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Monthly Newsletter of the Virginia Beach Photography Club

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~The President's Corner~

So what did you do with your summer? I spent mine going back to school at the Visual Art Center in Portsmouth, Virginia. What was I studying? Photography! What a better way to learn and have fun doing it, and get credit for it too. Digital photography, and did I learn a few things! Our instructor Stephanie Frantz had us all shooting hundreds of photos each weekend and learning to really use our cameras, and think of ways to be creative, I started looking at light and shots in a different way. It never too late to learn something new or different. So what did you learn this summer?

~Nick



*Picture of me,
taken by classmate Julie*



*The Virginia Beach Photography Club
is a member club of the
Photographic Society of America*

~Competitions~



Competition Winners July 2006

Black & White Prints

- 1st "In Honor Of" by Adrian Felton
2nd "Charlottes Web" by Pam Jenkins
3rd "Old Window & Curtain" by Jerry Wymore
HM "Sunflower" by Flo Womacks

Alternative/Digitally Altered

- 1st "Sunset on the Chesapeake" by Adrian Felton
2nd "Lulu's Snapshot" by Linda Duchene
3rd "Broken Fantasy" by Susan Fleckenstein
HM "Crocus" by Jerry Wymore

Color Prints

- 1st "Seahawk of Chincotraque" by Adrian Felton
2nd "Golden Pheasant" by Rich Barber
3rd "I'm Watching You" by Pam Jenkins
HM "Shore Drive #2" by Jim Writsel

Slides

- 1st "Of Light and Time" by Michael Geller
2nd "Evening Broadside" by Tom Jenson
3rd "Old West" by Pam Jenkins

2006 Competition Subjects

- January Open
- February Cold
- March Open
- April What is It?
- May Open
- June Patterns in Nature
- July Open
- August Up in the Sky
- September Open
- October Three
- November Open
- December Abstract

Please feel free to download the 2006 Subject list with definitions

Competition Categories for 2007

Members are asked to submit photo theme's for next year. Photo themes used this year will not be considered for the new year. All members are encouraged to submit entries for possible categories. Suggestions are to be submitted to Nick Knight at ncknight1@cox.net or Pam Jenkins at smurfily@msn.com. Please include a short explanation of the category you submit. The list will be narrowed to 18 from which members will choose six for the assigned categories. Submissions are due no later than the September meeting.

ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!



~Special Events~

*Mark Your
Calendar!*

August 2006

Tuesday, August 1st Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm

Guest Speaker, Greg Avant will be discussing Macro Photography.

Tuesday, August 15th PSA Video

A PSA Video on Macro Photography is scheduled as part of the ongoing training programs being offered to club members.

Saturday, August 19th Photo Trip

Photograph skateboarders at Mt. Trashmore, as an individual or in small groups.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Membership Meeting</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <i>PSA Video</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>Skateboarders at Mt. Trashmore</i>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Upcoming Club Activities (Tentative) for 2006

Interested members should sign up at the next meeting or contact Joan Grippo at joan1148@hotmail.com

- **Saturday, Sept. 16th** **10:00 am** Club member Rob Twine of the Sunny Day Guide (local area tourist guide) has offered us his studio (800 Seahawk Circle, suite 106, Va Bch, www.sunnydayguide.com for directions) for a lighting workshop. He will show us how to work the lights and allow us to photo small objects (you may bring small objects to photograph if you like).
- **Saturday, Sept. 23rd** **9:00 am** Mackay Island, NC photo trip (www.mackayisland.fws.gov): Meet at visitor center at 9:00 am or earlier.
- **Saturday, Oct. 21st** **10:00 am** Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond photo trip (www.hollywoodcemetery.org for directions): Meet at the entrance. Tours and boxes lunch are available as well.
- **Saturday, Nov. 18th** **9:00 am** First Landing State Park/Fort Story: Depends on weather
- **Saturday, Dec. 9th** **6:00 pm** Christmas Lights: Norfolk/Portsmouth

PROPOSED CHANGES FOR THE CLUB

Proposed Competition Judging Changes

It was proposed in the June meeting that changes be made in the way the monthly competition is judged. Three proposals have been introduced:

- 1) *Leave judging as it is now with the members voting for winning photos.*
- 2) *Create a panel of judges consisting of 2 experienced judges within the club and 1 member. These judges would judge photos based upon set guidelines such as technical, composition, artistry (guidelines to be determined)*
- 3) *Create a highbred of the two above with a percentage of the score from the members voting and a percentage from the judges. Weighting for each to be determined.*

Further discussion is encouraged. Please e-mail suggestions and comments to Nick Knight. Also a topic has been introduced on the VBPC web forum to continue this discussion. Please join in that discussion and make your voice heard. To help members in

judging photos, in the July meeting, a list of criteria to aid in judging will be provided to each member. Please use that and provide us with feedback. The vote for how our contest will be judged will take place at the time of our Annual Elections in the fall.

Executive Board By-laws

It was proposed in the July meeting to change the by-laws on term limits from one year to two (2) years for the Executive Board that will take effect January 1, 2007 with the election of the new Executive Board.

It was also proposed at the July meeting that a Nomination Committee is formed to begin the process of seeking interested members for positions on the Executive Board for the coming year.

The current, new and any amended by-laws of the VBPC are reviewed and voted upon in November for implementation in calendar year 2007.



Term of the Month

Noise

Image artifacts found in a digital image that can cause a “grainy” look.

This term and many others can be found at www.photographytips.com

~Photo Opportunities~

by James Stick

Virginia's Railway Museums

www.railmuseums.com

Within a day's drive of the Hampton Roads community there are seven rail museums that can provide many photo opportunities and background materials on historic electric, diesel or steam locomotives, cabooses, rolling stock, Passenger Stations, and other railway artifacts.

- Virginia Museum of Transportation, *Roanoke, Virginia*
- C&O Historical Society, *Clifton Forge, Virginia*
- Crewe Railroad Museum, *Crewe, Virginia*
- Eastern Shore Railway Museum, *Parksley, Virginia*
- Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, *Fairfax Station, Virginia*
- O. Winston Link Museum, *Roanoke, Virginia*
- Old Dominion Railway Museum, *Richmond, Virginia*

If your looking to photograph just steam locomotives, review the listing of working and display locomotives at www.steamlocomotive.com.

To give you some points and tips on photographing trains, camera equipment, lenses, films best times to photography information provided at www.travelphotographers.net.

Club Budget

Virginia Beach Photography Club Budget - April 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006

		23-Mar-06 Balance	\$1,406.48
Income		Expenses	
<i>Dues</i>		<i>Church Gift</i>	
<i>50/50</i>		<i>Janitor Gift</i>	
<i>Lane Workshop</i>		<i>Survey Prize</i>	
		<i>Lane Workshop</i>	
		<i>Room Rental Sea Shore Park</i>	
Total Income	\$1,046.67	Total Expenses	\$781.09
		30-Jun-06 Balance	\$1,672.06

25-Jul-06 *Ken Ridel, Treasurer*
Nick Knight, President

PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE YEAR 2006

Eligible Photographs

All first place photographs in each category from January 2006 to December 2006 are eligible for the Photograph of the Year competition. All eligible photographs are to be turned in at the December meeting. The winning photographer will be honored at the Annual Banquet in January. If you are interesting in helping organize the Annual Banquet, please contact Flo Womacks.

	Alternative Prints	Black & White Prints	Color Prints	Slides
January 2006	<i>"Japanese Rice Bowls"</i> Rodney Johnson	<i>"Sands of Time"</i> Pam Jenkins	<i>"No. 26"</i> Adrian Felton	<i>"Mums The Word"</i> Greg Avant
February 2006	<i>"Back in the Days of Outhouses"</i> Flo Womacks	<i>"Gloveless"</i> Joan Grippo	<i>"Winter on Lake"</i> Adrian Felton	<i>"Cold and Lonely"</i> Judy Wymore
March 2006	<i>"Reptium Moonshine"</i> Rob Twine	<i>"S-Trails"</i> Adrian Felton	<i>"Aquatic Repose"</i> Pam Jenkins	<i>"Virginia Sunrise"</i> Pam Jenkins
April 2006	<i>"Fire and Brimstone"</i> Judy Wymore	<i>"What"</i> Jerry Wymore	<i>"Layers"</i> Joan Grippo	<i>"Hibiscus"</i> Calvin Taylor
May 2006	<i>"Evening Moon"</i> Adrian Felton	<i>"Buckskin Gulch"</i> Allen Rabe	<i>"Humming Bird"</i> Adrian Felton	<i>"Pittsburgh"</i> Calvin Taylor
June 2006	<i>"Monkey Business"</i> Pam Jenkins	<i>"Frozen Lines"</i> Ernie Yang	<i>"Vortex"</i> Michael Geller	<i>"Re-generation"</i> Michael Geller
July 2006	<i>"Sunset on the Chesapeake"</i> Adrian Felton	<i>"In Honor Of"</i> Adrian Felton	<i>"Seahawk of Chincotraqe"</i> Adrian Felton	<i>"Of Light and Time"</i> Michael Geller
August 2006				
September 2006				
October 2006				
November 2006				
December 2006				

~Announcements~

IMPORTANT:

Please remember to update any changes to your e-mail address to Michael Geller or James Stick so you do not miss out on any important club announcements that are sent via e-mail!

~ Members whose anniversary date falls in the month of August, are asked to submit their membership dues to Ken Riedel.

~ We are looking for fundraising ideas to assist with the costs for the Annual Award Banquet to be held in January. Please submit concepts to Flo Womacks at flotography1@yahoo.com.

~ Show off your photographs by submitting them for publication in the next VBPC newsletter. See below for specifications.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO SUBMIT ARTICLES OR
PHOTOGRAPHS
FOR THE NEWSLETTERS!

Please send your submissions via e-mail to artistjen@cox.net or submit at a club meeting. Electronic submissions should be in plain text format, Word document or in the body of the e-mail. Photographs can be sent as jpeg at 72 dpi. Please include the title of the photograph as well.

Please submit all items by the 15th of each month.

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~Classifieds~

Mamiya RB67 PRO-S Camera and Accessories \$800

127mm F3.8 Mamiya Lens
PRO-S 120 Roll Film Holder
PD Magnifying Hood
PD Prism Finder
Kenko 2X Teleplus Adapter
Mamiya #2 Auto Extension Tube

Bogen 3036 Professional Tripod and Accessories \$300

Studioball Ball Head
Bogen 3127 Caster Set

Studio Lighting Items \$400

Novatron 600 Studio Light Kit in Travel Case
Extra Novatron 300 Power Pack
Britek Pro-750 Studio Light

All items are in very good condition. Will sell everything together for \$1000.

Contact Don Maccubbin at (757)499-0103

Canon PowerShot G6 Digital Camera , 7.1 megapixel for Sale - mint condition

Canon PowerShot Deluxe Soft Camera Case
Canon Teleconverter TC-DC58 N 1.75x
Canon Conversion Lens Adaptor LA-DC58
Canon TC-DC58N Teleconverter F/G3/G5
Canon WC-DC58N Wide Converter F/G3/G5
Canon LH-DC30 Lens Hood
Canon PowerShot G6 Digital Camera User's Guide
2 - 256 megabyte Memory card
1 - 512 megabyte Memory card
Canon 58mm close-up lens 250D
2 - 58mm Cannon UV haze filters
USB Reader/Writer
2 - Cannon WLDC100 wireless controllers
Tabletop Tripod/Unipod
Canon video adaptor with S-cable and mic capabilities
Camera to video cable
Canon CG80 battery charger
Durable shell gadget bag with adjustable dividers, front & side pockets, tripod straps, etc. 11" wide x 8.7" high x 7.9" deep.

Contact Pat Patrick at 588-1980

For Sale: Lens Hood & Filters

1 Sigma silver lens hood 72mm: \$6.00
1 Vivitar Red filter 52 mm: \$25.00
1 Hoya 85B filter 72 mm: \$40.00
1 Quantaray UV filter 72 mm: \$40.00
1 Hoya circular polarizer filter 72 mm: \$60.00

Contact Joan Grippo at (757) 721-6132

For more ads visit the classified section at:
<http://www.vbpc.org/invisionboard>

Virginia Beach Photography Club *Mission Statement*

The Virginia Beach Photography Club explores the connection between the eye, the camera and the spirit by fostering and encouraging growth of artistic vision and technical knowledge.

The Club provides an informal, friendly and supportive environment for photographers at all levels and with interest in all types of photographic imagery.

The Club offers a means for members to share ideas and knowledge with each other and promotes photography through its meetings, educational activities, exhibitions and public events.

The club activities offer a means to share ideas and knowledge through monthly meetings, guest speakers, member participation, monthly competition, critiquing of work and technique, field trips, and public photographic activities and projects that kindle growth and friendships through artistic vision of photographic imagery.

Visit our website at <http://www.vbpc.org>



www.vbpc.org

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, August 1st, 7:30 pm

Competition begins at 7:15 pm

at

Community United Methodist Church

1072 Old Kempsville Rd.

Virginia Beach, VA 23464