

# In Focus

The monthly Newsletter of the Focus Camera Club  
January 2013

Membership form  
for 2013 is on  
the last page.

## A new year, a new Focus

Double meaning? You betcha!

Every year, January 1 brings with it a hope for new and exciting things in the coming year. What are your photography related resolutions goals? Learn Photoshop or Lightroom? Join one of the professional organizations like [NAPP](#) or [PPA](#) or [NANPA](#)?

Maybe you will start a 52 week project. Or commit to competing in each and every monthly Focus competition (that qualifies as a 12 month project!). Or perhaps you want to share your expertise and do a presentation for the club?

Whatever it is, set the goal and go for it.

As to a new Focus, you'll see there are some new names listed for the Officers and Committee members. (A big *Thank You* to those folks stepping up to help run the club!) But there's still 2 positions that need filling. Get in touch with Frank Gibbs if you are willing to give your time and effort for Programs or Education.

## This Month's Featured Article

Is a short and simple post found online. Lots of people talk about resolutions or goals for the new year, but by the third week in January they're all but a memory.

Carry this idea all the way through December, and beyond.

[Read more here...](#)

**Membership Dues for 2013 need to be paid by Feb. 19. Print the form at the end of this newsletter and get it taken care of.**

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## Focus Camera Club Officers and Committee members

### Officers

*President:* Frank Gibbs

*Vice President:* Guy Geoly

*Treasurer:* Todd Lytle

*Secretary:* Diane Katzenberger

### Committees

*Executive:* Frank Gibbs, Guy Geoly, Joe

Bonita, Peggy Dietz, Paul DiSalvo, Marv Mickelson

*Competitions:* Paul DiSalvo, Marv Mickelson,

Joe Bonita, Nancy Myer, Richard Caverly

*Programs:* (Currently unmanned)

*Membership:* Gwen Pina

*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 **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.

## ***Food for thought...***

I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes.

Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing Something.

So that's my wish for you, and all of us, and my wish for myself. Make New Mistakes. Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't perfect, whatever it is: art, or love, or work or family or life.

Whatever it is you're scared of doing, Do it.

Make your mistakes, next year and forever.

– Neil Gaiman, [author](#)

## ***Program and Competition Schedules***

<b>Program Schedule</b>		<b>Competition Schedule</b>	
1/3/13	<b>Presentation</b> – Before and After	1/15/13	<b>Subject</b> – Open
1/12/13	<b><i>Focus club Annual Dinner</i></b>	1/31/13	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Thursday</b> - TBA
2/7/13	<b>Presentation</b> – How Judges judge	2/19/13	<b>Subject</b> – Nature
3/7/13	<b>Presentation</b> - TBA	3/19/13	<b>Subject</b> – Open

### **January 3 Before and After**

This program will be a Member participation event. *Before and After* will have nearly a dozen members showing their original captures and then detailing all the post processing techniques used to achieve their final image.

It should be a very informative and educational meeting, especially for newer members.

### **This Month's Upcoming Competition is Open**

We're starting the year off with an Open competition. No matter what your favorite style of photography, there's a place for it in this competition. Show off your best stuff and kick off the new year with a 10!

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](#).

## A Note about Competitions

The monthly competitions, and their varied subjects, are designed to challenge your creativity and get you to try different photographic techniques. Photographers sometimes get “stuck in a rut” and we’re here to get you out of that rut.

Every member is encouraged to participate in each competition. You’ll get to try new subject matter and end the year a better photographer. And yes, the Open category can be your biggest challenge.

One suggestion: take on the photographic style and technique of another member.

### Digital Submissions – Big Changes

Starting with the January competition, Digital Images are now bumped to 1400 x 1050 pixels! We’re using the new digital projector in 2013 and it’s higher resolution than the old one.

File sizes are still limited to 1 Meg JPG files in sRGB color space. If you have any automated processes or Presets in place, update them to the new settings. You don’t want to be the lone 1024 image in the middle of all the gloriously large 1400 pixel pics.

Digital files are still submitted via the website at <http://focuscolorado.com/digital-submissions/>

## Focus Annual Banquet

Saturday the 12th is the annual Focus Banquet at the Palace Chinese restaurant. **Reservations and \$\$ need to be to Marv by January 5<sup>th</sup>, so don’t delay!**

As is tradition, awards will be presented, competition level “graduations” will be announced, and new board members will be introduced to the club. We’d love to see every club member attend. And you are encouraged to bring your spouse, soon to be spouse, or BFF. The more the merrier.

More info and a map to the restaurant is on [our Event Calendar on the website](#).

## *Calls For Entries & Photo Contests*

### C4FAP - Stories, Memories and Histories

**Entries due:** January 23, 2013

Explore stories, memories and histories through personal, familial, cultural and/or universal imagery.

Visit the [C4FAP website](#) for complete info.

### Belmar Library

The Belmar Library (Jefferson county) is seeking artists to show their work in the library’s display space. Each show features the work of a single artist, runs for one month and typically consists of 12-15 pieces. Medium is open, but all works should be framed and wall-mountable. Selected artists are chosen by a committee comprised of Belmar library staff members.

There is no entry fee. Interested artists should submit up to 3 samples of their work via email, in jpeg or gif format, with the subject line ART SUBMISSION to [chris.pusateri@jeffcolibrary.org](mailto:chris.pusateri@jeffcolibrary.org) by 5pm on Tuesday, January 15, 2013. Please include a brief cover letter outlining your past accomplishments and include complete contact information (phone number, email, postal address). If you have questions, please send them to the email address above. More information about the Jefferson County Public Library is available at <http://www.jeffcolibrary.org>

## ***Local Photo Opps and Events***

### **Russ Burden Photo Tours**

[www.russburdenphotography.com](http://www.russburdenphotography.com)

303.791.9997

#### **2013 Photo Trips**

Feb 23 - Mar 1, Florida Birds: Everglades / Fort Myers / West Palm

Apr 13 - 19, Monument Valley / Slot Canyons

May 4 - 10, Arches & Canyonlands Nat. Parks - includes 5 days of Photoshop instruction

May 25 - Jun 3, Oregon Coast

Jun 15 - 21, Tetons and Yellowstone Natl. Parks in Spring

Jul 13 - 19, Colorado Wildflowers & Alpine Scenery

#### **2013 Photo Trips (con't)**

Jul 27 - Aug 2, Glacier National Park

Aug 24 - 30, Goats and Gods: Mt Evans and Garden of the Gods

Sep 24 - Oct 3, Tetons and Yellowstone Natl. Parks in Fall

Oct 15 - 20, Hunts Mesa - Aerial perspective of Monument Valley and Capital Reef National Park

Nov 2 - 8, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks

Dec 7 - 13, Bosque Del Apache / White Sands Natl. Mon.

### **Photo Night at Denver Post**

The photography department at The Denver Post is starting a series of free presentations, open to the public. Our first one is January 15, 2013. It will feature images from 2012 and the two Pulitzer prize winning projects. Visit <http://denverpostphotonight.eventbrite.com> for more info and tickets.

### **Winter Train Trip specials**

For the professional photographer or the casual shutterbug, get fantastic shots of vintage rail equipment and photo stops in winter and spring. A great chance to get some special photos.

When: January 26, February 9 and March 9, 2013

Where: Alamosa, Depart 10:00 am – Return 6:00 pm

Visit the [ColoradoTrain website](http://ColoradoTrain website) for complete info.

### **Denver Zoo free Admission**

Friday and Saturday, January 11 & 12 and also Wednesday, January 23

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## ***Focus website and email addresses***

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Just a little info for members, new and long standing. The club website is at [FocusColorado.com](http://FocusColorado.com) and you can find meeting schedules, competition info and images, club news, a newsletter archive, competitions digital image submission, 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](mailto:membership@focuscolorado.com) – Any questions about membership, dues, etc.

[president@focuscolorado.com](mailto:president@focuscolorado.com) – Need to talk to the “Big Cheese?” Here ya go.

[programs@focuscolorado.com](mailto:programs@focuscolorado.com) – Questions or suggestions for monthly programs.

[newsletter@focuscolorado.com](mailto: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](mailto:webmaster@focuscolorado.com) – Questions or suggestions for the website get directed here.

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## ***Frame #37***

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

– Micro 4/3 cameras are getting better and better. [Here's a noise comparison](#) between the new Lumix GH3 and a Canon 5d Mk2 over at DiscoverMirrorless.

– Have a look at [Psychology for Photographers](#) website for great information on running your photography business, dealing with clients, and basically staying sane through the entire ordeal.

– Expose yourself to art (for free). Denver Art Museum: On the first Saturday of every month, you can enjoy our art collections and non-ticketed exhibitions without spending a dime! Free general admission tickets are available on-site starting at 10 am.

“ The quickest way to make money at photography is to sell your camera. ”

- *Anonymous*

# Focus Camera Club 2013 Membership Form

**Dues:** \$30 per individual (after July \$20), or for families living in the same household.

Make your check payable to "Focus Camera Club."

Our club has multiple levels of competition: f5.6, f8, f11 and f16. All new members wishing to enter our competitions are required to submit samples of their work. A portfolio review will establish the appropriate level for you to compete in.

In order to ascertain what competition group you will join, we ask that you submit a CD of 5-10 of your recent images to Paul DiSalvo, our competition chair. (Images should be 600 pixels on the long side.) Do a cross section of your work. The point is to place you in a comfortable spot where your photographic skills can grow.

Paul can be reached via email at [paul.disalvo@comcast.net](mailto:paul.disalvo@comcast.net) If you have any questions, please contact him directly.

If you have questions about the club and its "workings", please feel free to contact Gwen Pina via email at [membership@focuscolorado.com](mailto:membership@focuscolorado.com).

You can also visit our website at [FocusColorado.com](http://FocusColorado.com)

Remember...your membership dues must be current (paid by February 19) in order to compete in our monthly photo competitions.

## **Please print clearly and sign below**

Name

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Address

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City, ST Zip

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Home Phone

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Work Phone

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Email Address

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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

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Bring this form to the next Focus Camera Club meeting or mail it, along with your check, to:  
Focus Membership c/o Gwen Pina, 7623 S. Gray Street, Littleton CO 80128