



# LENS LINES

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## The Official Newsletter of the Anne Arundel Camera Club

<http://arundelcameraclub.org/>

<http://flickr.com/groups/arundelcamera/>

### **Field Trip**

December 6th - Conowingo Dam

### **Programs Planned**

**December 3** Contest Digital and Mono, Abstract

**December 10** Contest Slide and Color Prints, Abstract

**December 17** Christmas Party

**December 24** No Meeting - Christmas break

**December 31** No Meeting - News Year's Break

### **October Contests - People**

### **November Contests**

#### **Novice Digital November 5, 2008**

1st Place Patrick McCann "Comfortably One"

2nd Place David Harding "Sleeping Bronze"

3rd Place Louis Sapienza "Fall Fire"

4th Place Michelle Barkdoll "Bald Eagle"

HM Mary Swanson "High and Dry"

HM Mike Thomas "Lighted Masts"

HM David Harding "Red Robe"

HM Patrick McCann "Wednesday Night Sailboat Races"

#### **Unlimited Digital November 5, 2008**

1st Place Chuck Gallegos "Three Victorian Ladies"

2nd Place Bob Miller "Alps"

3rd Place Dolphy Glendinning "Wet Web"

4th Place Howard Penn "Dam"

HM Howard Penn "Fall Fence"

HM Bob Miller "Poppy"

**Novice Monochrome Prints November 5, 2008**

1st Place David Harding "Portrait of a Barn Owl"  
2nd Place David Harding "Splash"  
3rd Place Jackie Colestock "Ike Slaps Cape Neddick"  
4th Place Michelle Barkdoll "Sandpiper"  
HM David Harding "Sod Roof Barns"  
HM Charles Graf "Spring at Longwood Gardens"  
HM Richard Meade, Jr. "Eastpoint 6 AM"

**Unlimited Monochrome Prints November 5, 2008**

1st Place Dolphy Glendinning "C & O Canal House"  
2nd Place Chuck Gallegos "Autumn Milkweed"  
3rd Place Donna Neal "Come Here Big Boy"  
4th Place Angel Kidwell "Cliff Dweller"  
HM Gene Crooks "The Pain of Loneliness"  
HM Donna Neal "Blow Me a Kiss"

**Novice Color Prints November 19, 2008**

1st Place Angel Kidwell "Morning Lotus"  
2nd Place Charles Graf "Colorful Plumbing"  
3rd Place Cathleen Steele "Fall Fantasy"  
4th Place Tim Champney "Cup of Sunshine"  
HM Michelle Barkdoll "Up, Up and Away"  
HM John Milleker, Jr. "Mom, Buy Me One"  
HM Mike Thomas "Sail and Tackle"

**Unlimited Color Prints November 19, 2008**

1st Place Gene Crooks "Dreaming of a Better Place"  
2nd Place Chuck Gallegos "Beached Leaf"  
3rd Place Gene Crooks "Last Train to Anchorage"  
4th Place Gene Crooks "Fishing at Dusk"  
HM Howard Penn "Snow in Autumn"

**Unlimited Slides November 19, 2008**

1st Place Chuck Gallegos "Blueberry Trail"  
2nd Place Sunny Frank "Sunflower Field"  
3rd Place Sunny Frank "Little Screech"  
4th Place John Milleker, Jr. "Iron Leaves"  
HM Charles Graf "Petrified Wood"  
HM John Milleker, Jr. "Fall Road"

**Annual Arundel Camera Club Christmas Party**  
**Wednesday December 17 2008 7:30 pm**

Fellow club member, Mike Thomas and his wife Dawn, have

kindly opened their doors and are sharing their home for the ACC Christmas Party. Bring something yummy to eat to share with your fellow clubbers. Sodas will be provided by the club, but if you want something stronger it's BYOB. Don't forget to bring a gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange game - watch out for the infamous make-up case gift. So please join us for some holiday merriment!

Mike Thomas and Dawn Grannas' House

905 Wagner Farm Ct

Millersville, MD 21108

410-299-0433

#### **Directions from Severna Park High School**

Start out going SOUTHWEST on ROBINSON RD toward WHITE OAK DR

ROBINSON RD becomes BENFIELD RD

BENFIELD RD becomes BENFIELD BLVD

Turn RIGHT onto VETERANS HWY

Turn LEFT onto BRIGHTVIEW DR

Turn RIGHT onto GROVER RD

Turn LEFT onto DANIELS PURCHASE WAY

Turn RIGHT onto WAGNER FARM RD

Turn LEFT onto WAGNER FARM CT.

End at 905 Wagner Farm Ct Millersville, MD 21108

#### **Donations Wanted**

The Art Department of AACC is seeking ways to increase the number of digital cameras we can provide students with to complete art assignments.

If you have updated/replaced your digital with a new high resolution model, please consider donating your "old"(working condition) camera to the Art Department.

Donated cameras are used by AACC students during lab periods and are return and secured at the end of each lab. They are limited to on campus use and will be retained from semester to semesters for student use.

Make your donation by bringing your old camera to Cade-113 and place it in our Camera Drop Box. If you have the instruction booklet please include it as well, although this is not required.

Please include your name and office location (address) and we will see that you receive a "donation" letter from The AACC Foundation.

Thank you for your support!

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### Try Something New

With all the Christmas lights being put up now, I thought I would include a tutorial on how to create a bokeh. Bokeh is an adaptation from a Japanese word meaning blur. In photography this term is used to describe the quality of the areas in the picture which are not in focus.

When referring to Bokeh, we can distinguish some of its characteristics:

- Is the light/dark gradient smooth or sharp?
- What shape will a small dot of light take what it is in the Bokeh area? (mirror lenses for example, create a bagel like Bokeh)

We can play with those two variants to create a special Bokeh.

You will need :

1. One large aperture lens (a Canon 50mm F1.8 is used here, but Nikon 50mm 1.8 will also do, and the superb Nikon 50mm 1.4 will work even better)
2. One sheet of black paperboard

1. Cut and shape the sheet to make a fake lens hood. The Diameter is made so that it snugly fits on the lens.

2. In the middle of the filter the wanted bokeh shape is cut out - one example is a heart. I'm not sure how big a hole the shape can be. But you can check it right away by just looking through the viewfinder. On the 50mm lens @ F1.8 a 15mm heart gives a metering value equal to F3.2, so it can probably be a little bigger (you can use a puncher or cut it by hand).

3. Set your camera to its lowest aperture value (completely open).

### Around Town

**Fri 21 November 2008 - Sun 04 January 2009**

Lights on the Bay

Anne Arundel Medical Center's annual holiday light show, "Lights on the Bay," will open to the public Nov. 21 and continue through Jan. 4, 2009 at Sandy Point State Park, 1100 E. College Parkway. The show features almost 70 animated and stationary displays, three lighted tunnels, and perimeter and architectural lighting along a two mile drive through the

park. A number of displays are unique to the area, such as the Colonial Village modeled after historic Annapolis and the display of Midshipman tossing their hats in the air. This year the show has two new lighting themes: a North Pole Penguin Village and an Under the Sea Adventure. Each night children can participate in a scavenger hunt by looking for items in the show and answering display-related questions. A drawing for prizes will be held, and 3-D glasses can be purchased for \$3 to view some displays in three dimensions. Admission is \$14 per car, \$28 per minibus or trolley, and \$50 for a coach bus. Coupons, available at Graul's Markets, Anne Arundel County Public Libraries, and in the Annapolis Pennysaver, offer a \$4 discount on weekdays. All proceeds benefit the medical center. For more information, call 443-481-3161 beginning Nov. 7.

Contact: 443-481-3161

Location: Sandy Point State Park. 1100 East College Parkway , Annapolis 21401

### **Fri 28 November 2008 - Tue 30 December 2008**

National ZooLights

ZooLights at the National Zoo in Washington, DC is a winter holiday event that is sure to be fun for the whole family. The National Zoo presents a display of thousands of sparkling lights featuring sculptures of many of the Zoo's most popular animals, including giant pandas, Asian elephants, gibbons, a sea lion, an octopus, and a Komodo dragon. Visitors at ZooLights will enjoy winter-themed crafts, ice sculpting demonstrations, choral groups, and storytellers.

Tickets on sale as of November 3, 2008.

\$6 for FONZ members

\$10 for nonmembers

\$20 for a member family pack of four tickets

Kids under two are free.

Tickets are available at the Zoo's Visitor Center or by Ticketmaster.

Dates and Times Wednesdays-Sundays November 28-December 30, 2008 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Closest Metro Station to the National Zoo Woodley Park/ Zoo /Adams Morgan stop and the Cleveland Park stop.

Contact: 202-633-4800 or visit <http://nationalzoo.si.edu>

Location: National Zoo. Rock Creek Park , Washington DC 20002

### **Sun 30 November 2008 - Tue 30 December 2008**

Festival of Lights at the Washington, DC Mormon Temple

The Washington, DC Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, also known as the Mormon Temple, is open to all during the Christmas season. This impressive church and its surrounding grounds shine brightly with more than 450,000 sparkling Christmas lights. Each night, a different local musical group performs a live concert in a state-of-the-art theater. All events are free! Visitors are welcome to explore the Washington, DC Mormon Temple grounds and the Visitors' Center and see a live outdoor nativity scene, an indoor exhibit of international nativity scenes and a selection of Christmas films.

Dusk to 10 p.m. nightly. Nativity scene is open each evening from 6 to 9 p.m. Live musical performances begin at 7 and 8 p.m.

Contact: 301-587-0144 or visit

Location: Mormon Temple. 9900 Stoneybrook Dr ,  
Kensington 20895

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