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~The President's Corner~

I would like to take this time to Thank Jennifer and Tom for their time and effort that was put into the Brochure, and to the club photographers for photos you sent in for the Brochure. I would like to Thank everyone who was contacted for the article in the Beacon and to the writer Sandra Pennecke for a great review. As a result of this article I have several e-mails to answer regarding the Club, and many possible new members. With the Brochure and this article this club should grow even more over the next few months, let us all keep up the growing of this club and it's functions. We will be electing new board members in November, get out there and run for a job in this great club, (there is no time requirement for how long you must be in the club to be elected)!

*Thank you,
Nick*



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



Welcome New Member!
Pete Johnson

~Competitions~



Competition Winners September 2006

Color Prints

- 1st "Blossom and Pods" by Tom Jenson
2nd "Bryce Canyon" by Herman Radcliffe
3rd "Cascading Flow" by Pam Jenkins
HM "The Sanctuary" by Tom McElvy

Black & White Prints

- 1st "Bandit in the Bushes" by Adrian Felton
2nd "Whip" by Michael Geller
3rd "Step Back in Time" by Flo Womacks

Alternative/Digitally Altered

- 1st "Dockside" by Linda Duchaine
2nd "Visitor Center" by Herman Radcliffe
3rd "Ruby Red Throat" by Tom Jenson

Slides

- 1st "Great Blue Heron" by Calvin Taylor
2nd "Maymont Autumn" by Pam Jenkins
3rd "Lotus Flower" by Judy Wymore

2006

COMPETITION SUBJECTS

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|------------------|--------------------|
| • 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*

Thank you to everyone who contributed photos for the brochure! We had numerous entries and tried to fit as many as we could. We look forward to seeing the final, printed version soon.

Competition Categories for 2007

The list has been narrowed down to the following. Be thinking about these, as we the members will be voting on them soon!

Abandoned
Autumn Glory
Blue Jeans
Environmental Portraits
Food
Geometric Shapes

Glass
Humorous
Love and Romance
Motion
Musical Instruments
Neon Signs

Night Photography
Panoramic
Rust
From a Different Point of View
Stormy Weather
Waterfalls

~Special Events~

October 2006

*Mark Your
Calendar!*

Tuesday, Oct. 5th

Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm

Awards will be presented for the last photo hunt.

Saturday, Oct. 14th

Mackay Island, NC, 9:00 am

Photo trip: Meet at visitor center at 9:00 am or earlier.

www.mackayisland.fws.gov

Tuesday, Oct. 17th

Kate Johnson, 7:30 pm

Kate Johnson will be discussing wedding photos.

Saturday, Oct. 21st

Hollywood Cemetery, 10:00 am

Richmond photo trip: Meet at the entrance. Tours and boxes lunch are available as well.

www.hollywoodcemetery.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 <i>Membership Meeting</i>	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Mackay Island</i>
15	16	17 <i>Kate Johnson</i>	18	19 <i>Board Meeting</i>	20	21 <i>Hollywood Cemetery</i>
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, Nov. 18th 9:00 am First Landing State Park/Fort Story: Depends on weather
- Saturday, Dec. 9th 6:00 pm Christmas Lights: Norfolk/Portsmouth

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS

PORTLOCK GALLERIES AT SONO – *Exhibits through Oct. 22nd*

- ❶ Dogtown Photographs by Jo Ann Walters
- ❷ The Pursuit of Happiness: Portraits 2002-2006 by Jason Hanasik

CHRYSLER MUSEUM – *Exhibits through Oct. 29th*

- ❶ Civil War Photography from the David L. Hack Collection
- ❷ Civil War Redux: Pinhole Photographs by Willie Anne Wright

Pilsner Urquell International Photography Competition

by Rodney Johnson

Hi Friends,

James Whitlow Delano, world famous photographer, happens to be my photographic guru, mentor, personal cheerleader and friend. James, in a never-ending battle, encourages me to show more of my work. I'm typically quiet and shy by nature, thus I am always apprehensive to do this.

First, James suggested I find a local photography club and participate in it. The "participate in it" clause was essential, as he knew my instinct would be to go to the club, sit in the back corner, and try to achieve transparency so I would not be seen hahaha. So, in January 2005 I joined the Virginia Beach Photography Club (VBPC) to open myself to others, as well as get feedback on my photographic "work." I still find it uncomfortable to say I have "work" as I feel I am not yet good enough to call my photographs a body of "work." The term just gives me an uneasy feeling of having some responsibility or expectation I must now live up to. But, as I plan to pursue my photography full time, exploring Asian cultures and capturing what I call "slices of life," I decided to follow his advice even further: I gathered my courage and entered an international photo competition. *shudders*

This past July, I entered the Pilsner Urquell International Photography Competition – e.g., "The Lucie Awards" competition, which is considered one of the most (if not the most) prestigious photography competitions in the world. More

than 11,000 professional and non-professional photographers entered this year's competition. I decided to enter my photos as "series" entries instead of individual entries, into six categories. A series entry is a group of two to five photographs, which will be judged as a whole.

First, second and third place winners would receive tickets to this year's Lucie Awards in New York, have their work featured in this year's coffee table book and have their work displayed in nine international galleries. So very cool! I did not expect to win.

The competition results were posted September 6th. None of my entries placed first, second or third place, but I did receive **FIVE Honorable Mentions!** The five categories I received honorable mention in were: Children, Lifestyle, Personality, Feature story and Trees.

What REALLY surprised me was today (September 7) I received a call from one of the judges. The person (perhaps I should not state his/her name, so I'll call the person "TJ" – "the judge" hahaha) felt s/he had seen some of my photographs on a web site (my web site) before, and wanted to ask my background and training. TJ was shocked I have shooting for such a short time, taking photography seriously only for 1 year since joining the VBPC.

TJ was worried I would be discouraged, and wanted to tell me just how close I was to placing second or third in the Personality, Feature Story and Trees categories, IF I had

For anyone who missed it... a nice article about our club was featured in the Beacon on Sept. 17th. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

submitted my photographs as individual entries, rather than series entries (as a series is only as strong as the weakest photo). TJ went on to say two of my photographs could have won first or second place in the Children and Lifestyle categories, IF I had submitted individual photograph entries.

I WANTED TO KICK MYSELF!

TJ encouraged me to continue my "work" (there's that word again). TJ laughed saying "Get used to it. One day your work will be seen by many." *shudders*

I discovered from TJ the 11,000+ photographers entered well over 100,000 photo entries. Additionally, many "professional" photographers decided to enter submissions in the non-professional categories in hopes to gain an advantage—not fair! In a way, I feel happy with my five honorable mentions, given my relative lack of experience compared to most of the others, and some competitors were seasoned professionals.

I plan to enter again in 2008 (not in 2007, as I want to build a new body of work based on Indonesian culture first). I will be sure to enter individual entries in 2008. :)

Rodney

Nominations for Club Officers

We are currently accepting nominations for new club officers. **We need you to help our club!** Please nominate yourself or someone else who you think would do a great job.

Current Candidates:

President: Tom McElvy
Vice-President: Open
Secretary: Open
Treasurer: Open

Anyone interested can contact Nick Knight at ncknight1@cox.net or at the meetings. Voting will take place at the meeting on November 7, 2006!

VISUAL ARTS COMMUNITY SURVEY

The City of Virginia Beach Arts and Humanities Commission is doing a "needs assessment" of the visual arts community. This is an opportunity for local practicing artists or visual arts organizations to give input on the needs and desires of visual artists in this area.

The survey can be found at http://www.vbgov.com/dept/arts/vgn_files/Artistsurvey.pdf. The Arts and Humanities Commission is also looking for members of Hampton Roads visual arts organizations to represent their organization on a working committee. If interested, please e-mail contact information to lwalejo@vbgov.com.

When the survey results are tallied, all will be invited to a meeting to discuss the results.

Virginia Beach Arts & Humanities Commission – Serving in an advisory capacity to Virginia Beach City Council, the Virginia Beach Arts & Humanities Commission encourages the development of programs in the arts and humanities within the City of Virginia Beach. The Commission strives to bring local and regional arts organizations in closer cooperation and to provide assistance and information.



Photograph taken at the 9/11 Memorial Event at Mt. Trashmore by Tom McElvy.

Term of the Month

Washing Agent

A solution that reduces time when rinsing off film by removing processing chemicals more quickly.

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

Club Budget April 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006

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

*25-Jul-06 Ken Riedel, 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 Chincotraque"</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> Calvin Taylor
October 2006				
November 2006				
December 2006				

~Announcements~

~ Members whose anniversary date falls in the month of October, 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.

Important

Please remember to update 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!

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 jpg at 72 dpi. Please include the title of the photograph as well. Please submit all items by the 20th of each month.

~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

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

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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



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*Note our new official
club address*

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 3rd, 7:30 pm

Competition begins at 7:15 pm

at

Community United Methodist Church

1072 Old Kempsville Rd.

Virginia Beach, VA 23464