



HCC News Blast -- Nov. 2011

President's Report

HCC's new Program Chairman, Bert Schmitz, has arranged a great schedule of programs for the year featuring both talented members of our club and outside speakers. We started out the season with a program centered on sharing and discussing photos, and followed that with last month's hands-on learning program in which Brian Wilcox taught us how to "paint with light". At our November meeting we will be traveling to a far off land as Birgitt Pajarola shares with us some of her stunning photos and insights of Yemen. In December we will hold our holiday dinner meeting and feature a guest speaker. For information about the full list of programs for the year, see the schedule below.

Time for discussion of photos has been included as part of most meetings. Mini-learning sessions or workshops and club photo challenges will be added as the season develops. (See "Challenges" below.) In addition, a few club trips are being planned including one in winter or early spring to the Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Sanctuary in Litchfield. As always, socializing with fellow club members and learning from each other is an important part of the season ahead. I hope all members will be as active as possible which will help to make this a great year. Look over the "Help Wanted" list below and see if there is something you might consider doing for the club. Post some pictures to the Forum or bring them in for our sharing sessions, and also make some comments. Of course, don't hesitate to share any ideas you may have about how we can make our club even better.



HCC Club Photo Challenges—Assigned Topics

Do you like taking and sharing pictures? Are you looking for a non-competitive chance to display and discuss your photos? Then HCC photo challenges are for you. At least two times a year we will share photos we have taken on pre-assigned topics by posting them on the Forum and presenting them at regular meetings. This year we will feature photo challenge pictures at our March and June meetings. At our next meeting, we will choose the topics for this season. After the topics have been determined, they will be posted on our website and on the Forum, and will be sent out by email. If you have a favorite topic, send it to Jane, jross2@mail.com, and it will be added to the list from which we will vote to select this year's topics. To let you get started, one topic that has already been selected is "Farms and Farming".



HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR THE 2011-2012

September 20: Members Showcase / Competition Images for NECCC & PSA

October 18: Night Photography, “Painting with Light” outdoors with Lazlo and Brian / Discussion of Competition Photos

November 15: Presentation by Birgit Pajarola, “Images of Yemen” / Selection of Assigned Photo Challenge Topics / Software demonstration by Brian (Tentative)

December 13: Holiday Dinner and Presentation by Ted Roth, “Barns and Farms of the Berkshires” / NECCC and PSA results

January 17: Digital Circuit DVD / Competition Images for NECCC and PSA

February 21: Digital Circuit DVD / Discussion of the Photos in the Noble Show

March 20: Presentation by Bill DeVoti, “Modern Croatia” / Assigned Topic Photo Challenge-Part 1

April 17: Presentation by Fred Orkin, “A Trip to Belgian and Holland” / Discussion of Competition Images for PSA

May 15: Presentation by Joe Meehan, Subject T.B.A.

June 19: End of Year Dinner and Members Showcase / Assigned Topic Photo Challenge-Part 2

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There are a number of opportunities for you to participate more in HCC. Please look over the list below and consider getting more involved with our club. Let me know if you think you can help out.

Secretary----Main job is to take minutes at our (infrequent) executive committee meetings.

***Newsletter Co-Editor**----Be responsible for collecting content for the newsletter by reminding people to send in articles, seeking new articles, finding other content. (This person does not have to write articles, but that, of course, would also be welcome.) Work with the publishing editor (Gisele) to help, if necessary, with layout and final publishing/emailing of the newsletter.

***Newsletter Contributor**----Agree to write a feature article, perhaps a “how to” article or a discussion of some new techniques or software. Write a regular review of one or more items in our club library. Write a detailed review or share informal observations on a particular piece of photo equipment or a favorite camera-- SLR or point and shoot.

Special Event Coordinator or Leader----Help promote or lead special events such as club trips, workshops, study groups, photo shoots, or informal get-togethers.

New Member Welcome Committee----Help develop a welcome packet for new members and follow up with personal contacts.

By-Laws Committee Chairperson----Organize a committee and revise the club by-laws.

**Especially needed.*