



Lens Line Newsletter



2009-2010 A Bittersweet Year

By Mike Thomas

While we enjoyed another year of great photographic programs, field trips, and competitions; making new friends and improving our skills; we also lost our friend and the long-time patriarch of our club. Howard Penn our club president passed away in November.

Howard has been the president of the club ever since I joined in 2006. He has served as the club president for 10 years. His passion for photography was evident every week. I know I always half dreaded and looked forward to any contest involving nature, wildlife, and animals because Howard's photos were always great. In fact he combined his passion for photography and the

Baltimore Zoo where he served as a docent.

Howard and I shared a passion for wildlife photography. His photos of Bosque-del-Apache in New Mexico, the Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge, and the Venice Rookery in Florida inspired me to make pilgrimages of my own. Howard started the year out great when one of his photos taken at Bosque-del-Apache was published in "Shutterbug."

To honor Howard, we have dedicated the Digital Photographer of the Year Trophy to him. We also voted unanimously to make Beth Penn a member for life.

 2010-2011 Preliminary Schedule

June 2010

26/27 Field Trip - Smithsonian Folklife Festival

July

17/18 Field Trip - Longwood Gardens

September

1 No Program
 8 Program
 15 Contest Digital and Monochrome Prints Open
 18/19 Field Trip - National Zoo
 22 Program
 29 Contest Slide and Color Prints Open

October

6 Program
 11 Howard Penn Maryland Zoo Event
 13 Contest Digital and Monochrome Prints
 Animals
 20 Program
 23/24 Field Trip - Shenandoah
 27 Contest Slides Open and Color Prints Animals

November

3 Contest Digital and Monochrome Prints People
 10 Program
 13/14 Field Trip - Washington D.C. at Night
 17 Contest Slides Open and Color Prints People
 24 No Meeting Thanksgiving

December

1 Program
 8 Contest Digital, Monochrome, Color
 Landscapes; Slides Open
 11/12 Field Trip - B&O Railroad Museum / Baltimore
 Museum of Industry
 15 Christmas Party
 22 No Meeting Christmas
 29 No Meeting New Years

January 2011

5 Program
 12 Contest Digital and Monochrome Prints Open
 15/16 Field Trip - National Cathedral
 19 Program
 26 Contest Slides and Color Prints Open

February

2 Program
 9 Contest Digital and Monochrome Prints
 Abstract
 12/13 Field Trip - National Air and Space Museum
 Udvar-Hazy Center
 16 Program
 23 Contest Slides Open and Color Prints Abstract

March

2 Program
 9 Theme Contest Digital Night and Monochrome
 Prints High Key/Low Key
 16 Program
 23 Theme Contest Slides Photo Journalism and
 Color Prints Motion or Movement
 26/27 Field Trip - Eastern State Penitentiary
 30 Program

April

6 Contest Digital and Monochrome Prints Open
 9/10 Field Trip - St. Michaels
 13 Program
 20 No Meeting Easter / Spring Break
 27 Contest Slides and Color Prints Open
 30 Field Trip - Kinetic Sculpture Race

May

4 Business Meeting
 11 Club Events Contest
 18 Banquet
 25 Snow Date

2009-2010 Club Events Contest



Early Morning Walk

Dolphy Glendinning

Digital

First:	Early Morning Walk	Dolphy Glendinning
Second:	Trail to Manassas	Dolphy Glendinning
Third:	A Merry Man	Dawn Miller
Fourth:	The Park Traffic Cop	Dolphy Glendinning
HM:	Jelly of the Deep	Dolphy Glendinning
HM:	Follow the Leader	Christine Metzgar

Monochrome

First:	What's You Looking At?	Michelle Barkdoll
Second:	Historian	Christine Metzgar
Third:	Care to Wet Your Whistle?	Dolphy Glendinning
Fourth:	Dewy Web	Michelle Barkdoll
HM:	Reclamation	Dolphy Glendinning
HM:	Lucky Jelly	Dolphy Glendinning

Color Print

First:	Enjoying the Fourth	Sara McNeely
Second:	Quiet Waters	Michelle Barkdoll
Third:	Meadow Breeze	Dolphy Glendinning
Fourth:	Morning Star	Dolphy Glendinning
HM:	Early Morning at Harper's Ferry	Dolphy Glendinning

Picture of the Year

Early Morning Walk

Dolphy Glendinning

Impromptu Field Trip

By John Milleker

On Saturday May 22nd the club had an impromptu field trip to the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge (<http://bombayhook.fws.gov>) in Smyrna Delaware. Bombay is nearly two hours East of the Severna Park, Park and Ride and situated on the Delaware bay.

Since some of us refuse to believe 3:30am exists on a weekday (which is the time we would have had to leave to hit Bombay at Sunrise) we decided to meet at the Park and Ride at 6am and head straight to the refuge. At 8am we had ten bright-eyed club members ready to roll through the refuge in search of foxes, herons and other wildlife.

Thankfully we all have access to a great resource.. Flickr. There are groups on Flickr devoted to photographs of everything from sunsets to duct tape. There's even a Bombay National Wildlife Refuge group and if you keep an eye on this group you'll see photos taken as recently as a few hours prior. This is a very valuable tool because this shows us what we can hope to spot if we were to visit. What else can Flickr tell us? The date and time of the shot and most photographers are nice enough to leave EXIF data intact in their images so we can get a glimpse into what focal length they were using as well.

For the most part most of our images were shot with telephoto, there were a few occasions where telephoto was too long. A few stops along the pathways in Bombay we found foxes just wandering down the road straight past anyone that happened to be stopped in the road and crouched with a camera. There were also several shorebirds and songbirds along the paths.



After a pass or two we met back at the visitors center and decide on lunch. We made our way West and then down RT. 9 to try out a restaurant called 'Sambo's Tavern'. The Tavern had great food and cold beverages. After ordering food we compared our shots and there were a lot of amazing photographs made that day, talked about the refuge and a certain club members' attractiveness to ticks.

When lunch was over a few of us went back for another pass but by then it was already mid-day and pretty late for anything to still be out and about. It was a great day and a lot of amazing images were made. I highly recommend attending the club field trips whenever you can. Amateur to Professional there's always something to learn and you just can't beat hanging out with a group of people that share your same passion for photography.

2009-2010 End of Year Contest



Monochrome Prints - The Margaret H. Bevan Award

- 1st - Mike Thomas 72 points
- 2nd - Michelle Barkdoll 33 points
- 3rd - Christine Metzgar 28 points

Color Prints - The John R. Boykin Award

- 1st - Ernie Swanson 50 points
- 2nd - Michelle Barkdoll 40 points
- 3rd - Mike Thomas 36 points

Slides - The Wilbur R. Bevan Award

- 1st - Chuck Gallegos 52 points
- 2nd - John Milleker Jr 31 points
- 3rd - Michelle Barkdoll 24 points

Digital - The Howard Penn Award

- 1st - Chuck Gallegos 38 points
- TIE for 2nd/3rd
- Bob Miller 31 points
- Dawn Miller 31 points

Novice Photographer of the Year

- 1st - Michelle Barkdoll 104 points
- 2nd - Christine Metzgar 77 points
- 3rd - Dawn Miller 50 points

Photograph of the Year

- “Autumn Arrangement”
- Chuck Gallegos

2009-2010 End of Year Contest: Novice Monochrome



1st Place - "Fishing In The Storm" - Michelle Barkdoll



2nd Place - "Tilt" - Michelle Barkdoll



3rd Place - "Blizzard Standing" - Michelle Barkdoll



4th Place - "Tree" - Charles Graf



HM - "Standing Tall" - Christine Metzgar

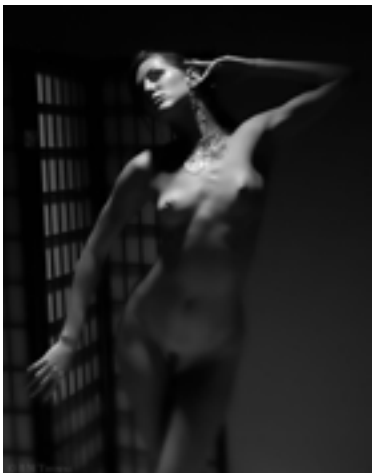
2009-2010 End of Year Contest: Unlimited Monochrome



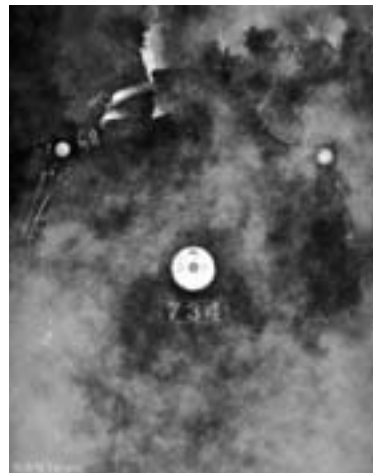
1st Place - "Bodie Island Trio" - Mike Thomas



2nd Place - "Nights in Rodanthe House" - Mike Thomas



3rd Place - "Spotlight" - Mike Thomas



4th Place - "Old Girl" - Mike Thomas



HM - "On The Beach" - Chuck Gallegos



HM - "Shaniko School House" - Chuck Gallegos

2009-2010 End of Year Contest: Novice Color Print



1st Place - "Venice" - Mary Swanson



2nd Place - "High and Dry" - Mary Swanson



3rd Place - "Sunny Reflections" - Christine Metzgar



4th Place - "Colorful Plumbing" - Charles Graf



HM - "Autumn In New Hampshire" - Stephen Putnam



HM - "Moment From History" - Christine Metzgar

2009-2010 End of Year Contest: Unlimited Color Print



1st Place - "Waiting" - Michelle Barkdoll



2nd Place - "Two Umbrellas" - Sara McNeely



3rd Place - "Red Leaves, Blue Berries" - Chuck Gallegos



4th Place - "Boy In Venice" - Mary Swanson



HM - "Evil Eyes" - Ernie Swanson



HM - "Male American Goldfinch" - Mike Thomas



HM - "Bleeding Hearts" - Ernie Swanson

2009-2010 End of Year Contest: Slides



1st Place - "Autumn Arrangements" - Chuck Gallegos



2nd Place - "Fogged In" - Dolphy Glendinning



3rd Place - "Flying High" - Michelle Barkdoll



4th Place - "Another Great Blue" - Chuck Gallegos



HM - "Boardwalk" - John Milleker Jr



HM - "Quaking Blueberries" - Chuck Gallegos

2009-2010 End of Year Contest: Novice Digital



1st Place - "Mara Landscape" - Dawn Miller



2nd Place - "Sunflower" - Richard Meade Jr



3rd Place - "Morning Steam" - Michelle Barkdoll



4th Place - "Stormy Monday" - John Milleker Jr



HM - "Yosemite" - Al Kok



HM - "Just Resting" - Dawn Miller



HM - "Great Falls Virginia" - Christine Metzgar

2009-2010 End of Year Contest: Unlimited Digital



1st Place - "Moms and Cubs" - Bob Miller



2nd Place - "Grizzly Details" - Chip Bulgin



3rd Place - "Love Spat" - Howard Penn



4th Place - "Woosh" - Chuck Gallegos



HM - "Locked" - Donna Neal



HM - "Coming In For A Landing" - Dolphy Glendinning



HM - "Birds of a Feather" - Donna Neal

2010-2011 Club Officers

The 2010-2011 Club Officers are:

President - Chip Bulgin
Co-VP of Programs - Bill Rynone and Steve Putnam
Co-VP of Competition - David Joyner and Mike Thomas
Treasurer/ Secretary - Sunny Frank
Newsletter - Mike Thomas

Field Trips -

Executive Committee -

Co-Webmasters -

Charlie Graf volunteered to take care of refreshments for the meetings.

A big thanks goes out to the 2009-2010 Club Officers.

Dolphy Glendinning

Chuck Gallegos and Charlie Graf

David Joyner and Mike Thomas

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