

THE IMAGE

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September 1st - Print Competition Night

Thursday, September 1st will be our first print competition for the new season. Categories for prints are*:

- Open
- Black & White
- Novice

** Read more about our new categories in the New Categories for the 2011/2012 Season section on the next page of the newsletter.*

For this competition, our judges will be Charlie Perry, Fran Baranski, and Ed Savoie. We will also ask the entire membership to participate in the critique process. It will allow us to get some good conversations going, and the makers will be able to hear different opinions instead of just listening to the opinion of one judge. This should make for a fun and interesting evening!

Refreshments will be provided by **Lois Latraverse**.

A reminder about print competition rules:

All print entries shall have a picture area that is a minimum of 5x 7 and no larger than 16 x 20. All entries must be matted and/or mounted. The maximum size of the presentation, **including** the matte or mount shall be no larger than 16x20.



**2010-11 Year-End Competition
Best in Show – Print
Mandrillus by Laura Vear**

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 09/01/11 | Print Competition Night |
| 09/10/11 | Meetup - Rhode Island Bay Lighthouse Cruise |
| 09/15/11 | Program Night |
| 10/01/11 | Meetup - Wingmasters Photo Shoot |
| 10/06/11 | Digital Competition Night |
| 10/16/11 | NECCC Fall Competition Selection Night |
| 10/29/11 | Deadline for PSRI International Salon Entries |
| 10/20/11 | Program Night |

Club Dues Reminder

Club dues for the 2011/2012 season are due in September. The cost is \$30 for a single membership, or \$40 for a family membership. Please see Chris Atsales at the next meeting for payment.

September 15th - Program Night – Flash Workshop

On Thursday, September 15th we will have an informal flash workshop. Karen Leaf and Norm Aubin (of Karen Leaf Photography in Putnam) will assist members in learning how to better understand and use their flash.

What are all those buttons for? What is ETTL or TTL? How do I know if the settings are correct? How do I dial the flash up/down, and when do I need to think about this? These are the types of questions they'll attempt to answer.

This will be a hands-on workshop, so bring your camera, tripod, flash, off camera cord, reflector, and user's manual. It will be so much easier to follow along the explanation of things if you're actually looking at your flash/manual/camera. And if you don't have an external flash..that's okay too. There will be tips on inexpensive products you can use to reduce or soften on camera flash.

After an overview of basic flash settings, we will work on how to set the flash during daylight hours for "fill flash" and explore other settings if time allows.

If attending this program, please visit the Meetup site, indicate that you're attending, and note what type of camera and flash you have, which will help us better prepare for this workshop. If you're not a member of Meetup, fill out the sign-up sheet on Sept 1st at the Audubon Center.

New Competition Categories for the 2010/ 2011 Season

We've taken several suggestions from members, and have changed the competition nights to make things more interesting, and a little easier for most members. We are hoping these changes increase participation (especially in the Print category) and will encourage new members or current members learning new technology to submit images. Categories were specifically selected to coincide with the NECCC and Multi-screen competitions that QVPC participates in, so participation from all club members is strongly encouraged.

Here's a summary of the changes:

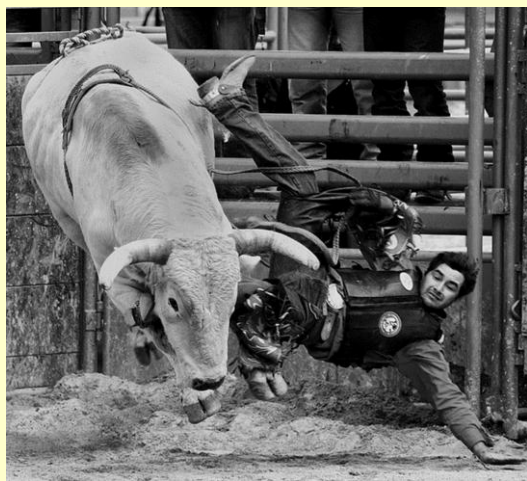
- We will only have 3 print competitions this season, in September, December, and March.
- We will have 6 digital competitions this season; in October, November, January, February, April and May.
- For Prints, the categories will be Open, Black & White, and Novice.
- For Digital, the categories will be Open, Nature, Multiscreen Categories, and Novice.
- Three prints can be entered in each print category.
- Two images can be entered in each digital category.

Print Categories:

Novice: The novice class is intended for new members, or current members working with new technology. Examples would be members switching from film to digital, learning how to use a new printer, learning how to use new software or filters. Three images may be submitted in each Novice print competition, and may be any subject matter. Members entering images into the Novice print category should not enter images into the Open or Black & White print category.

Open: Images submitted in this category can be of any subject and may be digitally manipulated. Three images may be submitted in each Open print competition.

Black & White: Images submitted in this category must be true black & white images only. They can also be toned (as in traditional darkroom toning techniques such as sepia or selenium toning). Three images may be submitted in each Black & White print competition.



May First Place – Open – Class A
Did Not Last 8 Seconds by Christy Atsales

Digital Categories:

Novice: The novice class is intended for new members, or current members working with new technology. Examples would be members switching from film to digital, learning how to use a new printer, learning how to use new software or filters. Two images may be submitted in each Novice digital competition, and may be any subject matter, including Nature. Members entering images into the Novice digital categories should not enter images into Open or Nature digital category.

Open: Images submitted in this category can be of any subject and may be digitally manipulated. Two images may be submitted in each Open digital competition.

Nature: Two images may be submitted in each Nature digital competition. Images placed in this category must follow the PSA definition of nature:

“No manipulation or modification is permitted except resizing, cropping, selective lightening or darkening, and restoration of original color of the scene. No special effect filters can be applied. Any sharpening must appear natural. The “hand of man” should not be present in the image. Complete rules and regulations can be found on the NECCC website located at: http://www.neccc.org/New_Guide_Elec_Image_Comp.htm .

Multi-screen Category: The list of multi-screen themes for the year are located in the 2011/2012 Multiscreen Categories section of the newsletter, and the themes for each month (there will be three) are listed in the Themes Schedule for 2011/2012. Images submitted in this category must have been taken after May 1, 2011.

Members may submit two images per theme for the multi-screen category. Please remember to identify the theme but also give the image a title.

For example, the themes for October are Tower(s), Days of Thunder, and Antique. Two images can be entered for each theme.

May 2011 Digital Competition Winners

Digital – Open – Class A

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 st | Did Not Last 8 Seconds | Christy Atsales |
| 2 nd | GMC 250 | Lori Labrecque |
| 3 rd | UMMM Cake | Karen Leaf |
| HM | Barn Flowers | Diane LeBlanc |

Digital – Open - Class B

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 1 st | Nelson Fuel Station | Randy Ellis |
| 2 nd | Painted Ladies | Pat Green |
| 3 rd | Night Watchman | Norm Aubin |
| HM | Tragedy | Dom Tedeschi |

Digital – Nature – Class A

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|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1 st | Nesting Heron | Bill Marchand |
| 2 nd | Lion Fish | Laura Vear |
| 3 rd | You're Snoring | Laura Vear |
| HM | Gray Wolf in Snow | Lori Labrecque |

Digital – Nature – Class B

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|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1 st | Colors | Dom Tedeschi |
| 2 nd | Grape Hyacinth | Dom Tedeschi |
| 3 rd | Barred Owl | Randy Ellis |
| HM | Royal Stare | Armand Latraverse |

Digital - Creative/Artistic

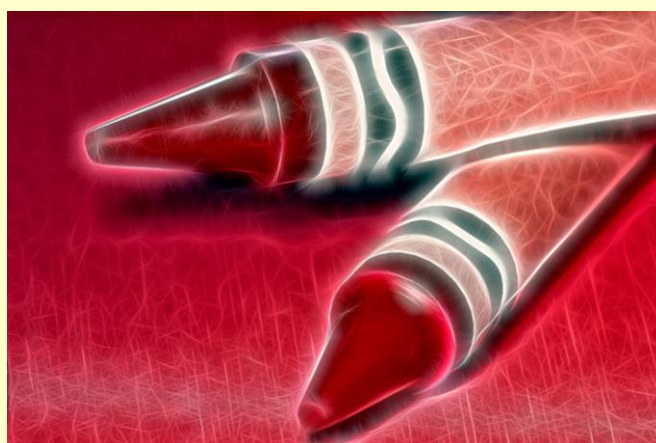
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| 1 st | Tianna Relaxing | Chris Atsales |
| 2 nd | Red Crayons | Lori Labrecque |
| 3 rd | Owl Eyes | Lori Labrecque |
| HM | Twisted | Bill Marchand |

Digital – Theme - Lights

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|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1 st | Hartford | Lori Labrecque |
| 2 nd | Bridge at Sunset | Laura Vear |
| 3 rd | Lighting Up | Dom Tedeschi |
| HM | Sky Light | Dom Tedeschi |

Digital – Theme - Vertigo

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|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 st | Ghost Train | Norm Aubin |
| 2 nd | Everything's Swirling | Lois Latraverse |
| 3 rd | Dizzy | Dom Tedeschi |
| HM | none | |



2010-11 Best in Show – Digital
Red Crayons by Lori Labrecque

Multi-Screen Themes Schedule for 2011/2012

We will continue to have our Themes category this season on Digital Competition nights to feed our end-of-year Multi-screen competition. This season we will have three categories each month. Suzanne Buell is the Multi-screen chairperson.

Remember the rules for both the Theme and Multi-screen competitions are that the images submitted must have been taken after May 1, 2011.

The Theme categories for the 2010/2011 season will be as follows:

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|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| October | Tower(s) | Days of Thunder | Antique |
| November | Autumn Mood | Dreamy | Architecture |
| January | Store Front | Mood | Boat Yard |
| February | Horsing Around | Oops | HDR |
| April | Rhode Island | Tension | Glamour |
| May | Water | Puddle(s) | Foggy |

Upcoming Meetups

We have two exciting meetups that are scheduled in September and October.

Rhode Island Bay Cruise: On Saturday, September 10th we will be joining Rhode Island Bay Cruises for tour of Narragansett Bay. The cruise lasts 90 minutes and visits 10 lighthouses – some not accessible from land. The highlights were images of Beavertail, Ram, and Castle Hill lighthouses taken from the water. You also visit Newport Harbor, and since one of our Multi-screen categories is “Rhode Island”, this trip should give us plenty of images to use. Cost is \$25 if you buy your tickets ahead of time, \$30 on the day of the cruise.

Wingmasters: On Saturday, 10/1 we will return to Wingmasters to photograph raptors. The folks at Wingmasters put the birds in realistic settings, hiding the tethers so your shots look totally realistic. The birds are used to being photographed so you can move in as close as you like to get some amazing shots. Cost is \$50 per person, and goes to the care and feeding of the birds. **Only 3 spots remain!**

For more information, or to sign up, visit the Meetup site at: www.meetup.com/Quinebaug-Valley-Photography/

QVPC's New Meeting Location

We are very excited to announce that the club will now be meeting at our new location – the Pomfret Audubon Society Center. The new space, (which resembles a giant red barn) is now complete and is just beautiful.

The street address is: 218 Day Road, Pomfret, CT

Their web site doesn't have directions available yet, so here are the directions from the internet. There is plenty of signage, so you shouldn't have any trouble finding it:

Driving North on 395:

1. Take Exit 93 for CT-101 toward Dayville/East Killingly
2. Turn Left (if driving south on 395, turn Right) onto CT-101 W/Hartford Pike. Continue to follow CT-101 W for 3.1 miles.
3. Turn Right onto Wrights Crossing Road. Continue on Wrights Crossing Road for 1.9 miles.
4. Turn Left onto Day Road. Drive .2 miles. The Audubon Center will be on the left.

Driving South on 395:

1. Take Exit 97.
2. Take a right off the exit onto Route 44 West.
3. Follow Route 44 through Downtown Putnam, past Day Kimball Hospital and the John Dempsey Center, for 3.5 miles.
4. Take a left onto Wright's Crossing Road (there is an Audubon Sign below the street sign). Drive 1.8 miles on Wright's Crossing Road
5. Take a right onto Day Road. Drive .2 miles. The Audubon Center is on the left.



2010-11 Year-End Competition
People's Choice – Print
Yellow Iris Delicacy by Lois Latraverse

Install Dropbox on Your Desktop

We will attempt to have all club members go to www.dropbox.com to download and install Dropbox on your desktop. Once you have it installed, email Lois at mrsaj1@ct.metrocast.net to let her know it is installed. She will give permission to each club member to access 2 folders in the dropbox; Multiscreen and QVPC 2011-2012 Competitions.

Once you have been given access to the folders they will appear in your dropbox. Multiscreen submissions can be added all during the year to make it more efficient for selection night. Digital competition entries can be placed in the appropriate category folder.

To place an image in the dropbox, just drag and drop or copy and paste into the correct folder. Try to install prior to Sept 1st so questions can be addressed before October's digital competition.

Volunteers Needed

Hospitality Chairperson: We need a volunteer to set up and tear down the refreshments for the rest of the year. We have the necessary goods (plates, cups, napkins, tablecloth, etc). Chairperson responsibilities: arrive before 6:30 to set up, stay to end to tear down, solicit volunteers to bring monthly refreshments, follow up with volunteer prior to meeting. Pass sign-up sheet for party events.

Program Chairperson: Utilizing NECCC's program possibilities, the program chairperson is responsible for selecting programs in a timely manner, organizing the event and following up with the presenters. Board members will work with you to develop ideas. Sept, Nov and Dec programs are set. We need Oct, Jan, Feb, Mar, April. One or two of the available months can be in house workshops where members may choose a topic or skill they would like to learn more about.

Please contact Lois at 860-779-9822 or mrsaj1@ct.metrocast.net if you are able to help with this.

2011-2012 MULTI-SCREEN CATEGORIES

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Animal(s) | Foggy | Rhode Island |
| Antique | Food | Store Front |
| Architecture | Glamour | Sunrise/Sunset |
| Autumn Mood | Graduation | Tension |
| Boat Yard | HDR | Tower(s) |
| Construction | Horsing Around | Twilight |
| Days of Thunder | Mood | Water |
| Dreamy | Oops | |
| Family | Puddle(s) | |

May 2011 Digital Competition Winners

Digital – Open – Class A

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| 1 st | Did Not Last 8 Seconds | Christy Atsales |
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| 3 rd | UMMM Cake | Karen Leaf |
| HM | Barn Flowers | Diane LeBlanc |

Digital – Open - Class B

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 1 st | Nelson Fuel Station | Randy Ellis |
| 2 nd | Painted Ladies | Pat Green |
| 3 rd | Night Watchman | Norm Aubin |
| HM | Tragedy | Dom Tedeschi |

Digital – Nature – Class A

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|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1 st | Nesting Heron | Bill Marchand |
| 2 nd | Lion Fish | Laura Vear |
| 3 rd | You're Snoring | Laura Vear |
| HM | Gray Wolf in Snow | Lori Labrecque |

Digital – Nature – Class B

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| HM | Twisted | Bill Marchand |

Digital – Theme - Lights

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| HM | Sky Light | Dom Tedeschi |

Digital – Theme - Vertigo

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| HM | none | |



May First Place – Nature – Class B
Colors by Dom Tedeschi

OFFICERS FOR 2011/2012 SEASON

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WEB SITE ADDRESSES

Blog: <http://quinebaugvallephoto.com/blog>
 Meetup Site: www.meetup.com/Quinebaug-Valley-Photography/

MEETING LOCATION

Connecticut Audubon Society, 218 Day Road, Pomfret, CT on the 1st or 3rd Thursday of the month.
 Refreshments at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 pm.

2010-2011 Year-End Competition Winners

Digital – Nature – Class A

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|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 st | Bryce (1) | Lori Labrecque |
| 2 nd | Lion Fish | Laura Vear |
| 3 rd | Where the Buffalo Roam | Lori Mackay |
| HM | Seagull in Flight | Christy Atsales |

Digital – Nature – Class B

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 st | Grape Hyacinth | Dom Tedeschi |
| 2 nd | You Look Delicious | Randy Ellis |
| 3 rd | River Melts | Armand Latraverse |
| HM | Capital Reef Scenic | Patricia Green |

Digital – Open – Class A

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1 st | Vintage Jen | Karen Leaf |
| 2 nd | Cavalier | Lori Labrecque |
| 3 rd | Old Farm | William Marchand |
| HM | Crazy Mountains, WY | Suzanne Buell |

Digital – Open – Class B

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|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 st | Tragedy | Dom Tedeschi |
| 2 nd | Blonde Portrait | Armand Latraverse |
| 3 rd | Night Watchman | Norm Aubin |
| HM | Castle Hill | Randy Ellis |

Digital - Creative

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1 st | Butterfly Dream | Laura Vear |
| 2 nd | Amber and Maya | Suzanne Buell |
| 3 rd | Peach Bearded Iris | Lois Latraverse |
| HM | What is This 2 | Jeff Graley |

Digital – Theme

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|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1 st | Icicles in the Sun | Nancy Hoffman |
| 2 nd | Lighting Up | Dom Tedeschi |
| 3 rd | Zip's Diner | Lois Latraverse |
| HM | Ice Formations | Lori Labrecque |

Print – Nature – Class A

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|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 st | Treading Water | Lois Latraverse |
| 2 nd | The Homecoming | Laura Vear |
| 3 rd | Buffalo | Suzanne Buell |
| HM | Aegean Sea Double Rainbow | Christy Atsales |

Print – Nature – Class B

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 st | Heat Thermal Spring Yellowstone | Patricia Green |
| 2 nd | Screech Owl | Armand Latraverse |
| 3 rd | | |
| HM | | |

Print – Open – Class A

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|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 st | Unique & Unrepeatable | Lois Latraverse |
| 2 nd | Parthenon at Night | Christy Atsales |
| 3 rd | | |
| HM | | |

Print – Open – Class B

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|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 1 st | Rainbow Over Boulder | Patricia Green |
| 2 nd | Nubble Light | Randy Ellis |
| 3 rd | Aiming For the Heavens | Jim Cutler |
| HM | | |

Print - Creative

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|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 st | Yellow Iris Delicacy | Lois Latraverse |
| 2 nd | Beauty and the Beast | Laura Vear |
| 3 rd | Ram Island Lighthouse | Lori Labrecque |
| HM | | |

Print – Best in Show

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| Mandrillus | Laura Vear |
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Digital – Best in Show

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| Red Crayons | Lori Labrecque |
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Digital – People's Choice

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| Butterfly Dreams | Laura Vear |
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Print – People's Choice

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| Yellow Iris Delicacy | Lois Latraverse |
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**2010-11 Year-End Competition
First Place – Digital – Open – Class A
Vintage Jen by Karen Leaf**