



# THE CABLE RELEASE

December 2006 ~ Volume 3, Issue 12

*Monthly Newsletter of the Virginia Beach Photography Club*

## 2006 Club Officers

### *President*

Tom McElvy (757) 498-9882

### *Secretary*

James Stick (757) 427-5932

### *Treasurer*

Ken Riedel (757) 499-3379

## Committee Chairpersons

### *Competition Chairperson*

Pam Jenkins (757) 583-4113

### *Membership*

Michael Geller (757) 499-6996

### *Newsletter*

Jennifer Wheeler (757) 962-7647

### *Special Events Coordinator*

Joan Grippo (757) 721-6132

### *Webmaster*

Michael Epting (757) 337-0504

## *Happy Holidays To Everyone!*

Well, my friends, a new day has dawned for the Club. And I am looking forward to this. The Club has gone through transitions over the years, and this year will be no exception.

First of all, thank you to everyone who entrusted the Club to my care. As President, I am available to any of you for your concerns, comments criticisms, and, most importantly, your suggestions. I can be a force for change within the Club, however, I will need your input to make it work. Please, don't hesitate to call me, drop me an e-mail, or even send a letter with your ideas. I have already gotten several, and I hope to see more soon. Your Vice-President, Linda Duchaine, is also open to communications.

We do have one position that needs to be filled – Secretary. If you would like to help your Club out, please, step up to the plate and give a hand...we always welcome the help.

Over the next few weeks, we will be implementing some changes, and you will get that information by e-mail. Please make sure that we have a valid e-mail address for you, so you will know about changes, meeting agendas, special events, and more!

Again thank you for your support, and now, I believe it is time to grab a camera and make some pictures!

Happy Holidays!  
Tom McElvy  
757-498-9882 (home)  
757-286-6859 (cell)  
tom@imagesbytom.com



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

# ~COMPETITIONS~



## Competition Winners November 2006

### Color Prints

- 1<sup>st</sup> "The View at Dusk" by Adrian Felton  
2<sup>nd</sup> "Ahhh Break Time" by Jerry Wymore  
3<sup>rd</sup> "Trying to Escape" by Flo Womacks  
HM "Chimney Rock" by Herman Ratcliffe

### Black & White Prints

- 1<sup>st</sup> "Rome Pantheon" by Flo Womacks  
2<sup>nd</sup> "Going Around the Bend" by  
Judy Wymore  
3<sup>rd</sup> "Wood Work" by Joan Grippo

### Alternative/Digitally Altered

- 1<sup>st</sup> "Take Me to Your Leader" by  
Flo Womacks  
2<sup>nd</sup> "Double Bubble" by Judy Wymore

### Slides

- 1<sup>st</sup> "Only One in the Bunch" by Flo Womacks  
2<sup>nd</sup> "Norfolk Skyline" by Pam Jenkins  
3<sup>rd</sup> "Color Coordinates" by Calvin Taylor

## Competition Categories for 2007

The Monthly Photo Competition Themes for calendar year 2007 were voted on last month. The six chosen categories are:

*Night Photography (February)*

*From a Different Point of View (April)*

*Motion (June)*

*Neon Signs (August)*

*Abandoned (October)*

*Autumn Glory (December)*

## 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*

## *Attention All First Place Winners*

*of the monthly photography competitions throughout 2006*

**Please submit your personal work at the December meeting on December 5th.  
The judging will take place on December 17th!**

*(See page 6 of this newsletter to see if you qualify.)*

# ~SPECIAL EVENTS~

December 2006

*Mark Your Calendar!*

**Tuesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>  
Membership Meeting,  
7:30 pm**

**Thursday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>  
Night Photography, 7:00 pm**

Tom Jenson and Calvin Taylor will conduct a night photography walking tour starting from the top of the Holiday Inn Hotel parking garage (located across the river in Portsmouth). Recommended equipment for the event is a cable release and tripod.

**Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Mackay Island, 9:00 am**

Mackay Island area will be open for vehicle traffic to tour the island. Members are to meet at the entrance to the island. Do not enter by the Visitor Center entry point.

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

## ANNUAL AWARD DINNER

will be held at the Bayside Recreational Center on **January 12, 2007** from 6:30 until 8:30 pm.

Each member and one guest will be admitted without cost for dinner and refreshments. Any additional guests will be charged a fee of \$8.00 dollars for food. An e-mail notice will be sent to all members announcing the event and requesting the number of people attending. Tickets will be distributed prior to the event. Door prizes will be drawn from the ticket stubs on the night of the event.

## GLOUCESTER DAFFODIL FESTIVAL ART SHOW

will be on April 7, 2007. Booths (10 x 10) cost \$80 and the club can have the work of several photographers. Interested photographers **MUST** be present on the day of the event and are required to submit a sample of their works by the December 5th meeting. If interested, contact Joan Grippo at [joan1148@hotmail.com](mailto:joan1148@hotmail.com).

## Election Results

Thirty-five ballots including one absentee ballot were collected during the November meeting by the Recording Secretary with the following results:

Office of President	<b>Tom McElvy</b>	(Votes: yes-34, abstain-1)
Office of Vice-President	<b>Linda Duchaine</b>	(Votes: yes-34, abstain-1)
Treasurer	<b>Pam Jenkins</b>	(Votes: yes-34, abstain-1)
Recording Secretary	Joan Grippo	(Write-In Candidate-1)
	Flo Womacks	(Write-In Candidate-1)

*In the event either Write-In Candidate does not accept the duties and responsibilities, Article V, Section 2 of the Virginia Beach Photography Club Bylaws can be implemented allowing the President to fill the vacancy by appointment for the balance of the term.*

## Referendum Passed

Referendum to change membership dues collection to January of each year and prorate dues for new members joining the Virginia Beach Photography Club after that month was passed with a majority of "yes" votes.

(Votes: yes-29, no-4, abstain-2)

## POSTING PHOTOS ONLINE

Many people (myself included) have a lot of trepidation about placing their images on the web, no matter where – Flickr, pBase, etc. Please let me make a couple of suggestions.

1. After you are satisfied with your image, save it. In fact, save it in several places. Hard drive space is cheap now, \$130 will get you a 320GB drive by Lacie from Office Depot online. DO IT!
2. Using a copy, reduce the size to 640x480 (or 480x640) and change the resolution to 72dpi. This will make it nearly impossible to make a usable print from your image if stolen.
3. Now, add a C symbol to the image. There are several ways to do this, and an excellent dissertation can be found at <http://www.pophoto.com/howto/2488/cheat-sheet-copyright-ready.html>. This covers PhotoShop CS2, CS & Elements 4.

Hope that helps some of you out!!

~Tom

### Club Budget

April 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006

<b>23-Mar-06 Balance</b>	<b>\$1,406.48</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$1,046.67</b>
<i>(Dues, 50/50, Lane workshop)</i>	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$781.09</b>
<i>(Church gift, janitor gift, survey prize, Lane workshop, room rental Sea Shore Park)</i>	
<b>30-Jun-06 Balance</b>	<b>\$1,672.06</b>

25-Jul-06 Ken Riedel, Treasurer  
Nick Knight, President

## Virginia Beach Photography Club Announces COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The VBPC is proud to provide club members with an opportunity to use their special talents to benefit **The Chesapeake Bay Academy**. Members are invited to schedule visits to the school to photograph students participating in a wide range of activities.

Club members can plan their shoots individually or in groups between December 11 and January 10. Digital files or slides will be donated to the school for use on its web site, in print publications and in a fund raising and student recruiting video.

The school will also host a show of photographs with a portion of the proceeds from sale of photographs benefiting the school. More details on the show

coming soon! Individual members and the VBPC will receive credit for their photographs.

Located at 821 Baker Road bordering Norfolk and Virginia Beach, Chesapeake Bay Academy ([www.cba-va.org](http://www.cba-va.org)) educates and empowers bright students with learning differences, including attention disorders (ADHD), dyslexia, and dysgraphia, to reach their full potential.

CBA is the only K-12 school in Southeastern Virginia licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia and accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools to serve students with Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) and Other Health Impairment (OHI). CBA is a K-12 school specializing in education for students with learning differences.

This is an excellent opportunity for our club to participate in a very worthwhile community service project. The club and individual members participating in the photo shoots will get some good publicity through press releases and articles in The Pilot & Port Folio magazine. The video is being produced by Earworks; a Virginia Beach based full service video and audio production company. For more information contact Joe Lowrey at 490-9322 or via [jplnow@verizon.net](mailto:jplnow@verizon.net).



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Shirley Camenzind**

*Virginia Beach*

**Michael Harrison**

*Virginia Beach*

**Betrice Hovey**

*Virginia Beach*

**David Grochmal**

*Virginia Beach*

**Loretta Lovitt**

*Virginia Beach*

**Kevin McGloine**

*Virginia Beach*

**Emmanuelle Pouliquen**

*Chesapeake*

**Robin Stamper**

*Virginia Beach*

**Robert (Bob) Struckmeyer**

*Virginia Beach*



© Flo Womacks

*“Only one in the bunch”*

# 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.

	<b>Alternative Prints</b>	<b>Black &amp; White Prints</b>	<b>Color Prints</b>	<b>Slides</b>
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	<i>"Pennies from Heaven"</i> Flo Womacks	<i>"By Day, By Night"</i> Adrian Felton	<i>"The View Up"</i> Adrian Felton	<i>"Star Burst"</i> Gregory Avant
September 2006	<i>"Dockside"</i> Linda Duchaine	<i>"Bandit in the Bushes"</i> Adrian Felton	<i>"Blossom and Pods"</i> Tom Jenson	<i>"Great Blue Heron"</i> Tom Jenson
October 2006	<i>"The Bottomless Glass"</i> Flo Womacks	<i>"3 Rings, 3 Hands, 3 Generations"</i> Flo Womacks	<i>"Reflections Three"</i> Adrian Felton	<i>"Sunset over Craney Island"</i> Calvin Taylor
November 2006	<i>"Take Me to Your Leader"</i> Flo Womacks	<i>"Rome Pantheon"</i> Flo Womacks	<i>"The View at Dusk"</i> Adrian Felton	<i>"Only One in the Bunch"</i> Flo Womacks
December 2006				

## PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS

- ◆ "Fine Art Photography" by Hampton Roads Digital Shutterbug Club  
Heritage Center, Virginia Beach  
*Continues through December 1st*
- ◆ "An Exploration of Light" by Tom McElvy  
Virginia Beach Central Library Gallery  
*Continues through December 30th*
- ◆ "Instant Nostalgia" by Danny Holcomb  
Bay Cottage, Norfolk  
*Continues through December 30th*
- ◆ "Photographs by Ron Maratea"  
Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts  
*Continues through December 31st*
- ◆ "A Century of Great Photography from The Virginian-Pilot"  
Chrysler Museum of Art  
*Continues through January 7th*
- ◆ "Jane Calvin: Spaces of Desire"  
Contemporary Art Center of Virginia  
*Continues through January 7th*

*Important*

Please remember to update  
your e-mail address to  
Tom McElvy at [tom@imagesbytom.com](mailto:tom@imagesbytom.com),  
so you do not miss out on any  
important club announcements  
that are sent via e-mail!

## ~CLASSIFIEDS~

### 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  
Contact Joan Grippo at (757) 721-6132

### For Sale: Fuji S2

Excellent condition. It comes with all of the cables and software for \$1000.00. If interested contact Melissa at (757) 572-2122 or e-mail [retouchpro@casmaran.com](mailto:retouchpro@casmaran.com)

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



Please send your submissions via e-mail to [artistjen@cox.net](mailto: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 jpg at 150 dpi or less. Please include the title of the photograph as well. Please submit all items by the 20th of each month.

*The Cable Release is published monthly by the Virginia Beach Photography Club (VBPC). All text and images are the copyright of the VBPC and its contributors, all rights reserved. For usage rights of articles and photographs, please contact [info@vbpc.org](mailto:info@vbpc.org) or the author to obtain written permission.*

## 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 [www.vbpc.org](http://www.vbpc.org)

### NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm**

Competition begins at 7:15 pm  
at the

**Community United  
Methodist Church**

*1072 Old Kempsville Rd.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23464*



Virginia Beach Photography Club  
PO Box 68894  
Virginia Beach VA 23471-8894