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Roberson Photo Club Newsletter

Member of PSA

APRIL 2006

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome all to Roberson Photo Club's spring 2006 Newsletter! Our new year has started out great, with many new members showing some excellent images and different ways of seeing the world around us.

One of our exciting features this spring was our bus trip to the PPSNYS State Competition. The all in one trade show, print competition, & seminar went very well. Joel Sartore's lecture was very good and an informative insight on the workings of a National Geographic Photographer, but in my opinion the hour and a half question and answer was absolutely excellent. Joel seems to be a very down to earth and personable photographer and was very open with any questions asked of him. I also especially enjoyed watching the judging. Seeing the wonderful images and hearing how the judges scored and critiqued them was great and helped me more with trying to verbalize what I would be thinking about while viewing a photograph. I would also like to send out a special thank you to Alvie our bus driver (also known as Myrna Smith's brother) for getting us to and from the event quickly and safely. Another person I would like to thank is Deb Muska, for all of her time she spent with us before the competition and with her board before and during the competition to help those who submitted and attended.

As far as the amateur competition went our club should be extremely proud especially in considering that there were close to 170 entries for both classes. **Every entry by Roberson's members received a ribbon of blue or red and three of our members took a 3rd, 1st, and Best of Show which still goes to show how much talent is in this club.** There were a total of 11 Blue ribbons, which are considered images deserving of a merit for the professionals, and 33 Red ribbons, which are considered above average for the same. I also wanted to let everyone know that these were not just professional photographers judging but some of them were professional judges and all of the images were being judged by the same criteria as the professional photographers. I personally wanted to thank everyone who submitted and went to the seminar for all of their hard work and to give such a great example of our club's talent. I know that Deb Muska was very pleased with the outcome of the amateur competition and pretty much assured me that there would be another one next year.

Before our 2005-2006 season comes to a close there are a few notable things happening in the upcoming months. The End of Year meeting where you can submit your End of Year and Burgess images is on April 21st. We will also

be having our digital competition (the CD's that we have been selling at the meetings for the last couple of months) & will also have a DVD of Joel Sartore's about the life of a National Geographic Photographer for our inspiration and enjoyment. Our End of Year dinner will be held on May 5th at Donoli's. If you have never been to one of our dinners this is the best of the best in our members' images throughout the year. You will also get to enjoy some good food, good company and maybe a few laughs (I'll try my best!) to end our year and get everyone's creative juices flowing for our next season. We will have the specifics on the End of Year & Burgess competitions as well as more info on the End of Year dinner later in this newsletter.

Also, a special thanks to **Leo Croteau** for building the new portable Print Display Box for the club. What a fine job. Our old one was being held together with numerous odd screws that made moving it around hazardous. The new box is currently being setup at the meetings so members can view their images with the new lighting system and will be used as the official viewing box starting with next seasons competitions.

I hope you all enjoy the newsletter and thank you all again for a great year!

Respectfully submitted: Dave Williams, RPC Club President

'END OF YEAR' SUBMISSIONS GUIDELINES & DUE DATE:

The submissions for the 'End of Year' and 'Burgess' competitions are due no later than the last club meeting of the year, **Friday April 21, 2006.**

The purpose of the End of Year competition is to give all the entries that won this past year a chance to compete against each other for final awards. These awards are separate from the regular club awards that are also given out at the end of the year for consistent performance throughout the year.

To be eligible for the End of Year competition your print or slide must have won at least a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or Honors during the year in your class. This includes all the open and closed board competitions except the 'One Subject Challenge' and two 'Special Digital' competitions that were held this past year. There is no limit to the number of submissions but all must be this year's winners.

The entries will be judged and given awards according to the present class the submitter is currently in.

ANNUAL 'BURGESS' AWARD AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

The Burgess Award, named for a co-founder of the club, is an award given each year that presents an opportunity for members to submit prints or slides that you are not submitting to the 'End of Year' competition.

You may submit up to (3) slides and (3) prints. The images must have been taken within the past five years and cannot be submitted for the current 'End of Year' awards and were not previously submitted for the Burgess award. Submissions are due no later than the last club meeting of the year, **Friday April 21, 2006**.

All entries, regardless of the current class that the submitter is in, will be judged together. There will be one award for prints and one for slides.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS SUMMER/FALL 2006:

August 2006 – Oakdale Mall Kiosk Show. The club has again secured the Oakdale Mall Kiosk for the month of **August 2006**. This is a great place to show off some of your hard work and also let the community know what we do and how we can help advance their photography skills.

Setup for the display is scheduled for Tuesday August 1, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in displaying images should bring them on that day or contact Pete 785-0666 mrpetek@aol.com for an advance pickup prior to the setup date.

Space is limited and as many entries as possible will be displayed. Matted or framed images only no larger than 16x20. Also, if you have any interesting photography related items (old cameras etc.) please bring them.

Last year's display featured a wide variety of members images, photography equipment (past & present) and informational literature about the club and our programs.

September 2006 - Frame To Please Show & Apple Fest Day For the third year the club has been invited by Frame To Please owner Amy Burgess to have a show during the month of September 2006 at her shop on Washington Avenue in Endicott, NY. The previous shows have generated interest in the club so please plan to participate.

Amy will again offer to mat & frame anything that will be **used in the display** for a substantial discount just like she did last year. If you want to take advantage of her offer, she will need at least 2 weeks prior to the show to accommodate your request. Also, you don't have to wait for the show to get your images professionally framed, Amy's regular prices and workmanship are truly superior as many club members will agree that have had work done at her shop.

Pete Kofira Jr. will be coordinating the setup and requests the following to alleviate some problems with identification of images we have had in previous years.

Please deliver your images total of 3 (*maximum size 16X20 matted or framed*) on Friday or Saturday September 1-2, 2006 to Frame To Please at 118 Washington Ave. Endicott, NY between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Each submission must have your name and phone number and title of the piece permanently affixed to the back of the work. A list of your submissions must also accompany your work that includes the title of the piece, and all other information you would like available including a price if you are selling. Please **do not** put any business cards or titles on the front of the images. A separate list of all the photos, information and business cards will be compiled and be available in the shop.

For more information or if you would like to drop off your submissions prior to the setup date contact: Pete Kofira Jr. 607-785-0666 mrpetek@aol.com

September 17, 2005 - Washington Ave Apple Fest The club plans to have an information table at the entrance of the **Frame To Please** framing shop at 118 Washington Ave, Endicott, NY on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in conjunction with the Apple Fest activities. We are hoping to draw attention to the RPC members' photographs that will be on display in the shop windows and also highlight the Roberson Photo Club. Volunteers are needed to help with the table activities. If you can volunteer 1, 2 or more hours on the day of the Apple Fest please contact: Pete Kofira Jr. 607-785-0666 mrpetek@aol.com

DIGITAL FUN COMPETITION SUBMISSION DATE APRIL 21, 2006:

The theme was **'It's What You Make It'.....digitally** that is.

The challenge was to take the image Bernie Lewis provided the club on the CD, manipulate it, enhance it or do what ever you want with it and submit it back to the club as a PRINT.

Please bring your creative works, prints only no larger than 8x12, matted or mounted no larger than 11x14 to the **April 21, 2006** meeting.

CD + CREATIVITY = ?

The images will be judged by a people's choice vote. Sounds like fun? Come on let's see what you've got.

ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER:

Do you have a story to tell? Maybe a special technique or interesting angle on a photo setup you've used. The editor is always looking for articles to include in the club's newsletter. Contact: Pete Kofira Jr. 607-785-0666 or email mrpetek@aol.com

PROFESSIONAL ADVICE FOR THE NON-PRO PRINT COMPETITION:



(Deb Muska, *left* & Jim Pavlik, *right* at April PRC meeting)

Two local professional photographers, **Deb Muska** (*right*) from Animal Images, Newark Valley, NY and **Jim Pavlik** (*left*) from Jim Pavlik Photography, Binghamton, NY attended the club's April meeting to talk about the right and wrong ways to prepare and enter prints in the non-pro print competition to be held this year in conjunction with the New York State PPSNYS conference.

They covered a wide range of mounting and presentation techniques plus explained in great detail how the judging is done and what could make a photo a winner.

It was a great help to all the club members that entered prints this year. Thanks again to Deb and Jim. The club really appreciated your help.

CLUB MEMBERS HELP WITH NON-PRO PRINT PREPARATION:

Pat Bonamo - Ordered the shipping boxes required by the competition guidelines and coordinated the distribution to the members.

Bernie Lewis - Hosted a workshop at her house just prior to the submission deadline. Those attending got help with naming their entries, made out the final paper work and finished the packaging requirements for delivery.

Pete Kofira Jr. - Hand-delivered a total of 12 boxed entries to the PPSNYS Albany, NY office for submission. Pete thanks everyone for helping offset the cost of gas and a nice lunch for delivering the entries.

Deb Muska - Helped with final print mountings by using her studio spray booth to apply some finish coatings to members prints.

RPC MEMBER NEWS, SHOWS & EXHIBITS:

Here's what some of our members have been doing or are planning in the near future:

Pat Bonamo – Tioga County Council on the Arts – January 2006. This was Pat's first major show featuring her breathtaking images of orchid plants and flowers along with some of her contemporary photos.

Helga Stein – Confectionary Cottage 163 Washington St. Binghamton, NY - Feb. / March 2006, 'Expressions In Nature'

Cindy Ruggieri – Her apple picture was used as the cover photo on the March 2006 issue of 'Farm & Ranch' magazine.

Dick Ward - Wilson Hospital Lobby Gallery, Johnson City, NY July 2006.

Kathleen & Lindsay Adler – Donated 3 photos for the Annual **Tioga County Boys/Girls Club** auction. They sold for a total of \$800.

Lindsay Adler - Currently Lindsay is attending Syracuse University and is on the staff of the 'Daily Orange' a local newspaper. She recently had a multi-page photo essay and cover photo on 'What The Health' a Syracuse based health and living magazine. Lindsay was also the featured photographer for a photo story on Alpaca farming which will appear in the fall 2006 issue of '**Life In the Finger Lakes**' magazine.

Pete Kofira Jr. – Pete's image '**Ice Fishing**' is being used on the front page of the advertising brochure for this years Joyce Smith Environmental Photo Contest sponsored by the Broome County EMC.

Karen Dillion – Karen's image '**Generations**' is being used on the front page of advertising brochure for this years Joyce Smith Environmental Photo Contest sponsored by the Broome County EMC.

Bernie Lewis, Pat Bonamo, Patsy Nash, Ted Scarpino, Bill Stein, George Schumacher & Pat Stone - Binghamton General Hospital Art Gallery February 2006

Bill & Barbara Hush - Christ Episcopal Church 10 Henry St. Binghamton, NY February 2006.

Brad Marple – Owego Town Hall, Rt # 434 April 2006

Geoff Gould – **Spring Fever**, Cooperative Gallery 213 State St. Binghamton, NY March 2006

Ted Scarpino – Was recognized as '**Photographer of the Year 2006**' by the Southern Tier Professional Photographers Assoc. for his continued excellence in photographic imaging.

Gerald Janauer – Images at the 'Crossroads Café' Delhi, NY

Geoff Gould, Pat Stone & Brad Marple – **Spring Fever** March 2006 at the Cooperative Gallery' 213 State St. Binghamton, NY.

RPC RISING STAR:

Lindsay Adler was just awarded a \$5000 scholarship from the NYS Women in Communications organization. She was among hundreds of applicants.....Here's the email she received:

Congratulations on being named a **New York Women in Communications Foundation Scholarship** recipient for 2006. You were chosen because of your impressive achievements and passion for the field of communications. You join a select group of young women who are already accomplished in the fields of journalism, marketing, broadcasting, advertising, public relations, cause marketing and creative writing. We wish you continued success in your studies and in your careers.

April 3, the day of our annual MATRIX Awards luncheon, is a big day for New York Women in Communications and it will be an exciting day for you, too. We're delighted to tell you that you and our other NYWICI Foundation Scholarship recipients will make your live debuts on national television that morning. Our scholarship winners have been invited to appear on the nationally televised CBS Early Show to host the weather with David Price. And...Ann Taylor will be outfitting you for your big debut (expect a call from their offices shortly to coordinate).

Following your television appearance, you and your guest will be transported to the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on Park Avenue, where you will be greeted by Avon and professional hair stylists for touch-ups, and will then participate in the dress rehearsal for the MATRIX Awards luncheon. Rehearsal will be followed by a V.I.P. reception at 11:00 a.m., leading up to the MATRIX awards luncheon, which begins at noon.

So, after her TV appearance, the luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria, they take the group on a tour of the NY Times. It will be a full day, and very exciting for her I'm sure.

Submitted By: Kathleen Adler (a proud mom no doubt)

CONTEST WINNERS:

2006 Broome County Joyce Smith Environmental Management Council Photo Contest:

Pat Bonamo – 1st Place Plant Life Category, 'Queen Anne's Lace In Bud'.

Cecelia Lavrenseau – Honorable Mention Plant Life Category, 'White Flowers'.

Pete Kofira Jr. – Honorable Mention Plant Life Category (2) images, 'Acorn Trio;' & 'Autumn Sumac'.

Bob Chauncey – Honorable Mention Nature Category, 'Can You See Me Now'.

Mike Cempa – Honorable Mention Natural Landscape, 'Frozen Tundra'

2006 Miami International Orchid Show Photo Contest:

Pat Bonamo – 2nd Place, 'Pink Slipper Orchid' in the Miami International Orchid Show Photo Contest.

2006 Annual IBM Art Show:

Kathleen Adler - 1st Place, photography category 'Panoramic Owego in Fall.'

CONTEST OPPORTUNITIES:

The 2006 New York State Fair Competitions

Competitive Entries - What and Why?

Competitive entries are a vital part of the New York State Fair. Last year over 37,321 individual entries were made in various categories, such as culinary, arts, photography, crafts, cattle, dairy goats, rabbits and many more.

www.nysfair.org/state_fair/2006/html/competitions.shtml

The 2005 National Park Pass

Experience Your America Photo Contest

Submit pictures of **USA National Park** scenes to be used in advertising brochures. Complete contest rules and entry form at:

www.nationalparks.org/kodak

Beaver Lake Amateur Photography Contest - Beaver

Lake Nature Center 03/01/2006 to 08/01/2006

<http://onondagacountyparks.com/details.asp?id=120>

Serbin 26th Annual Photo Contest – Photographers

Forum magazine info:

www.serbin.com/Contests/Contest.html

THINGS TO DO:

Colorscape Chenango Arts Festival – September 9-10, 2006 Norwich, NY www.colorscape.org/

Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally – August 4-5-6, 2006 Otsiningo Park, Binghamton, NY www.spiediefest.com

Washington Ave. Merchants Apple Fest – September 16,2006 Washington Avenue, Endicott, NY 607-748-9548

Old Mill Village – Summer 2006 Rt# 848 New Milford, PA www.oldmillvillage.com

July 22 –Saturday Only - WWII Living History

July 29 & 30 – Underground Railroad & Black History

August 12th & 13th – Saturday and Sunday - 18th Century Living History

September 10 -. Civil War Living History

Photo Traveler Guide – Travel guide catalog for photographers www.phototravelercatalog.com

Southern Tier Orchid Society Annual Orchid Show -

Oakdale Mall, Johnson City, NY April 28-30, 2006

www.storchidsociety.com

SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS:

Acrey's Photography Expeditions & Workshops - Jan. - May 2006 www.acleys.com

March 12-18, 2006 - Bryce Canyon Photo Expedition
April 23-29, 2006 - S.Arizona Photo Expedition
May 21-27, 2006 - Yellowstone in the Spring

Joe & JoAnne Dimaggio/Kalish - Website for information: www.dimaggio-kalishworkshops.com

Bill & Linda Lane – 2006 Photography Field Workshops May through November 2006. Info on website: www.lanephotosworkshops.com

Mark Bowie - 'The Landscape Captured Digitally' July 29, 2006 Arts Center/Old Forge in Old Forge, NY. www.adkpi.org/workshops/bowie_jul29.html

One Day Digital Photography Seminars
Website for information: www.markbowie.com

Gary W. Stanley – 'From Picture To Digital Print' May 20, 2006 Charter Oak photographic Society, East Hartford, CT Community Cultural Center. www.charter oakphoto.com

STPP NEWS SOUTHERN TIER PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS INC. www.ppsnys.com



The club's participation in the **Non-Pro Print** competition in conjunction with the PPSNYS Annual Conference and Trade Show was a huge success. A big thanks to Deb Muska for all her help. (more articles and pictures throughout this newsletter).

The following members entered and all won either a **Blue or Red** ribbon and three members won additional awards as indicated:

Ken Hull – 'Best Of Show' - Non-Pro Division
Karen Dillon – 1st Place – 8x10 Salon Class
Pat Bonamo - 3rd Place - 8x10 Salon Class
James Dutko, Bernice Lewis, Cecelia M.Lavrenseau, Michael Cempa, Myrna Smith, Pete Kofira Jr., Brad Marple, and Dave Williams all received blue or red ribbon.

Congratulations to all and thanks for participating.

FOR SALE:

Dick Ward – Has the following for sale:
100-150 Zoom Kodak Projector lenses

CLOSED BOARD SUBJECTS FOR 2006/07

The club is trying something different this year. You'll notice that both Salon and A&B have the same subjects for the closed board competitions but at different times of the year.

Fall – October 2006

'Salon' Class – Show Motion (NO WATER)
'A' & 'B' Class – Hat (s)

Spring - March 2007

'Salon' Class – Hat (s)
'A' & 'B' Class – Show Motion (NO WATER)

note: ALL classes, 3 submissions total, any combination of prints or slides.

ROBERSON PHOTO CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE 2006

April 21, 2006 Fri. End of Year Submissions
Digital Fun Prints
Sept. 15, 2006 Fri. First general meeting 2006/07

RPC OFFICERS FOR 2005-06 SEASON:

(the list in the last issue was not complete, here's an update)

Office	Name
President	Dave Williams
1 st Vice-President	Brad Marple
2 nd Vice-President	Ken Hull
Treasurer	Pat Nash
Secretary (<i>temp.</i>)	Jean Stout
Board Members:	
Pat Bonamo	Barb Croteau
Dave Cempa	Fran Quinlivan
Pete Kofira Jr.	Bernie Lewis
Bob McConnel	Lisa McConnel
Bill Stein	Pat Stone
Wendell Strum	

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Oakdale Mall Kiosk Show

August 2006
Oakdale Mall, Johnson City, NY

Frame To Please Show

September 2006
118 Washington Ave. Endicott, NY

Apple Fest Day

September 16, 2006
118 Washington Ave. Endicott, NY

(more details inside on these events)

Contact: Pete Kofira Jr. for additional info

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'End Of Year Banquet'

Friday May 5, 2006

Donoli's Restaurant

Rt# 434 Apalachin, NY

6:00 PM Social Hour – Cash Bar

7:00 PM Dinner

Prime Rib - \$21.00

Baked White Fish Florentine - \$20.00

Greek Stuffed Chicken - \$20.00

All the fixings + Strawberry Shortcake Dessert

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