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Newsletter of the Westchester Photographic Society



Greetings my fellow members,

January is the start of the new year full of energy and life. We added a few refinements to improve our service to members further. Among them are: The mentor program, headed by Joe Pollock, provides one on one help in photography and computer support and know-how to any member who is keen to learn. I would strongly recommend new members who need help to take advantage of this service. Joe will provide the answers to all you want to know but are too embarrassed to ask.

We will be putting wining prints on our newsletter, InFocus, soon. This gives another chance to members to learn from each other. Our sharp shooters will shoot the wining prints as they are announced and presented in each print competition. If you do not wish your wining print(s) to be photographed, please alert our sharp shooter on duty that evening.

Everyone loves being remembered on one's birthday. Starting in February, we will ask the WCC authorities to allow us the use of one of the classrooms next to the auditorium to hold a monthly birthday celebration for members born in that month. All of you are invited to the party. Please stay after the program to enjoy cake and soft drinks with the birthday members.

Just a thought from your President,
Albert



photo by Jim Christensen

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Westchester Photographic Society
meets 12 months a year, on Friday evenings at 8:00 pm (excepting school holidays) in the Technology Building of Westchester Community College, Valhalla, NY (across from parking lot #11).
Guests are welcome.



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If concerning our website, address comments to our webmaster, Dick Budnik, at webmaster@wpsphoto.org.

All other comments should be addressed to our President, Albert Tang, at amtang238@aol.com.

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WPS Friday Evening Program Schedule

February

- 3 Don Toothacker
- 10 Members Showcase
- 17 Competition 4B
- 24 John Rizzo

March

- 2 Alan Cohen
- 9 Competition 5A
- 16 Elinor Stecker-Orel, "Photo Surgery"
- 23 Harvey Augenbraun, "Bird Photography for the Masses"
- 30 Competition 5B

April

- 6 No Meeting. Easter
- 13 Walter Kimmel
- 20 Competition 6A
- 27 Annual Members Meeting

May

- 4 TBD
- 11 Alison Wachstein, "Children and Family Portraiture—Pro-bono Photography"
- 18 Competition 6B
- 25 No Meeting. Memorial Day

June

- 1 Theme Competition 1
- 8 Lewis Bogaty, "Photographing Trains in the Hudson Valley"
- 15 End of Year Competition
- 22 End of Year Party
- 29 Joe DiMaggio

July

- 6 Theme Competition 2
- 13 No Meeting. NECCC
- 20 TBD
- 27 Lindsay Adler, "Fashion Photography"

Please note:

Check the WPS website (wpsphoto.org) for recent changes.

Weather Notice

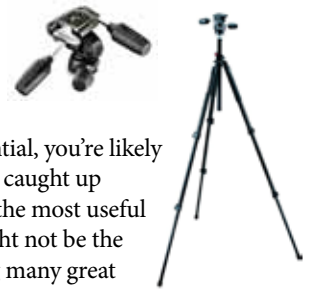
If driving conditions are hazardous, meetings will be cancelled. Look for announcements of Westchester Community College (WCC) closings on the following media outlets:

WFAS 103.9 FM / 1230 AM
 WHUD 100.7 FM
 WCBS 880 AM
 TV News 12
www.wfasfm.com

Members are advised to check their email for emergency weather notices from WPS.

Manfrotto 055XPROB Kit

By Jonathan Lawton



If you ask a photographer what piece of equipment is most essential, you're likely hear a long list of favorite cameras or must have lenses. It's easy to get caught up high-tech electronics when talking about photo gear, but sometimes the most useful of hardware can be a little more mundane. A tripod for example, might not be the exciting piece of gear in your kit, but without one you are eliminating many great opportunities.

The Manfrotto 055XPROB kit is a tripod and head system aimed at photographers that need to support up to 8.8 lbs of camera gear. Given that the average DSLR weighs in at less than 2 lbs, the 055XPROB kit gives you the option to hold even the heaviest camera/lens combination. The tripod itself weighs in at 5.3 lbs and is made of aluminum. Each leg consists of three extending sections that feature quick-action locking levers that make it easy to set the tripod to the desired height. Another nice aspect of the 055XPROB is that when the legs and center column are fully extended, the tripod head rests at 5.8 ft from the ground. This is a definite advantage for taller folks who will no longer have to hunch over to see through the viewfinder. The 055XPROB also features a pivoting center column that can be locked in the horizontal position, this, combined with spreading the legs to their widest setting, allows you to position the head a mere 10cm above the ground, making it great for ultra low-angle shooting.

The Manfrotto 804RC2 head is fitted on the top of the tripod legs. This three-way pan/tilt head nicely compliments the 055XPROB. The head can support equipment up to 8.8 lbs and has three independent locking handles for precise control over your cameras position. The head is made from a composite material that Manfrotto states is as strong as aluminum but roughly half the weight. The top of 804RC2 also features a spirit level and a quick release plate system so you can easily mount or remove the camera from the head.

The 055XPROB legs and 804RC2 head are a great combination. The large range of height adjustments paired with superior build quality make it an ideal kit for a photographer looking for a rock solid support system that will last for many years of service. This kit sells for \$239 and also ships with the Manfrotto MBAG80, a zippered ballistic nylon carrying case with shoulder strap.

Jon Lawton is a sales associate at Hunt's Photo and Video in Melrose, MA.

If you have any questions on the Datacolor SpyderCheckr or any other photo related topic, feel free to contact him at jlawton@wbhunt.com or at the store at 1-800-221-1830.

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 \$ 265.00

Contact: rich3638@optonline.net

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one piece, 77 mm thread
 Purchase Price: \$440
 Asking Price: \$200

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Supports 15Lbs.
 Condition: Only used twice (like new)

Purchase Price: \$139.95 @ B&H Photo
 Asking Price: \$85.00
 Contact Pat Spina
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WPS Group Exhibits

**Cancer Treatment and Wellness Center
Northern Westchester Hospital**

"Bees, Birds and Butterflies"
Jan. 30, 2012 - June, 2012
Reception: Date to follow

JCC of Mid-Westchester
Scarsdale, NY

"Looking In and Looking Out"
Feb. 27 - Apr. 1, 2012
Hang: Mon., Feb. 27 at 10 am
Take down: Sun., April 1 at 11 am

Mount Kisco Library
Apr. 2 - 30

Hang: Mon., Apr. 2 at 10 am
Take down: Mon., April 30 at 11 am

**Calumet New York
Photo Events**

<http://www.calumetphotographic.com/locations/us/new-york.html>

- Feb. 25 Speedlight & Off-Camera Flash Lighting Techniques with Robert Harrington
- Mar. 23 Sustainable World: Bamako/ New York Exhibition
- May 13 The Art of Composition with Art Wolfe

Upcoming Field Trips

Hudson River Eaglefest
Feb. 4

Walk About
April 28

Floral Gardens
May

Green Chimneys
June 3

Back Button Technique

as described by Ron Wyatt

<http://www.usa.canon.com/dlc/controller?act=GetArticleAct&articleID=2286&displayMode=view> (Canon)

and also

<http://www.rickykphotography.com/tutorials/camera/back-button-focusing/> (Nikon)

WPS Member Exhibits

Travels

Pat Spins
DeWindt Gallery
Shrub Oak
Exhibit: Jan. 22 - Mar. 2

Quintessentielle Variations 2

Denborah Lea Cohen,
Jane Castorina Gordon,
Jun Shihoten,
Elinor Stecker-Orel
Ossining Public Library
Exhibit: Mar. 1 - 31
Reception: Mar. 11, 2-4 pm

Westchester Museums

Neuberger Museum of Art

www.neuberger.org
Photographs Collection

Hudson River Museum

www.hrm.org
Photographs Collection

**Sampling of Adorama
Photo Workshops**

http://www.adorama.com/catalog.tpl?op=WS_List

- Feb. 1 Quality of Light vs. Quantity... with Cliff Mautner
- Feb. 2 Mastering Flash On-Camera and Off with Arlene Collins
- Feb. 7 Tips for Shooting Great Sports Photos with Jeff Cable
- Feb. 8 Portrait Lighting Secrets with David Piazza
- Feb. 9 Adobe Photoshop for Beginners with Maria Ferrarit

**Sampling of B&H Photo
Event Space Seminars**

<http://www.bhphotovideo.com/find/EventSpace.jsp>

- Feb. 1 Infinity Assignment January: End of the World with Infinity Group
- Feb. 5 In Times of War and Peace-1972-2010 with Petyer Turnley
- Feb. 22 Street Photography: More Than Just a Snapshot with Len Speier

New York City Museums

Metropolitan Museum

www.metmuseum.org
Photographic Treasures from the Collection of Alfred Stieglitz
Exhibit: Through Feb. 26, 2012

Museum of Modern Art

www.moma.org
Permanent Photo Collection

New Photography 2011

Exhibit: Through Jan. 16, 2012

International Center for Photography

www.icp.org

Weegee:

Murder is My Business

Exhibit: Through Sept 2

The Loving Story:

Photographs by Grey Villet

Exhibit: Through May 6

Museum of the City of New York

www.mcny.org

Police Work:

Photographs by Leonard Freed

Exhibit: Through Mar. 18

aperture foundation

www.aperture.org

The Unseen Eye: Photographs from the W. M. Hunt Collection

Exhibit: Through Feb. 19

Gallery Guides/Info

Photography Galleries, NYC

http://art-support.com/galleries_ny.htm

The City of New York, Mayor's Office of Film, Theater and Broadcasting.

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/film/html/index/index.shtml>

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Information

Keep your contact information up to date. Send updated email addresses, telephone numbers and mailing addresses to

Charlie@wpsphoto.org

WPS will post a link to your personal photographic website.

See <http://www.wpsphoto.org/Links.htm>

and then contact

webmaster@wpsphoto.org

New WPS Members



Charlie Panossian moved from Riverdale to Tarrytown in 2006 with his wife Beth. The accompanying photo shows him sitting in his garden enjoying the fruits

of one of his favorite hobbies, beer hunting and beer brewing. Charlie also enjoys hiking, classic films, old blues music, travel, photography, and his work as a contract administrator. His work involves travel across the US, Europe, and the Pacific which nicely compliments his photographic interest in landscapes and cityscapes with interesting colors and patterns. He's looking forward to getting to know you better, and for pointers on photographing people, Photoshop, and using his new Nikon D7000. Please say "Hi" the next time you see him.



Helen Spinali, is a longtime resident of Valhalla who enjoys shooting God's wonderful world of nature through the lens of a Nikon D80 camera.

As an avid amateur photographer, snapping pictures of family, friends and nature, she did not take photography seriously until becoming a member of the Color Camera Club of Westchester in the Spring of 2010. Immediately following, she became a member of the Photographic Society of America, and started taking lessons on line. Helen has won ribbons, awards and Honorable Mentions that have her giggling with disbelief. Exhibits of her work, with other CCCW members, appeared in two prestigious libraries, and recently in an ArtsWestchester exhibit entitled *Nature Through the Lens*. This has been one of the most rewarding experiences ever for her, displaying her work in such a short period of time. Now, becoming a new member of WPS adds another art venue in the exciting world of photography.

Helen's other areas of interest include the love of reading biographies and mysteries, movies, writing, water-color and oil painting, botanic art, art therapy, bereavement minister, eucharist minister, Reiki master teacher, and editor.

QUINTESENTIELLE VARIATIONS 2
at the Gallery of the Ossining Public Library
53 Croton Avenue, Ossining, NY
www.ossininglibrary.org

Imaginative abstractions and striking reality—the photographs of
Deborah Lea Cohen
Jane Castorina Gordon
Jun Shihoten
Elinor Stecker-Orel

Exhibit March 1 through March 31, 2012
Artists' reception: March 11, 2:00-4:00 PM

Ken Sklute Presentation

March 3

There will be an outstanding presentation by **Ken Sklute**, who is a *Canon Explorer of Light*. His presentation is being sponsored by Canon and is hosted by the Ridgewood Camera Club. This outstanding photography related presentation has been scheduled for March 3rd, 2012 at the Palisades Mall in West Nyack. To attend, you will need to join the RCC Meetup group in order to register for the event. Membership in the Meetup Group is completely free without any obligations. You can check out the event at the Meetup Group website at <http://www.meetup.com/Ridgewood-Camera-Club-Meetup-Group/>. You do not have to be an RCC member to attend this outstanding presentation. It is open to anyone that wishes to attend but is limited to available space.

Travels

An exhibition of photography by **Pat Spina**, January 22, 2012 through March 2, 2012

Shrub Oak Custom Framing is delighted to announce "Travels" in the DeWindt Gallery at Shrub Oak Custom Framing

"I continually look through camera lens hoping to capture the joyful spirit and light I feel flowing from, into and around my photographic subjects. If my images convey this spirit, this light, I am thankful."

Shrub Oak Custom Framing is located at 3699 Old Yorktown Road Shrub Oak, New York 10588 (914) 962.6969.



Ron Rosenstock Show at the Worcester Art Museum

This was just on WGBH TV. Check it out.

<http://www.wgbh.org/includes/playerPop.cfm?section=1&featureid=%2034993>

RON LANDIS'S SESSION



photos by Liza Margulies & Elinor Stecker-Orel

COMPETITION NIGHT



photos by Bob Piro

ALBERT'S SESSION



photos by Deborah Cohen

Competition 3A

Walter Kimmel



Joyce Blumenthal



Jim Christensen



Jim Christensen



Robert Blumenthal



Ann Raine



COMPETITION 3B

January 6, 2012 / Judge: Phil Echo

Digital: B&W

1st W. Kimmel
2nd J. Blumenthal, J. Christensen
3rd J. Christensen
HM R. Blumenthal, A. Raine

Prints: B&W

1st R. Carran
2nd A. Breisblatt, R. Kimmel
3rd Z. Kuo
HM J. Maccanello

Prints: Color B

1st J. Ferreira
2nd A. Breisblatt, S. Migdal
3rd J. Ferreira
HM S. Migdal

Prints: Color A & Salon

1st R. Kudelka
2nd W. Kimmel, W. Kudelka
3rd A. Tang
HM R. Carran, Z. Kuo, D. Thornton

Prints: Open Mind

1st A. Tang
2nd J. Gordon
3rd J. Ferreira, Y. Gelman
HM J. Ferreira

Third Annual Westchester County Amateur Photo Contest!



The Greenburgh Public Library Foundation announces the 3rd annual Westchester County Amateur Photo Contest. The contest is juried and offers prizes: Adult category—\$500 first prize, \$200 second prize, \$100 third prize (2); High School Student category: \$150 first prize, \$100 second prize, \$50 third prize.

The contest is only open to amateur photographers who are residents of Westchester County.

There is a \$10 contest fee for photos selected for the competition. No entry fee is charged for high school students. Photographs accepted into the competition will be on exhibit in the Howard and Ruth Jacobs Family Gallery at the Greenburgh Public Library from May 2, 2012 through June 14, 2012.

Prizes will be awarded at a reception at the Library on Saturday, May 12, 2012.

Photographs must be submitted digitally between March 15 - March 31, 2012 and should be sent as jpeg attachments to: photocontest@greenburghlibrary.org. Submissions must be made in accordance with the contest rules as certain restrictions do apply. Complete contest rules and guidelines for submissions are available at www.greenburghlibrary.org/photocontest.



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