

CCPPSNY NEWSLETTER



September-October 2009

SUMMER'S OVER—WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

I'm usually the first to say "Stop wishing my life away!", but I DO believe in planning ahead. Here are just a few exciting events to plan for:

CCPPSNYS members voted last spring to add a print competition to our monthly meetings. The debut of this exciting and educational new feature is our September 14 meeting (lots more about this meeting below—and see the article about our speaker on page 2).

In addition, **Hudson Valley PPSNY** is hosting a **TEP** (Talent Exchange Program) on Monday, November 2 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Newburgh. [Curt Littlecott of Nu Visions in Photography, Orlando, FL](#) is the presenter. The fee for members of HVPPSNY, PPSNYS or

PPA is \$70, which includes continental breakfast and buffet lunch. Non-member fee is \$75. There will be a digital image competition, also, for an additional fee of \$10 for a 'case' of four. Registration required by October 21.

PPSNYS 2010 conference committee members have been busy since April! Members have been receiving e-mail notices. Have you registered yet? If not, why not? Discounted fee is only \$125—until September 15! They're luring us with a breakfast, as well as a lunch, included in the fee. And the tentative roster of seminar presenters is out—looks very impressive!

CCPPSNY September meeting

As mentioned above, starting in September, CCPPSNY meetings will include print competition. The topic for this month is "Fluid" (and so is the definition!) - and the format is digital.

CCPPSNY is known for its superb member preparation for State print competition—

this is one more opportunity offered to our members who strive to compete.

A maximum of three digital prints (and any questions) must be e-mailed to [Mark Sweeney](#) no later than September 10. [These rules](#) for file naming, size, resolution, etc. MUST be followed for

your submission to be accepted and judged.

Please note that the meeting will be in a new location:

Moscatiello's Italian Family Restaurant
99 North Greenbush Road (Rt. 4)
Troy, NY (518)-283-0809

www.moscatiellos.com

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14—
CCPPSNY MEETING—
TROY
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2—
HVPPSNY TEP,
NEWBURGH
- MARCH 26-30, 2010—
PPSNYS CONFERENCE,
ALBANY

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MacGyver: Getting Big Budget Results from Low Budget Equipment

Using small flashes, lighting modifiers and equipment of his own design, Pat Luke, of Luke Photography, will show you how to get big-time results whether you're shooting in your living room, the Board Room, or a studio.

The lighting techniques and equipment will help you whether you're photographing your neighbor's kids for free or a \$5000 wedding. Pat has become known as "MacGyver" among his peers, as he has become the master at creating inexpensive solutions to his lighting needs! Why buy a "Doug Box" soft box when you can make your own? Why buy expensive snoots and honeycombs for your lights or flashes, when you can make a complete set for \$5 that fits YOUR gear? Pat will demonstrate some of his favorite tools that he made himself to solve little problems in the studio...using the small hotshoe flashes with umbrellas, soft boxes and snoots of his own design. How to get big studio results with small strobes/flashes...and his newest brainchild—the "ghetto" ring light! Why buy one? Make it instead! These effective and classic lighting techniques can be applied in any studio or in the field!

BIO:

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Patrick has been a professional photographer for 24 years, all in a part-time capacity. Part time photographer...full-time thinker!

For twenty years, he primarily photographed weddings, but for the last four years, has concentrated mostly on portraits—children, family and high school seniors.

He has also worked for Kodak and Fujifilm, testing professional digital cameras and software.

Pat was often dissatisfied with commercially-available equipment. Being an avid woodworker with an engineer's mind, he often makes his own equipment—which works as well or better than anything available in the retail market.

After sharing his inventions among his peers, he was given the name "MacGyver."

Much of his work in the last couple years has involved use of his own inventions and inexpensive hotshoe flashes. He figures he has saved thousands of dollars over the course of the last several years by creating his own equipment.

COMMENTS:

"Wow—we had an amazing turnout last night! Pat was AWESOME! Everyone was raving!"

"The meeting was AWESOME!! BEST turnout we've seen in a long, long time. Lots of new faces, lots of others who never show. It was great! Pat was, of course, awesome. Very funny and informative. A big hit!"

"Great mix of practical info and comic relief...kept the audience interested and intrigued. I envy his "out of the box" thought process."

Pat will be our guest presenter at September's meeting.

Feedback on Ken Sklute's Wide Angle Vision at Summer Workshop

Bernie Herman writes that he attended Ken Sklute's class on Wide Angle Vision at the 2009 Summer Workshop, held at Hobart-William Smith College at the end of July.

"I attended Ken Sklute's class and found it extremely beneficial. For me, the best part was the first two days

which were spent on shooting available light. One day was spent on window lighting and another was spent outdoors. It taught me a lot about how to look for and see the light."

We are sad to hear:

Greater Rochester PPS is saddened to announce the loss of Sam DeNoto. Sam passed away suddenly on Tuesday, August 25, of a heart attack.

CCPPSNY MEMBERS—OUT AND ABOUT

Shows and presentations

Joan Heffler (Pictures with Personality!) will teach ten nominated Girl Scouts how to photograph people for their Spark Magazine. Each interested girl goes through a nomination process to be accepted for this workshop program.

Carol Donato did a great job as hostess for the Miss Altamont Fair pageant.

Bob Riccardo has a full slate of shows (this man really knows how to market—I'm going to take lessons!!)

September: Niskayuna Library, 2400 Nott Street East, Schenectady

October: Frothingham Free Library, 28 West Main Street, Fonda

December: Normanside Country Club, 165 Salisbury Road, Delmar

March 2010: Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar

Bernie Herman's "Upper Hudson River Landscapes and Other Images" show displayed in Hamel Realty, Albany during the month of June.

Carol Donato will have a show at Hamel Realty, Hudson and Dove, Albany sometime in the spring.

Depression-era Photographer Exhibit in Cooperstown

Photo-safari planned

The Fenimore House in Cooperstown is hosting an exhibit of Walker Evans Photographs, an amazing photographer from the Depression Era.

We are planning a photo-safari to the museum, starting from our studio in Fort Plain on the 15th of September (the day after our CCPPSNY meeting). There are beautiful country vistas and a lot of opportunities for some Amish-Mennonite photos, also.

Cooperstown has some wonderful eateries and if you're a baseball fan, I'm sure you can find something that would interest you there, too.



Walker Evans:
Carbon and Silver
July 18, 2009 -
December 31, 2009

There's still time...

PHOTOSHOP FOR BEGINNERS AND ADVANCED BEGINNERS Aaron Pepis, Master Photographer,Cr.

This 3 hour class is designed to familiarize students with the power of Photoshop. The use of tools, layers, levels, curves and shortcuts will be explained and explored and you will leave the class with an understanding of them. For this 'hands on' class, a basic familiarity with Photoshop is recommended. Students can bring their laptops loaded with the highest level of Elements or CS programs they have available.

The cost of the class is \$75 payable one week before the class and is limited to 10 students. The class will be held **on Saturday, September 12 at 10AM** at The Pepis Studio, 40 North Route 9W, West Haverstraw,