Underground Railroad in a collaborative project with Lycoming College art professor Lynn Estomin and her students. Estomin is being aided in this project by local historian Mamie Sweeting Diggs and video director Karen Frock.

Estomin envisions the outcome of the project as a large scale photo montage that will be displayed at the Williamsport/Lycoming Historical Society, local schools and other community places.

Marc's photography exhibition at Lycoming College, which focuses on contemporary black culture, runs through February 23. A special reception in the Lycoming College Art Gallery on February 20 from 4 - 5 p.m. will give the public a chance to meet him and see his work. Following the Gallery reception, 5:15 PM, Marc will give a talk and show examples of his most recent work in Barclay Lecture Hall in the Heim Building on the Lycoming Campus.

Marc's art focuses on the contemporary black culture, as well as the history surrounding the British slave trade in Ghana, Jamaica, England, and the United States. His art is intended to produce a visual record of the collective black community, and is part of Lycoming College's celebration of Black History Month.

The artist currently serves as an Associate Professor at Arizona State University's School of Art. He also served for twenty years as a faculty member at Columbia College Chicago's Department of Photography. He attended Pomona College in Claremont, CA with a major in photography and later received an M.F.A. from the Tyler School of Art at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA.

Marc has published two books of photographs and has been featured in over 40 solo exhibitions in more than 20 states. He has been honored with numerous awards, grants, and fellowships and is featured in 21 permanent collections across the United States and France.

The Lycoming College art gallery is open Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 to 11:00 p.m.

AT FIELD AND FOREST.COM LIFE IS IN THE DETAILS

Jerry's presentation this month will surely inspire many of our members to take a closer look at the world around us through the lens of our cameras. One website that offers a forum to display some of your images is www.fieldandforest.com through a bi-monthly contest. The rules of the contest and the results of previous contests are all available by following the links on their homepage. The site is the result of efforts by photojournalists Kim Ritzenthaler and David Lesson of Dallas, Texas

Boasting of galleries from 93 photographers with 1360 images, there is plenty to browse through. Online gallery space is available to student, amateur and professional photographers and can be started with a minimum of six images.

While the site is fairly easy to navigate, some pages leave you trapped if you rely on your "back" button as it reloads the current page rather than letting you backtrack. Most pages include a dropdown sitemap that lets you move around but it doesn't allow the viewer to move around effortlessly. Following the link to their personal gallery leaves you helplessly locked in with no escape other than editing the address bar in your browser.

That said, the site does exhibit many fine examples of nature photography along with essays and tips from many of their contributors.

Here's what the couple have to say about themselves and their site:

Field and Forest is an active virtual community with members located in more than 50 countries who regularly look to Field and Forest as a place of inspiration or practical information. Since our start in early 1997 we have now grown from roughly 20 pages to more than 3000 pages containing more than 19,000 links. But we are more than just another nature photography site. We also feature an outstanding Nature Poetry Gallery. In fact, it's probably the only one on the Internet dedicated to original nature poetry. If you know of another - let us know. It's one of our most visited areas and presents the work of more than 50 poets.

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Field and Forest *(from page 3)*

You'll also find interesting features about nature photography, digital postcards and a bi-monthly nature photo contest judged by professional photographers and photo editors which is second to none.

"Life is in the details." It's our motto at Field and Forest and a singular lesson for a more fulfilled life. We believe the Creator is revealed through nature and is known by the silent voice of the Spirit within us. It is here in this vast universe of sights, sounds and often unexplored wonders that we find the breath of this Spirit filling us with vitality, strength and peace as we survey the infinite details of creation.

Lie down sometime on a patch of soil and let your eyes wander across the mystery of earth. If you look carefully you'll find an entire universe only inches beneath you. Watch as tiny insects traverse the great boulders of dirt before them. Look closer and try to count how many tiny elements form a single grain of soil. What appeared to be a mere patch of dirt is actually the formative details of a mysterious world.

Kim and David were married in Ireland in June of 2000. Not only are they husband and wife and fellow nature lovers, they also work together as full time staff photojournalists at The Dallas Morning News. They began dating in the spring of 1997, and through their relationship discovered a mutual love for nature. Kim had just purchased a macro lens and was discovering a new world in the details of insects, leaves, grass, etc. David was enthralled with the photographs she was making, and found great pleasure in going out and shooting along with her.

"One of our first dates was an informal competition between us to see who could make the best nature photo. The rules were that we had to choose a spot in a nearby wooded area and were allowed ten minutes to find as many photos as possible in the small space we had chosen without getting up and moving to another location. We met at a favorite vegetarian restaurant later that day to hold the "judging". Kim won."

SVS MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

TREASURER ELIZABETH ANSTADT DOWNEY

January 2003 Meeting - Balance in Account **\$1,160.92**

1/25/03 Deposit: Wmspt Sun-Gazette for Holiday Show patron \$50.00

1/28/03 Deposit: 50/50 \$5.00; 10% sale comm for pic sold \$15.00

Blaise Alexander show ad \$100.00; Memberships:

(Barrett, Vannucci, Palmer/Herrington, Price, Probst,

Dunlap, Gedroiz, Downey \$204.00) \$423.00

1/29/03 Deposit: Coffee & Tea Room for show ad \$25.00

2/10/03 Deposit: Membership (Troisi) \$24.00

2/10/03 Deposit: Membership (Carey and Campbell) \$48.00

2/10/03 Wayne Palmer reimbursement for extra show ribbons \$50.35

February Meeting 2003 - Balance in Account **\$1,680.57**



SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY SHUTTERBUGS
MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 27,2003

- Members present:** 20 + 2 Guests -John Desantis and Paul Barrett
- Treasurer's Report:** Approximately \$500 in proceeds from the show will be donated to the Museum
Reminder: Memberships for 2003 are due
Wayne to pay the club % of sale from image sold from the show
- Secretary's Report:** No report (no business meeting last month)
- Program Report:** Club voted to make the Christmas party an annual event
February: Jerry Zeidler -Images in Nature/Techniques
March: Terry from Hoyer's on buying new/used equipment
April: John Troisi-Images
Suggestion made for a club picnic/shoot in summer
Suggestion made to have a yard sale/equipment swap
- Show Committee:** Volunteer needed to take over as Chair
Tentative Opening for Member's Only Show is May 30th, with drop off May 19th meeting
Treasurer should be present to collect entries, encourage entrants to pay by check for ease in tracking
Need to find alternative printing source for programs, as MailBoxes price seems to have increased-M&S printing in Newberry suggested
- Publicity:** Press release with winners is forthcoming. Ralph will try to get the meeting program schedule listed in the paper
- Old Business:** No old business.
- New Business:** Suggestion made to reduce student membership fee
Discussion on possibility of a student show, possibly during Way's Garden festival.-Further discussion needed
Nominating committee chosen for new officers-Lisa Mody McNerney, Brooke Mann and Kathy Otzel
North Central Conservancy has photo contest in Fall, encourage members to enter as well as the Club has been asked to assist-more info to come later
Art's Council requested Club assistance with Children's Photo Contest- Paul Barrett, Stephanie Carey, Lisa Mody McNerney volunteered
- Monthly Theme:** No entries. In future, no theme. Bring your favorite/best shot that you have taken within the past 30 days of the meeting. If bringing a slide, must bring a way to show it
- Refreshments:** Chuck Probst volunteered for February meeting.
- 50/50:** Deryl Maruschak won \$5.

Respectfully submitted, Maddi Dunlap

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Well at last I've reached the last page of this month's newsletter. A computer hiccup or two along the way and a scramble to fill little holes like this one have made it a challenge. I'll admit I had fun though. Some changes may be in the future for the appearance and content. Software changes will force some of them others will come from suggestions and feedback that I hope to receive as I settle in to my new job.

Deadline for articles and reports is the 14th of each month and may be mailed to Ralph Wilson, 136 Montgomery St. Montgomery, PA 17752 or e-mailed to newsletter@rwphoto.com. Verbal submissions are subject to my forgetfulness and are discouraged. Help in compiling information and laying out the pages is always welcome. I can be reached by phone at 547-2053.

Notes From Your Treasurer

Don't forget your membership dues for 2003

\$12.00 Student
\$24.00 Individual
\$36.00 Family

Congratulations . . .

. . .to all SVS members for the outstanding efforts with our Holiday 2002 Exhibition; unless unexpected bills/income come in, we have a profit of \$400.00 from the show to give the museum.

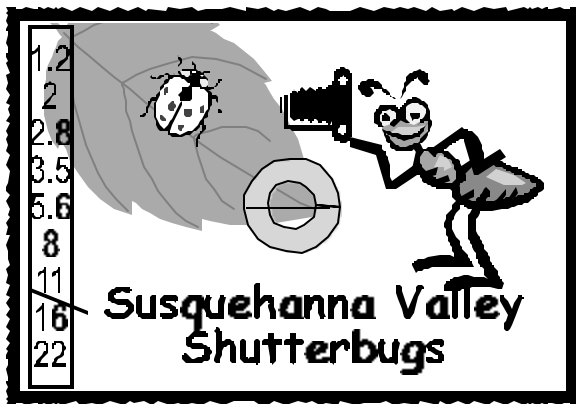
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