

December Christmas banquet and Annual Photo Competition

Subject: Christmas Banquet and Annual Photo Contest
 When: Tuesday, December 12, 2000
 Where: Brainerd United Methodist Church
 Time: Print viewing - 6 PM
 Dinner - 6:30 PM

The suspense is building and only Deb Hebert and the judges know the winners in the Annual Photo Contest. But Tuesday, December 12, all will be revealed at the Christmas banquet. About 111 entries were received in the three categories and my hat is off to the many new members who entered the contest.

The evening will start off with viewing of the prints at 6 PM. At 6:30 PM, Deb Herbert will play Christmas carols as we dish up turkey, dressing, baked ham, vegetables, and cheesecake. Following dinner, the program will be your entries in the contest and the announcement of the winners. Then you will all have a chance to decide who will get the People's Choice Award. Kirk Wilburn will make pictures of the winners for the newspaper with his new digital camera.

In keeping with our tradition of giving something back to our members, the PSC will absorb the cost of the facility rental (about \$2 per person) rather than including it in the price of the meal. So once again, the price of the meal will be \$10 for each member and guests, payable at the door. The dress for the occasion is Sunday dress. Ties are optional for the men. This will be our December meeting and no meeting will be held on December 18.

Thanks to John and Sylvia Brooks who made the arrangements for the banquet hall, arranged for a caterer, and took the reservations for the diner. Thanks also to Deb Hebert who took on the ominous job of selecting the judges for the contest and supervised the judging. It is our loss that Deb also elected not to participate in the annual contest to avoid any conflict of interest. Others, too numerous to mention here, are involved with making this a pleasant event and all will be properly recognized at the banquet.

Seasons Greetings

The PSC Officers and Directors wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year. We would also like to thank you for your continued interest and support for the Photographic Society of Chattanooga.

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Upcoming programs

January 16 - David Roe from Wolf Camera - equipment
February 19 - to be announced
March 19 - quarterly photo contest with food theme
April 16 - to be announced
May 21 - to be announced
June 18 - to be announced
July 16 - quarterly photo contest with action shots theme
August 20 - to be announced
September 17 - quarterly photo contest with the color purple theme

The PSC meets the third Tuesday of each month.

Behind the curtain

- Behind the curtain is a new addition to the newsletter designed to let you know what your PSC Board members are doing and where the club is going. There is much planning and work that goes on behind the scenes and we thought you might like to know about those activities. By committee they are:
- Workshop Committee - will begin work in January to plan the next PSC sponsored photographic workshop. Under consideration is Craig Tanner.
 - Exhibitions and Contests - David Grant is looking into the possibility of a PSC photo exhibit at several around-town locations such as Barnes and Nobles Bookstore and Blue Cross. He is also considering a PSC sponsored community-wide photo contest.
 - Flea Market Committee - Plans are being made for a Spring photo-flea market to be held at the East Ridge Community Center on May 5. Short instructional seminars on different aspects of photography will be conducted by PSC members throughout the day. A photo contest and development of a video on the PSC and its activities is under consideration for this event also.
 - The Membership Committee is working on a new member packet complete with membership cards to be distributed to the membership. They are also working on a plan to encourage previous PSC members to return to the club.
 - Newsletter - Board members are again interviewing club members for the Member Spotlight column. We have begun to review magazine articles from current photographic magazines in an effort to bring you more technical information.
 - Special Events - Topics such as enlarging photos and what's happening in the digital photography world are being considered for the "Mini-Seminar Series". New guidelines and categories with an emphasis on the beginner photographer are being considered for next year's annual photo contest.
 - Website - Mickey Rountree has designed a new look for the PSC website. Once member's photographs have been received for the gallery, this version will replace the current PSC website.
 - Programs - A program on black and white photography is being considered for early next year.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A projector stand will be purchased to eliminate the unsightly and view-blocking tables that we are now using for the projector.

Thanks to Deb Hebert for the suggestion of this column.

PSC Website

The opening of the Member's Gallery on the PSC website is on hold until submissions are received from members. Each member may submit three of their images in an electronic format for the gallery. For those lacking scanning equipment, Foto Fast on Lee Highway will scan your 35mm slides or prints (up to size 8X10). Prices for each of the low-resolution scans are: your CD or Diskette - \$2; their Diskette - \$4; or their CD - \$12. These are special prices applicable for this project only.

Do you have photo-related web pages that you would like linked to the PSC website? E-mail this information to Mickey at the e-mail address below.

Digital files can be e-mailed to Mickey Rountree at mickeyroutree@mindspring.com or delivered to him on a diskette or compact disk at any meeting.

New Members and Visitors

Welcome to new member Brenda Cooper. She is from Trion, Georgia and visited with us for the first time at the October Open House. Also, we welcome Kelly Bowden to the club.

Kim Watts, one of the Saccone Seminar participants visited with us this month and also attended the field trip to Rock City for some fun with night photography. Other November visitors were Mark Earhart of Tunnel Hill, Georgia and Paul Snyder.

We look forward to seeing you again.

Welcome to new PSC Board Member

The PSC Board of Directors would like to welcome its newest member Wendell Gordy. Wendell was nominated and voted in at the November Board meeting to fill the three-year position previously held by David Rose.

We regret that David is unable to continue on the Board due to increased activity in his business as a Webmaster. We wish him much success in that effort and look forward to a time when he can join us again.

Ecology trivia

How long will liter last? Aluminum cans & tabs - 80-100 years; glass bottles-1,000,000 years; plastic bags-10-20 years; plastic coated paper - 5 years; plastic film containers-20-30 years

Celebrities among us

We have celebrities among us. Stumped? Here's a few clues: he's checking his list twice; he knows when you're sleeping; he knows when you're awake; he knows who's ...oh you know who it is, don't you?

It's PSC member John Bonds playing Santa Claus at the Fort Oglethorpe WalMart! And with a beard like his and that cherub-like face, he's a dead ringer. And I think I recognize that Elf with him - the one behind the camera. It's John's wife Linda!

This Santa and Elf team do this event each Christmas. They are available to take your child's picture (or your pet) with Santa until December 23. They work 11 AM-8PM, Monday-Saturday and 2-7 PM on Sundays. But hurry in by December 12 if you want those pictures back before Christmas.

Quarterly contests

The quarterly photo contest themes for the coming year have been finalized. They are: March-Food; July-Lights, camera, action (action shots); September-The color purple. Begin shooting now and surprise us with your interpretation of these themes.

Monte Zucker and Gary Bernstein at www.zuga.net

By GENE BLAIR

For those that are interested in people photography, especially portraits and group shots such as weddings, Monte Zucker has had a long running series in Shutterbug magazine. His articles go into detail on how he poses and lights his subjects. Photos illustrate the articles so that one can see the effects of the posing and lighting. Another photographer of people is Gary Bernstein. He has had a series in Rangefinder magazine and currently has articles in Shutterbug. He also details how he produces his portraits.

Monte Zucker and Gary Bernstein have an Internet website at www.zuga.net that contains much of their published information along with many lessons by other famous photographers. Although there is some commercial content (advertising), there is enough free information to make this a valuable site. Their free lessons include portrait, glamour and commercial, outdoor photography, weddings and special events, digital photography, and photography for the hobbyist. Turn on your computer type in www.zuga.net and take a look at how these guys photograph people.

Saccone workshop a hit

The critique and seminar with Helen and Marty Saccone was a hit. Nineteen attend the critique at Memorial Atrium Medical Center on Friday night. On Saturday, the theater style seating at the Chattanooga State Technical Community College Humanities Auditorium made the perfect setting for the 32 participants who attended.

All seemed pleased with the quality of the seminar. Helen and Marty were extremely flexible and catered to our desires Friday night and Saturday. They answered questions through out the seminar and ate with the group at noon.

The Blackwells at Little Italy Restaurant on Highway 58 opened at lunch especially for the group. Most of the group dined there and was served promptly upon arrival.

Thanks to the PSC members who showed their support by attending this event. A special thanks to Pat Gordy, Dona Haas, Ed Bowen, and Gene Blair who worked so diligently to make this event a success. Thanks also to all PSC members who assisted in this effort by distributing flyers and helping with the facility setup.

Atlanta High Museum field trip

High Museum of Art, Midtown, Atlanta has the distinct honor of being the first to show "Chorus of Light: Photographs from the Sir Elton John Collection". The exhibit features about 320 photographic masterpieces by renowned photographers including Edward Weston, Diane Arbus, Bernice Abbott, Richard Avedon, Henri Cartier-Bresson, and Andre Kertesz. The exhibit runs through January 28, 2001.

Janis Rowland will lead a field trip to Atlanta to see this collection on Saturday, January 13. To avoid the possibility of heavy crowds the last week of showing, the trip was rescheduled from January 20 to January 13, 2001. My apologies to anyone who is inconvenienced by this change.

We will meet at 8 AM at the East Ridge Bi-Lo on Highway 41 at the East Ridge exit off I-75 and car pool to Atlanta. If time permits, we may visit the Atlanta Zoo to photograph the giant Pandas.

Pre-registration is requested. Phone Janis at 894-7112 or sign up at the December or January meetings.

Portrait of a Videographer

Did you know that one of our members is a Videographer? Pat Cory began shooting video in 1988 when husband Tom bought her an 8mm video camera for their trip to Alaska. Pat soon learned that taping animals and their behavior was much easier, cheaper, and more fun than trying to take still pictures. By shooting more video and less still pictures, she also did her part for the ecology by minimizing the number of 35mm slides going into the landfill!

Moving from 8mm to Hi8, she now works with digital video. She travels light with a 3-chip, Sony digital camcorder with a 10-power optical zoom lense, a polarizer, and a tripod. While being able to adjust the aperture with the camcorder to do some creative things with depth of field, she does miss the ability to adjust the shutter speed to be able to do things like blur water.

Pat considers herself to be a still photographer but one that uses digital images that move. She likes to use video when trying to tell a story like the building of the carousel in Coolidge Park. Being able to capture the sound as well as the sights is also a plus. Things that move and have sound are most interesting to Pat. Subjects may include animals, oceans, streams, and flowers blowing in the wind.

She has shown her videos at the Wilderness Wildlife Week in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, to the Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers in Knoxville, and at the Tennessee Aquarium but confesses that most of her video is done for herself. Being more involved in the process of recording video than thinking about the final product and its uses currently defines Pat as more of a process photographer than a product photographer. However, with the kind assistance of Charles Parks, she is learning to do non-linear editing which allows here to be more creative and may change her focus in the future.

The Coolidge Park Carousel: The Story of a Dream is Pat's newest production. It is the story of the making of the Coolidge Park Carousel in downtown Chattanooga's Coolidge Park. It is 32 minutes long and shows the actual carving of the animals, the construction of the building, the assembly of the carousel, and the very first official ride on the carousel. It is selling for \$24.95 at Books-a-Million at Northgate, Barrett Booksellers and the In-Town Gallery. Future project plans include putting the final touches on her Ireland video; a relaxation video of beautiful places with nice music; an education video combining video, Tom's still images, and photographic instruction; and a workshop marketing video showing workshop locations.

PSC Board meeting Members honors

There will be no Board meeting in the month of December. Board meetings will resume again in January when the Board meets on January 25. Meeting location to be announced in the January newsletter.

If you have won or placed in photographic contests, participated in a showing of your work, or have received other honors for your photographic art, these are noteworthy items for the PSC newsletter. Please send details to Janis Rowland, Editor.

Images of Ireland

It's said that Ireland, once visited, is never forgotten and for once the blarney rings true. The Irish landscape has a mythic resonance, due as much to the country's almost tangible history as its claim to being the home of the fairies and the "little people." (From *Lonely Planet*)

Ireland is an island situated in the Atlantic Ocean next to the United Kingdom. Southern Ireland is referred to as the Republic of Ireland and the remainder called Northern Ireland. Ireland is characterized by cliffs, hills and mountains which are colored in multiple shades of green lending its self aptly to the tag

"Emerald Isle". It is generally agreed upon that Ireland is populated by the most gregarious and hospitable people in the world.

Come see for yourself when Tom and Pat Cory show their images and video from their trip a few months ago. Originally scheduled for Thursday, January 25th at Morris Hill Baptist Church, it has been moved, due to scheduling problems and equipment, to the January 23rd, 7-9 PM, at the J.C. Penney conference room at Hamilton Place Mall. Reservations are requested. A sign-up sheet will be available at the December Christmas banquet and also at the January 15th club meeting.

Member spotlight on Madelaine Cornelius

By DAVID GRANT

Madelaine Cornelius and her husband, Gene, have been members of the Photographic Society of Chattanooga since November, 1999. In 1981, Gene and Madelaine made a journey along the Appalachian Trail, completing most of the trail from Georgia to Maine that year, and returning three years later to complete the final portion. Gene was the photographer in the family at the time of the hike, but Madelaine was helpful with giving creative suggestions. In 1987, Madelaine retired from her career as an RN, and Gene bought Madelaine a Canon EOS 650 with introductory lessons from Tom Corey for her birthday that year. Gene had wanted to give Madelaine something to challenge her mind in retirement, and Madelaine has certainly accepted that challenge and has devoted time and energy into photography. Gene and Madelaine often canoe in the Boundary Water Canoe Area Wilderness bordering Minnesota and Canada. Images from one of these excursions are what introduced me to Madelaine's wonderful talent behind the camera lens.

After her first lessons with Tom Corey, Madelaine took two other Corey seminars, one at the Corey's home and one in the Great Smokey Mountains. She has also taken a John Gerlach seminar in Alabama, and has had the fortunate opportunity to attend a 5 day seminar lead by John Shaw at Denali National Park and Preserve in Alaska. She has also been influenced by the photographic styles of Ken Jenkins (who photographs in the Smokies often), and Allen Rokach.

Since receiving her first camera, Madelaine has added to her collection a Canon EOS Elan, which is now her favorite camera body, along with lenses ranging from 24 mm to 210 mm and a macro lens. She also has a right angle viewfinder that is a great help when photographing small wildflowers near ground level. She uses a Bogen tripod, for which Gene is her faithful caddy.

Madelaine enjoys capturing the natural world, especially wildflowers, and her grandchildren on film. She shoots transparency film for nature photography. Her favorite film is Fuji Velvia, but she also likes Fuji Sensia and Provia F. When capturing her grandchildren's smiling faces, she uses Kodak Royal Gold 100.

Madelaine's favorite image is actually a series of seven images that she captured close to home. Early one morning, around 6:00, she saw a field of dew-drenched wildflowers that were backlit by the rising sun. She spent about an hour and a half photographing these delicate beauties. Another image that is among her favorites is an image of Mt. McKinley that she captured at 1:00 a.m. during the 23 hour summer days of Alaska. Mt. McKinley had stuck its head in the clouds all day, but Madelaine woke up to the midnight sun, and the peak of Mt. McKinley was in clear view. This image she sold to a doctor for whom she had worked. She let one image get away at the Boundary Waters Area in Minnesota. She had her camera in a waterproof case in the canoe, when a black bear came to the water's edge for a drink. As she was opening the water proof case, the snap of the latch scared the bear away. However, about a half hour later, she did capture an American Bittern wading in the grasses on film. (An American Bittern is a bird with a long narrow beak that wades in the tall grasses. It sticks its bill straight up to blend in with the blades of grass.)

Madelaine won a third place prize in the KINSA contest for scenics two years ago and has received a first place prize for flower photography at the Chattanooga Nature Center.

Madelaine's immediate goal with her photography is to hone her skills so that she becomes automatic with the technical aspects of her photography and with controlling her camera, so that she can then focus on creativity. Her ultimate goal is to reach the point that when people see her images that they recognize them as Madelaine Cornelius' photography. Her dream equipment includes a 400 mm lens with a 2.8 aperture and an image stabilizer.

Madelaine says she enjoys being a part of the PSC because it allows her to gain new perspectives in photography. She is the author of [Katahdin With Love: An Inspirational Journey](#) about her and her Mountain Man's hike on the Appalachian Trail (her trail name was "Wildflower.")

Calendar of PSC photo events

DEC 12 - Tuesday, PSC Annual Christmas Banquet and photo contest, print viewing at 6:00 PM, dinner at 6:30 PM, Brainerd United Methodist Church, phone John and Sylvia Brooks at 622.4649.

JAN 13 - Saturday, field trip to High Museum, Atlanta to view "Chorus of Light: Photographs from the Sir Elton John Collection", led by Janis Rowland. Meet at 8 AM at East Ridge Bi-Lo on Highway 41, East Ridge Exit off I-75, pre-registration requested, call 894.7112.

JAN 23 - Tuesday, Tom and Pat Cory - Images of Ireland, J.C. Penney's conference room, Hamilton Place Mall, 7 PM, pre-registration requested, phone 894.7112 or 886.1004.

Visitors are always welcome to join us.

For Sale/Wanted

WANTED

- Used Cannon or Nikon 35mm camera and 70-210 mm lens. Call Michael Woodfin at 870.2849
- Graflex XL equipment. Parts and broken XL stuff would be OK too! John Brooks 633.4649 or jbbrooks2000@yahoo.com.

FOR SALE

- Studio flash: Speedotron Brown Line D200 Power Supply (200 watt second) with two MW3R flash heads with modeling lights. Good condition-\$275. John Brooks 633.4649 or jbbrooks2000@yahoo.com.
- Older 486 computer and monitor. Internet-ready with modem, CD, windows 95, lots of memory and disk space, lots of software loaded including PhotoShop 4, free Internet. This is a good machine for general Internet surfing, E-mail, and business-type functions. \$250 complete. John Brooks 633.4649 or jbbrooks2000@yahoo.com.

Directions to Morris Hill Baptist Church

From the intersection of I-24 and I-75, go north toward Knoxville. Take the east, East Brainerd Road exit and follow East Brainerd Road to the 7th traffic signal. Turn left onto Morris Hill Road. Go about 1 mile to the church on the right.

Non-PSC photo events and opportunities

NOV 4-Jan 28 - "Chorus of Light: Photographs from the Sir Elton John Collection", High Museum of Art, Atlanta. Collection of 380 masterpieces by renowned photographers, first public showing. Phone 404.733.4444.

NOV 8-Feb 24 - Pigeon Forge Winterfest, award-winning celebration features over 6-million lights, Fine Art and Photography Show and Sale, Smoky Mountains Storytelling Festival. 865.429.7350 or www.mypigeonforge.com.

NOV 8-Jan 27 - Gatlinburg Fantasy of Lights with over 2,000,000 lights. Call 865.436.2392.

NOV 13-JAN 14 - AVA All-Member Holiday Exhibit featuring PSC members Mary Zelle, Ed Richards, Tom Cory and Janis Rowland. 265.4282.

NOV 17-Dec 30 - Magical Nights of Lights, Lake Lanier Islands: World's largest holiday light spectacular along a 6.5 mile drive, 1,100 acre resort. 770.932.7200 or www.lakelanierislands.com.

NOV 17-Dec 30 - Rock City's Enchanted Garden of Lights, spectacular nighttime holiday program with half a million lights, scenes set to music, 6-9 PM, phone 706.820.8531.

NOV 24-DEC 30 - Birmingham Zoolight Safari. Animated animal silhouettes, half-million lights, and entertainment. Daily 5:30-9:30 PM, adults \$8, 2-12 years and seniors \$4. Call 205.879.0458.

DEC 9 - Holiday Nightlight Parade, 6-8 PM, begins at Ross's Landing and concludes at Miller Plaza.

JAN 8, 2001 - Kiwanis Travel and Adventure Series presents the travelogue "Alaska RV Adventure - Last Great Road Trip" at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium at 7:30 PM. Phone 267.6569.

FEB 12, 2001 - CPPG presents Jeff Locklear in a wedding seminar of "Alternative Locations for Wedding Photography", \$99 until Jan 22 or \$115 at the door. Phone Gary Baker at 861.7198.

FEB 12, 2001 - Kiwanis Travel and Adventure Series presents the travelogue "Headwaters of the Amazon" at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium at 7:30 PM. Phone 267.6569.

FEB 24 or 25, Nikon School 2000/2001 one-day event, \$99 per person, phone 631.547.8666.

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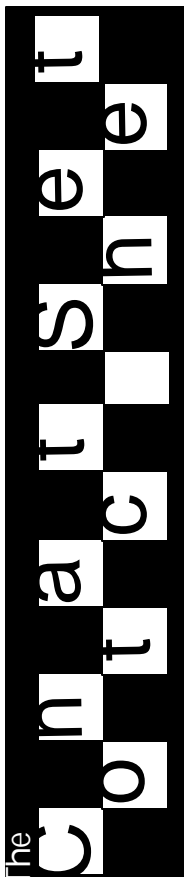
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