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We Are Open for the Holidays

Welcome to Less Stress December



A Case of the Curious Puffin by Bernard Hershenberg

For many of us, December is a time of joy, but that merriment also comes bundled with a dose of stress. So much to do, so little time to accomplish it all! As is our holiday tradition, we're eliminating some of the challenge in this month's challenge and allowing our members to focus on the photos they've created merely for the joy of it. For those who want a bit of challenge in spite of the calendar, there's Photo in a Bag. Talk about stress! (I'm looking at you Jeff Feeny.) I eagerly await the creativity that our members unpack from that small

but abundantly filled bag.

But first, we're taking a trip up to the North Pole. Well, not quite, but pretty close. Our December speaker, Michael Winsor, takes us on a tour of Newfoundland, Canada and the wonders and challenges it presents to photographers. While he probably won't be able to deliver a glimpse of Santa's workshop, we will get to see the elfin native birds like the one above that Bernie captured there.

Our complete December schedule follows below. Enjoy a warm cup of SJCC along with your holiday cheer.

Wishing you all a season filled with love and (good) light,

Sara Ascalon, President

Reminder: save this email for all the dates and zoom links provided... but, just in case, you'll find a copy linked in the member drop down window at the top of our site.

DECEMBER EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Now through December 30: RiverWinds Juried Exhibitiion

December 8: Presentation: Lost in Newfoundland, Michael Winsor

December 10: Workshop: A Basic Introduction to Portraiture

December 13: Mobile Photography Users Group Meeting

December 20: Challenge Meeting

DECEMBER EVENTS

RiverWinds Juried Photography Exhibition: Now through December 30

RiverWinds Community Center, 1000 RiverWinds Drive, West Deptford, NJ
08086

Stop by and see some amazing work by our own talented photographers. Bring

your camera and explore the nature trails and riverfront. You never know what you'll see on the grounds there.

Exhibitors: pick up unsold work on December 30, 5-7pm. Work cannot be held after this time.

CANCELLED!

December 3 Field Trip to East Jersey Olde Towne

PLEASE NOTE: Out of concern for the comfort and safety of participants this trip will be cancelled due to a 100% certainty of heavy rain in the forecast.

Monthly Presentation: Thursday, December 8 at 7pm via Zoom

Lost in Newfoundland by Michael Winsor

Become "Lost in Newfoundland" with award winning professional photographer Michael Winsor. Not literally lost in the sense of being able to find your way, but lost in the grandeur of a sweeping seascape or the rugged magnificence of a landscape. Become lost in the hypnotic stare of a red fox or the sheer power of a humpback whale breaching in the North Atlantic. During our time together Michael will showcase the beauty of Newfoundland and Labrador. Michael will present his favorite things to shoot such as; landscapes, icebergs, whales, and its large selection of wildlife. Michael has lots of culture-rich experiences and stories to share while reviewing his images. Be sure to join us for a fun evening exploring the east coast.

Bio

Michael is an international award-winning professional photographer who has been photographing his home province of Newfoundland & Labrador for years and has captured its majestic beauty like no other. Michael's work has been published and sold worldwide and is on exhibit in national museums. He enjoys showcasing Newfoundland wildlife, 10,000-year-old icebergs and the scenic landscapes through his published work. One of Michael's award-winning images was selected to represent Newfoundland & Labrador on an international postage stamp. Michael values the recognition of his artwork, but his passion remains the wonder of exploring his home province. As a leading landscape photographer who knows Newfoundland well, Michael is well situated to showcase the province to tourists through his business with

Newfoundland Photo Tours.

Zoom Meeting Link

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- Meeting ID: 841 2631 8594
- Passcode: 931327

Workshop: Saturday, December 10, 10am - noon

Introduction to Portraiture, presented by Bob Laramie

Medford United Methodist Church, 2 Hartford Road, Medford

Learn tips to turn your snapshots into professional quality portraits.

In this two part basic beginner to intermediate program we will view a short slide show explaining some of the basics of good portraiture including a concept Bob calls one lighting pattern and three views of the face. The presentation will include examples of classic portrait poses and simple lighting which can be either available light, flash or continuous LED sources.

Other items discussed will be the importance of pose and expression, different types of lighting equipment and quality and direction of light. Handouts will include: A Chart illustrating most desirable views of the face and list of suggestions to correct basic facial flaws.

A live model shooting demonstration will follow the slide show.

Email us at info@sjcameraclub.org to register for this and other workshops.

Mobile Photography User Group (MPUG): Tuesday, December 13 at 7pm via Zoom

From Our Mobile Photography Master, Jeff Feeny:

Our December MPUG theme is obviously "The Holidays". Anything goes. Pets with Christmas sweaters. Decorations inside or outside. Religious themes. Holiday treats. No old camera roll images. Go shoot something!

Please make sure you get the images to Jeff no later than the Monday night before the meeting. Send them to foneartstudio@icloud.com,

Zoom Meeting Link

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- Passcode: 282398

Challenge Night: Tuesday, December 20 at 7pm, at Medford Leas and via Zoom

Judged by Bill Horin

Bill Horin has been a professional photographer for over 35 years. He has worked mainly as a photojournalist and commercial photographer. Bill is the founder and creative director of ArtC, an organization that shines a light on the arts and artists of South Jersey. He is also an award-winning documentary filmmaker specializing in documentaries about the human spirit, especially involving the arts of South Jersey. In 2022 Bill added the role of co-founder and executive director of CUT, an International Short Film Festival in Millville, NJ.

- ***Assigned Topic:*** None
- **Open**
- **Photo in a Bag** (bags have been distributed to participants who requested them)

Zoom Meeting Link for those not attending in person

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- Meeting ID: 823 3077 8352
- Passcode: 733506

If you are unsure of how to upload your challenge entries, now is a good time to acquaint yourself with the process. [There are useful videos here](#). Even if you

are comfortable with it, it wouldn't hurt to check to see if your password is working. Doing this before the deadline crunch will assure that we can help you sort out any problems. To avoid disqualification and disappointment, it is also advisable to [review the eligibility criteria](#).

LOOKING AHEAD:

Coming January 2023

SJCC Round Table Discussion - Round Two

Thanks to your feedback at last January's Members Round Table we made quite a number of informed changes to our format for the current season. One year and several refinements later, we want to continue the discussion to hear how you feel now and learn about what can keep you engaged with and active in the club's many programs and activities.

Zoom participants: If you are using your smartphone, sign in with the Zoom app and use the appropriate meeting ID and Password.

IMPORTANT: Our presentation and challenge meetings are recorded for members to review. The exception is when presenters do not want their presentation recorded. Links are posted in the SJCC Members Lounge Facebook group. Due to their file size, videos may be deleted after 30 days to make sure our drive has room on it. Also, please do not download them or share the links. All presentations are the intellectual property of the presenters. They allow us to record them if the videos are only viewed by club members. Out of respect for the privacy of our members, that also applies to recordings of our challenges. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Challenges, Presentations, and a Bunch of Other Cool Stuff.

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