In Focus

The monthly Newsletter of the Focus Camera Club

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Membership form on the last page. Don't forget!!

Everything is new in 2012

Okay, maybe not everything. New officers, new meeting place, and a new location for the Banquet. (And 366 days this year.)

But everyone can help write a new chapter for Focus this year. Get some new members in. Give a presentation. Teach a Digital Darkroom class. What can **you** do in 2012 to benefit the club?

President's messages

A few words from our outgoing and incoming Presidents. Joe has "served his time" and now Frank is ready to assume his duties.

Be sure to take a minute next time you see these guys to thank Joe for his service and lend your support to Frank.

Read more here...

Boulder Lake Sunrise by Nona Radin

Nona took a photo course on BetterPhoto.com and was chosen by her classmates as the top photographer. She was awarded an online gallery. Please check out her gallery here.

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Focus Camera Club Officers and Committee members

Officers

President: Frank Gibbs
Vice President: Tim Visser
Treasurer: Peggy Dietz
Secretary: Paul DiSalvo

Committees

Executive: Joe Bonita, Russ Burden, Peggy Dietz, Paul DiSalvo, Frank Gibbs, Marv Mickelson, Tim Visser
Competitions: Russ Burden, Marv Mickelson, Joe Bonita, Nancy Myer
Programs: Tim Visser
Membership: Peggy Dietz
Special Projects: Marv Mickelson
Education: (Currently unmanned)

The purpose of the Focus Camera Club is to further its members' enjoyment, knowledge and mastery of photographic skills through cooperative efforts and fellowship.

Focus Camera Club Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held the First Thursday and Third Tuesday of each month. Our **new meeting place** is in The Community Room at the Greenwood Village City Hall, 6060 S. Quebec St. (That's on the east side of Quebec just south of Orchard Rd.) Get a Google Map by clicking here. Meetings start promptly at 7 PM and will end around 9:45 PM so we can be out by 10 PM.

President's Messages

From Joe Bonita and Frank Gibbs

Focus Members,

As I prepare to leave the presidency of our club, I've been looking back to assess the changes that have taken place during the last two years. As I see it, here is what we've accomplished during that time:

We have updated the club's by laws to bring them into line with our actual operations and to eliminate anachronistic provisions.

We've updated the rules for our competitions to make the criteria for promotions more objective. Similarly, in my view, we have made the criteria for promotion from f11 to f16 more reasonable by recognizing that it is a certain level of quality of work that matters rather than the winning of Photographer of the Year award.

We've also tried to place more emphasis on the teaching than before. Examples are the institution of the 5th Tuesday mentoring sessions, the critique sessions in the themed competition meetings, and the transformation of the "Best of the Best" competition into a sharing of techniques and ideas by and between the members. Because it was felt that there was insufficient learning value in it for our members, we withdrew from the Colorado Council of Camera Clubs.

I'm sure I've left out some things but I don't want to leave out this: None of this could have happened without the concerted effort of the members of the Executive and Competition committees and without the thoughtful suggestions from you, our club members.

On a sad note, the business priorities of the animal hospital in which we have met for so long have necessitated our seeking a new meeting venue. My heartfelt thanks, and I'm sure the thanks of all of the club members, goes out to Judy Deist, who graciously made it possible for to use the hospital's facilities for all those years without cost. THANK YOU JUDY!

It's been my great honor and pleasure to serve as your president for the last two years and I wish the incoming president and other officers of the club the good fortune I've had as they carry the club forward into the future!

Joe Bonita

Focus Members,

As we start the New Year, the new executive committee is already working to make Focus a better camera club. We will continue looking for a new home until we find one that we can always count on.

The number of competitive entries seems to be dropping, therefore we will continue to explore new ways to stimulate more entries. The success of our club and the photographic growth of our members is directly related to the desire to compete.

Educational opportunities were greatly increased last year and we expect even more this year.

Our methods of electronic communication will be analyzed for timeliness and quality in hopes of keeping everyone well informed and bringing in new members.

We have many talented members in this club. We will be looking at many of you to present new ideas to help our club improve and grow.

This is what we will be discussing at our next board meeting. Then we will have an open meeting to incorporate more ideas into our plan. So be thinking about that.....

Happy New Year!

Frank Gibbs

Focus website and email addresses

Just a little info for members, new and long standing. The club website is at FocusColorado.com and you can find meeting schedules, competition images, club news, a newsletter archive, and lots more. Make sure you have it bookmarked.

There are also a few email addresses setup for you to use. Instead of having to remember who's who, simply use any of the following addresses and your email gets forwarded to the right person.

membership@focuscolorado.com – Any questions about membership, dues, etc.

president@focuscolorado.com – Need to talk to the "Big Cheese?" Here ya go.

programs@focuscolorado.com – Questions or suggestions for monthly programs.

newsletter@focuscolorado.com – Got some info about member shows and accomplishments, local events or photo trips, or an article submission for the newsletter? Send it all here.

webmaster@focuscolorado.com – Questions or suggestions for the website get directed here.

Program and Competition Schedules

Program Schedule

01/07/12	**Focus Annual Dinner**
02/02/12	**Presentation** - How to put slide shows together by Paul DiSalvo
03/01/12	**Presentation** - HDR by Tim Visser

Competition Schedule

01/17/11	**Subject** – Open
02/21/12	**Subject** – Art in Nature
03/20/12	**Subject** – Open

Focus Annual Banquet

Saturday night is the annual Focus Banquet. You should have sent your $24 fee and reservation to Peggy and Marv by now. (You may not be able to bribe your way in later!)

The banquet is at Romano's restaurant this year. It's at 32 W. Springer Drive in Highlands Ranch, near 470 and Broadway. Click for a Google map.

Make sure you're there for the great food and drink. And the socializing. And the passing of the Presidential gavel (do we have one of those?). And the awards and competition class promotions. I wonder who is "graduating" this year??

This Month's Upcoming Competition is Open

Starting off the new year with an opportunity to show whatever you want. But how do you decide what images to showcase?

Here's an idea. Swap with another member. Get together with someone and each of you create an image in the style of the **other** person. Would you be surprised to see Helen doing car photos and Dan doing photo paintings? Or Nancy submitting sports photos and Cliff doing pastel flowers?

Try something different. Expand your photographic horizons. You may surprise yourself.

If you need the Competition Entry forms or the template for the stick-on labels, you can get both from the Focus website on the Competition Rules page.

** You'll notice there are no competition results from last month since it was a "Best of YOUR Best, Show and Tell" kind of night.

Calls For Entries / Photo Contests

Visions of Light 2012

Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts in Palmer Lake is accepting entries for their Visions of Light exhibition.

Deadline for entries is January 29th. $100 prize in each category and $500 grand prize.

The categories are:

Landscape: Natural and urban world.

Architecture: Things manufactured, constructed, or handmade.

People: Includes portraits as well as people engaged in activities.

Wildlife and Nature: Naturally occurring flora and fauna.

Abstract: Focus on form, line, color, design etc are more important than the nature of the subject.

Visit their website for full details on the VOL show. Be sure to read the submission guidelines and judging criteria.

Lone Tree Photographic Art show

The Lone Tree Arts Commission is announcing the Call For Entry into the Tenth Annual Lone Tree Photographic Art Show and Sale. This juried shown runs from March 3 through April 29, 2012 at the new Lone Tree Arts Center, 10075 Commons Street, Lone Tree.

Artists may submit up to three images on www.callforartists.org (Café) by Friday, January 27, 2012. Entry is open to the general public. Entries cannot have appeared in a previous Lone Tree Photo Show.

Submission Categories: Color, Monochrome, Special Effects Color, Special Effects Monochrome

Prizes: Total cash awards are estimated at $4,000. Best of Show winner will receive 30 days of gallery space for up to 10 images at the Lone Tree Lone Tree Arts Center once the Photo Show concludes.

Please visit www.cityoflonetree.com/photoshow for more details.

Local Photo Opps and Events

Russ Burden Photo Tours

www.russburdenphotography.com 303.791.9997

2012 Photo Tours

February 18 - 24, Birds of Florida

April 14 - 20, Monument Valley and Slot Canyons

May 5 - 11 , Arches and Canyonlands with 5 days of Photoshop instruction

May 26 - June 4, Oregon Coast - 10 day trip

June 16 - 22, Grand Teton / Yellowstone National Parks – Spring

Sept 23 - Oct 2, Tetons and Yellowstone Natl. Parks in Fall - 10 days

Oct. 16 - 21, Hunts Mesa - Aerial perspective of Monument Valley and Capital Reef National Park

Nov. 3 – 9, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks

Dec. 1 - 7, Bosque Del Apache / White Sands Natl. Monument

Frame #37

A collection of extra tidbits I've discovered during the past few weeks.

— CanvasOnDemand.com is offering 25% off thru 1/5/12, so ya gotta hurry. Use the coupon code CONFETTI25 at checkout. Even if you don't take advantage of this offer you should get on their email list. They send coupons all the time for 20-30% off.

Club Dues must be paid by February 21, 2012. Use the form on the following page to make sure your membership does not lapse.

Focus Camera Club 2012 Membership Form

Dues: $30 per individual, or for families living in the same household.

Make your check payable to "Focus Camera Club."

If you have questions about the club and its "workings", please feel free to contact Peggy Dietz via email at membership@focuscolorado.com or at (303) 730-0098.

You can also visit our website at www.FocusColorado.com

Remember...your membership dues must be current (paid by February 21) in order to compete in our monthly photo competitions.

Please print clearly and sign below

Name _____

Address _____

City, ST Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

By providing your email address above you are giving us permission to email you our monthly Newsletter, occasional notices about updates to the Focus Colorado website, and other club news. You may, at any time, request to be removed from all email notifications.

Signature _____

Bring this form to the next Focus Camera Club meeting or mail it, along with your check, to: Focus Membership c/o Peggy Dietz, 7038 S. Louthan Circle, Littleton, CO 80120